









## EARLY MORNING LESSONS

A quick reminder that all morning clubs/lessons start at 08:15. Please do not drop children off before this time. The gate will not be opened to the children attending an early lesson/club until just before 08:15. For safeguarding reasons, children should not be left waiting alone outside the school before this. We appreciate **your** understanding on this matter.

## HEAD BUMPS

Our children's health and safety are always our priority, and we continually appraise and update our procedures. If a child is involved in any kind of incident that requires first aid, they are given a note to take home, and, in some instances, we will phone parents to let them know what has happened. From Monday, if a child has an incident involving a head bump, an orange band stating 'I BUMPED MY HEAD TODAY!' will be put on their wrist, as well as the usual note and phone call home. This ensures that anyone dealing with the child will be made aware of this until the parents remove the wristband once the child is at home.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – NEW LEGISLATION

The DfE recently introduced new legislation regarding school attendance, and the codes used in registers to explain a child's absence were changed. A major change was that the 'authorised family holiday' code was removed. There is no longer such a code as, legally, holidays during term time cannot be authorised. In the past, independent schools could authorise time taken off during term time for family holidays. This, however, is no longer allowed, unless for exceptional cases, and the reason must be recorded. The DfE stance is "the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance." All independent schools must now send their attendance registers to their local authority at least once a month.

Please continue to report any absences via the school app. If it is a holiday request, we will unfortunately have to reject it, but we will obviously be aware of the reason your child is off.

## WELL DONE, CLARA!

Inspector Dytor, the South Neighbourhood Inspector from Barrington Road Station, visited the school yesterday to present Clara with her prize for winning the Crucial Crew Year 6 poster competition to design a poster against smoking or vaping. Inspector Dytor said the standard of entries was very high, but the judges chose Clara's poster as the overall winner. Clara's prize was a £50 gift card to the Trafford Centre.







## FRIENDS OF STAMFORD PARK

Well done to Jude and Layla from Reception, who took part in their first 'Stamford Park Monthly Clean Up' last weekend. They both had a lovely time collecting litter and caring for this communal space for play. If any other families would like to support Friends of Stamford Park by

also taking part in the monthly clean-ups, these are the future dates.



## WOOD STREET MISSION ODD SOCKS DAY

A huge thank you to all the children who brought in books today for the Wood Street Mission Book Appeal — we have collected *hundreds*! It was wonderful to see so many pupils showing their support by wearing odd socks too. Well done to Year 3 for organising such a fantastic event as part of our ongoing community action at Hale Prep School. Your efforts are helping to make a real difference!



## GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARD

Year 5G received their good behaviour award this week. As their treat, they have asked to do their homework in form time one day rather than at home that night.

## PE KIT

This is a polite reminder that all children should wear white socks and black training shoes in school on PE days. Children with studs for earrings should bring their own tape to cover the earring if they cannot take them out themselves.



## SPORTS DAY TUESDAY 20TH MAY: INFANTS 10:30 – 11:30, JUNIORS 1:45 – 2:45.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help in the afternoon at the junior sports day. If you can help judge race positions, please let Mr Busby know as soon as possible.

Junior parents are asked to collect their child from Bowdon at 2:45 pm and take them home. If you cannot do this and need your child taken back to school for collection, please let us know as soon as possible.

NB. There are no clubs that evening, except the after-school wrap-around club, which will continue as usual. Children will not receive homework.



## TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY – CHANGES TO CLUBS DUE TO RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

Football will run as usual at Timperley. Those children who normally attend Tag Rugby can go to football club or attend handball club at school. Basketball club will not be running. Those children who normally attend basketball club can attend handball club instead. Handball club finishes at 4.15 pm and football club at Timperley finishes at 4.30 pm

## STAFF SPORTS INTERVIEW

This week's interview is with Mr Busby.

### 1. What are your memories of Primary school PE like? What activities did you do?



*I remember doing indoor PE in our vests and underpants. We climbed ropes in the hall in gymnastics and did country dancing: music was played on a tape recorder, and boys danced with a girl. I remember boys and girls playing football and netball in separate playgrounds, which involved playing a match every lesson. If you played in the school's sports teams, you had to run around the local estate every single lunchtime, crossing roads with nobody supervising. I remember the whole rugby team (15 boys) going to matches in the back of Mr McHae's Land Rover with no seat belts and his German Shepherd in the back.*

### 2. Did you go to school with anyone who went on to play sport at an elite level?

*At my secondary school, there was a boy named Alan McLaughlin in the year above. He played for Portsmouth, Southampton, and Wigan but was most famous for scoring the goal that got the Republic of Ireland to the World Cup finals. Sadly, Alan died some years ago. Noel Gallagher from Oasis was also at our school, but he was more musical than sporty.*



### 3. What has been your greatest sporting achievement?

*I have run the Belfast and London marathons and competed in a number of Olympic-distance triathlons. While playing for Stockport CC, I was selected for the league cricket conference XL.*

4. Have you ever played with/ against or taught anyone who has gone on to make a living from sport?

*I played in the same Manchester Schools Cricket team as Michael Atherton who went on to captain England and Andy Hinchcliffe who played football for Man City and Everton.*

5. Have you ever taught anyone who has gone on to make a living from sport?

*I taught three boys at Navigation Primary School who currently play professional football. Josh Brownhill has just won promotion with Burnley. Joe Hilton has just won promotion at Bradford City, and Tyler Golden has enjoyed a good first season at Altrincham. At Navigation, I also taught a girl called Rebekah Wilson who represented GB at the winter Olympic games in Bobsleigh and George Caddick who won Bronze in the 400m at the European U20 Championships. His personal best was 44.8s.*

6. How do you keep fit and healthy now?

*Teaching keeps me fit- I regularly do 25,000 steps on a teaching day. I play cricket for Ashley Over 40's team in the 1<sup>st</sup> division of the Cheshire County league. I go to the gym and walk my dog a lot.*

7. What would be your best piece of advice for children about sport and being healthy?

*Play to make friends and not make enemies. Teammates and opponents don't forget if you cheat or are a bad loser, so play hard but play fairly!*

*Play lots of sports. You will learn something different from each new sport you play and can choose which sport/s you want to really focus when you are older.*

## FOOTBALL KIT

The school's football kits should have all been returned by now. Can parents of children who have represented the school this year check that they don't have any outstanding kits at home?

## YEAR 6 VISITOR



This week, Year 6 had the pleasure of welcoming Graeme Heward, a special guest speaker who came to discuss the important life skills of personal resilience, bravery, adaptation, and helping others. The visit was both inspiring and thought-provoking. Our visitor, who is in remission from cancer, shared stories from his

own life about overcoming challenges, bouncing back from setbacks, and staying positive even when things got tough. Graeme has raised thousands of pounds for cancer charities through amazing cycling challenges around Great Britain; written two books about his roller coaster journey, and continues to play squash at county level. He reminded the children that we all face difficult times, but with determination, kindness, and support from others, we can keep going and grow stronger.

Another key message was not judging people by their appearance. The speaker encouraged everyone to take



time to get to know others because everyone has a story, and we might be surprised by what someone has been through or achieved. Year 6 was engaged and asked thoughtful questions, showing great maturity and empathy.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the class to reflect on their own strengths and how they can support each other, especially as they prepare for their move to secondary school. A big thank you to Graeme for sharing his time and wisdom!

## VE DAY

Following a Junior VE Day assembly on Thursday, Year 6 spent the afternoon celebrating 80 years since the end of WWII in Europe. The children came to school dressed in 1940s-style clothes, played traditional 1940s games, and listened to 1940s music. Thanks for such a great time, Year 6! Thank you to all the generous parents who provided the treats for our VE Day party.

