



High Peak Federation



The Federation Flyer

Thornsett News

SEPTEMBER 18TH 2019

Dear Parent,

We have enjoyed an excellent start to the new school year and the children are responding really well to our new RESPECT curriculum. Please take note of the following:

SWIMMING lessons start next Monday for Year Three and Year Five children – this will continue up to February half-term, when we will change to Year Four and Year Six. Please remember all your kit.

PEAK ACTIVE SPORTS CLUB still has a few places available if any children still want to join.

ANNUAL PERMISSION FORMS are attached - please read and complete them carefully, as some of the consents detail data protection permissions. Please return them promptly.

We are collecting **ALDI STICKERS** that we can use to exchange for sports kit for the children – please send any you have into school.

We still have children without names in uniform – please get your child's **UNIFORM AND PE KIT LABELLED / NAMED** if it hasn't been done as it helps us out hugely!

There will be an **OPEN MORNING** on Thursday 10th October until 11.30am. Parents are invited to see the school at work. If you know of any families looking for places for 2020, please encourage them to come along.

We are busy making **LANTERNS** at school for the parade on the 28th September – remember this is a ticketed event this year.

Remember we use **SCHOOL MONEY** for dinner payments. Please settle any outstanding balances. If you are struggling to access the system contact the office for support and advice.

We have had **NEW CHROME LAPTOPS** set up today and they will be a super improvement to our IT provision.

On Friday there will be **A DAY OF POSITIVITY** at school. Alongside National and local events, we will be promoting further eco-friendly approaches, as well as raising awareness of the need for change.

There will be a '**COFFEE AND CONSTRUCTION MORNING**' at school next Thursday 26th September until morning break. You are very welcome to come along. You will be able to join the children for construction projects, as well as enjoying a drink and some cake for a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support.

We are very aware of the growing importance of **ON-LINE SAFETY** for children. Attached is a booklet with some useful information. Our Y6 pupils will attend an on-line safety workshop next Monday and there will be a workshop for parents at New Mills School on Tuesday 1st October 6.30pm-8pm. We would really encourage a member of the family to attend as the delivery will focus on practical ways to ensure your child is kept safe on-line.

There will be a **PTA Meeting** on Thursday 26th September. We really need parents to come along and be open minded about how together we can continue delivering the fantastic support and opportunities the PTA has provided.

Remember, if you are a Y6 parent to complete your application for **PLACES AT HIGH SCHOOL** before October 31st. The children will all be involved in a brilliant bonding day at New Mills School on Friday 4th October.

We wanted to make any girl soccer players aware of **LOCAL GIRLS' SOCCER TRAINING**. The sessions run on Tuesdays from 5.30pm until 6.30pm at either Ollersett or New Mills Football Club astro (cost £2.50). Please let the coach know via Facebook – New Mills Girls Football if you wish to attend.

We know some parents have downloaded the **SCHOOL JOTTER APP** to access by phone information about school. However, lots of you haven't and it is a really simple and effective way to keep up with



school events. Please download the app and select High Peak Federation - you will then have a list of events for each and every school day at your fingertips!

Finally, we have put a link on the school website to the new **PARENT VIEW QUESTIONNAIRE**. This has been updated in line with the new Ofsted Framework and by completing the survey we can get an even clearer understanding about how we are doing. Please find the time to complete the survey.

Many Thanks,

Mr Parry and the Thornsett team