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Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Last week was it was wonderful to see the children settle back to school life as if they have never been away. The children have adapted to the new routines and have been pleased to see their friends and their teachers even though as the week went on many were very tired as they adapted to the longer days.

We are currently assessing the children to see where the learning gaps are and we are putting in place learning programmes to support children where needed. In the next week or two the children will start bringing home learning tasks that will help them catch up. We need parents to support children with these tasks – they will include hearing children read regularly and helping them learn spellings and times tables. Some children will have more specific tasks to do and teachers will talk to parents about how they can support their child.

Research shows that children who make the best progress in school have parents who are involved in their children's learning. The most important thing a parent can do is talk to their child so please ask your child about what they have been doing at school. I will be talking more about home learning over the next few weeks as it is very important we get this established in case we get a further lockdown situation. Let's hope not - but we need to be prepared.

I know some parents are concerned about their children's well-being. Please be assured that we have your child's best interest at heart and we are monitoring all children very carefully. We have staff in school who are able to support children if they need it. If we are concerned about your child we will contact you and talk it through with you. Please let us know if you are concerned about your child. Most children however are more resilient than the adults might think and the return to routines have been the tonic that the children have needed.

This newsletter is rather long I'm afraid as there is much information to share at the start of a new term! Please make sure you read all the items to the end – maybe with a cup of tea and a biscuit!

Sally Harvey– Interim Headteacher

Remember **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are unwell and have any symptoms, however mild, of a high temperature, a new and persistent dry cough or have lost their sense of taste or smell. If you are unsure please ring and talk to us. Remember that if someone in the family has any of the main symptoms or has tested positive the whole family must isolate for the required time.

Arrival and Departure

We are pleased to see that arrival and departure at school is becoming easier and the flow of people around the site seems to be working well.

Thank you for helping with this – we are only trying to keep everyone safe and make a difficult situation as easy as we can for all.

If your child is able, we would encourage you to kiss and drop at the school gates in the mornings – either at the bottom of the field or the green metal gate at the front of the school. This will mean that adults will not have to use the one way system at all!

Remember to social distance when waiting at the end of the day.

Please note that no junior children should be going through the front gates. Infant children accompanied by an adult only should be using the pedestrian gate and the car park gates are closed at this time. Please do not drop your child off at this gate as this is not a safe place to stop.

Children should not be on the bank at the front of the school as this is not safe.

Time keeping

We have given bubbles different times for coming in to stagger numbers coming onto the site.

Please try to keep to the times given. Remember at drop off siblings come in at the time of the earliest child and at drop off you collect at the time of the latest child.

A number of children have been late for school recently and are then coming to the front door because their door is closed or we have locked the gates at the side of the school.

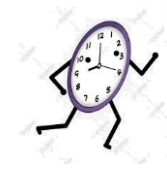
We do not want children unnecessarily in the office area as we are trying to keep different groups in the school in their own area of the building.

Please ensure that all children are in school at the correct time.

Year 3 – 8.40

Year 5/6 – 8.45

Year 4 – 8.50



Children who arrive at school after this time will be marked as late.

WANTED – PARENT GOVERNORS

Please see the accompanying letter concerning parent governors. This is your opportunity to be involved in the further development of our school.

Knights of The Week

On Friday, we had our first Knights of The Week for the new academic year. Each week the teachers choose two children to be celebrated for following the Knight's Code or who have stood out for success in an aspect of their learning.

In normal times, we invite the parents of these children to our celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon. However, at this time we are not able to welcome visitors into school but we are trialling an online option to allow parents to see their child being awarded their certificate. If your child is chosen you will receive an email containing a link which will enable you to watch the certificate being presented. We hope that this will help bridge the gap, but be prepared to bear with us if the technology doesn't quite go to plan!

Tissues



It's the time of year for general colds and we are being very strict about our 'catch it, bin it, kill it' regime. It does mean we are getting through a lot of tissues. Children should bring tissues to school for personal use but if any parent would like to donate a box for the classroom we would be most grateful.

Knights of The Week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as our 'Knights of The Week' for last week!

Amy, Billy, Lillie-Freyah, Jack, Ocean, T'mia, Mitchell, Charlie, Daniel, Fraser, Robin, Ruby, Sophie and Danielle.



PE Kits

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school everyday. Whilst we have set days for PE, we also make use of the good weather and will get outside where and when we can!

Walk to School Week

Walk to School week will be taking place during the week beginning Monday 5th October. During this time, please do all you can to walk to school and leave the car at home! Let's hope the weather continues to be kind...



Term dates

Half Term 26 – 30 October

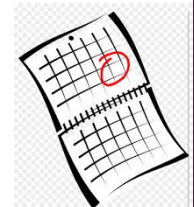
Term Ends Friday 18 December

Inset Days

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021



Naming uniform and other items

We have noticed that many children are looking very smart in new school uniform. Please ensure that all items are clearly marked with your child's name. Sewn or stuck in labels are the best but if you write with a marker pen please check from time to time that it has not washed out.

Please make sure that PE kits, shoes, coats and when we get to the winter hats and gloves are also marked.

Don't forget to ensure that book bags and lunch boxes have your child's name clearly marked as well. We seem to have a lot of very similar lunch boxes that are causing confusion at lunch time! If items are marked with a name we will do our best to return it to the owner however we cannot look for items that are not named.

Secondary school open evenings

It is the time of year when parents of children in Year 6 need to make the decision about the school their child will move to in Year 7.

This year it is a bit different as parents and children will not be able to visit the school.

Parents of children in Year 6 will be getting information sent home over the next week concerning the Virtual Parent evenings the schools are running.

So far we have details from Harrow Way School, our catchment school, and John Hanson School.

Forms

Have you returned the forms we sent out last week? If not, please send back with your child as soon as possible or drop them off at the office. We really need to ensure that all our systems are up to date and will need to start chasing parents up if they are not returned.

Additional Funding

The school receives additional funding from the Government which we can use to provide extra support for children in school. To qualify for this money we need to know all the children who are eligible for a free school meal – whether or not you choose to take it. Please contact the office if you are not sure whether you are eligible they can show you how to check.

Children of military families also bring us premium funding so please let us know if you are one of our military families so we can claim the funding for the school.

Lunch choices for the rest of this half term. A new menu will begin after October half term.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 14 th Sept 5 th October	Pork sausages with mashed potato	Chicken grill with potato wedges	Bubble salmon with potato wedges	Roast Chicken	Fish fingers & chips
	Cheese & onion quiche with potato crispers	Tomato pasta	Pizza with wedges	Vegetable sausages	Gnocchi in tomato sauce
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Week 2 21 st Sept 12 th October	Pork sausage roll with potato crispers	Spaghetti bolognaise	Bubble salmon with potato wedges	Roast Beef	Battered fish & chips
	Macaroni cheese	Vegetable goujons	Pizza with potato wedges	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole	Sweet potato & lentil curry
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Week 3 28 th Sept 19 th October	Chicken goujons with potato wedges	Beef lasagne	Tuna & sweetcorn pasta bake	Roast Gammon	Fish fingers & chips
	Omelette with potato wedges	Vegetable goujons	Pizza with potato crispers	Vegetarian sausages	Cheese & tomato quesadilla
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