

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Welcome back

We hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to the term ahead. This week has gone by so quickly. It is so nice to see everyone working hard in class and making new friends on the playground. Thank you for providing your junior child with a pencil case and ensuring children come to school with the correct dark school shoes on. PE kits for all children consist of a light t-shirt and dark shorts and will be needed from Monday. No football kits please to be worn for PE. Infants require plimsolls for footwear and juniors will need either plimsolls or trainers. For those children in KS1 please ensure PE bags are not too large as there is very little space in the cloakrooms. We do ask that children do not wear jewellery in school, however stud earrings are allowed; please send in tape so the earrings can be covered during the PE session and also long hair needs to be tied up. It is greatly appreciated and everyone looks so smart!

We hope all children have settled into their new classes. This year we have 31 children starting in Year R on Monday, as well as 12 new children who arrived this week in Years 1 - 6.

The school staff started the term with two Inset days. These were very valuable and informative. We spoke about the value of good communication and how important it is to be listened to and respected. We looked at the way children communicate with each other, how adults communicate with children (and vice versa) and how adults communicate with each other. The Junior children also did this activity this week and we hope that it will make us all think about how we can become better communicators.

Have you seen the new bike and scooter park?

There is now an all-weather bike/scooter park next to the staff car park so the children can leave their bikes and scooters safely. We love to see the children arriving at school on their bikes/scooters. Please, please ensure your child wears a helmet if scooting or cycling to school. A study from 2016 collected data from over 64,000 cyclists around the world, and found compelling evidence that wearing a cycle helmet reduces risk of serious head injury by almost 70%. So remember EVERY time you ride - WEAR YOUR HELMET. We take the safety of your children very seriously and staff will be monitoring and encouraging the use of helmets.

Armed Forces Day Cake Sale

We are pleased to tell you that the cake sale which was held after the Armed Forces Day at the end of last term raised an amazing £187.58. This will be shared between the ABF The Soldiers' Charity and The Royal British Legion. Thank you everyone that baked or bought cakes.

Medicine in school

Please ensure all relevant medicines/inhalers for your child are back at school with the administration of medicine permission form completed. Thank you.

New staff

We are happy to welcome Miss Harding as Koala Class teacher, Mrs Dover as LSA in Owl Class and Mrs Parsons as SNA in Dragonfly class. We hope you enjoy your time at Harestock.

Before school

Children should not arrive before 8.35am on the playgrounds as there is only supervision after that time. If you wish to speak to a teacher, please see/call the office staff and make an appointment so we can be sure the teacher is free and give you their undivided attention. All teachers are available after school for 10 minutes, either on the playground after walking their class out or later in their classrooms (not Tuesday as it is our staff meeting).

Please can I ask you for your cooperation to not come into school first thing in the morning and approach teachers, however quick your message is? Teachers' time is very precious in the morning, finalising lesson preparations and talking to Learning Support Assistants. The teachers need to be free and ready to greet the children when the whistle is blown. Mrs Bailey and Mrs Clements are always available before school should you wish to pass any messages on to the class teacher or you need to share any information. Please speak to them outside rather than go to the office as they are always very busy in the morning dealing with payments and other matters. Thank you.

School Trips

Due to the continued pressures on the school budget, the Governors continue to decide the school will no longer be able to subsidise trips as generously as we have in the past. This means that unless we receive sufficient voluntary contributions from parents, trips and experiences may have to be cancelled. We sincerely hope this will not be the case as we believe that additional activities and trips enrich the curriculum and are a valuable part of a child's experience at school.

Autumn term school events (known to date) is coming home today.

Curriculum letters

By the end of next week, we will be sending you information about your child's Autumn term topic and what the children will be learning about.

INFANT CLASSES INFORMATION

School lunch

The price of a school meal is now £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week.

Just a reminder that all Infant children are entitled to a Universal free school lunch each day. The children simply need to select a meat or vegetarian option each morning at registration. They can choose to have a meal each day or once or twice a week. There are no forms to complete; we do hope that your child takes this option up instead of bringing a packed lunch in from home.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may also be entitled to Government funded free school meals. This entitlement continues into the juniors and can also entitle you to help with funding school of trips and other expenses. Please do apply if you think that you are eligible. More information on Government funded meals can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

JUNIOR CLASSES INFORMATION

Panda class & Year 5/6

A letter is coming home today regarding a Creative History experience at school on Tuesday 25th September costing £4.72 per child. Please ensure monies are paid by Monday 17th September to ascertain if enough contributions have been made. Thank you.

ATTACHMENTS SENT BY TUCASI COMMUNICATIONS

Events through the Year; Walk in the Park - Breast Cancer Haven fundraising event.