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WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Launching Soon - Harestock Primary School App

More information to follow. The app will enable you to check diary dates, make online payments, bookings and much more. Leaflets and a letter will be coming home shortly explaining the App in more detail and how to download it. We're very excited about this new venture to ensure communication is even better.

Jeans for Genes day

Thank you to all the parents who donated to this worthwhile charity today. The children looked great in their jeans. We have collected over £200 by lunchtime, with some monies still to come in after school.

House captains

Eight Year 6 children have been elected to represent the four different houses that exist across the school. Well done to them all.

Austen (yellow) = Marta and Spencer

Alfred (red) = Megan J and Seth

Walker (green) = Sneha and Codie

Swithun (blue) = Mia and Max

The house point teams are part of our policy to promote good work and good behaviour and encourage a community 'spirit' and togetherness; children are given house points through the day/week to reward this. Every few weeks they are counted up and collated and the totals for each house are announced in assembly. Your child will have a coloured sticker on the front page of their reading record / home school diary when the new stock arrives in school. This is which house team they are in.

Reading Record/Home School Diary

We have had a few parents enquire about these booklets. Unfortunately, we are only hoping to have them after October half term. Until they arrive we will be continuing to use the paper copies.

School gates

Mr Ryan is absent from school until Thursday 3rd October so the main gates will not be manned, but will be closed from 8.35am. The side gates will still be locked at 9am and unlocked again at 3pm. After 5pm the Infants gate will be locked.

School Council

We are pleased to share our new school council representatives for 2018-19:

Ladybird: Denisa and Jamie

Woodpecker: Abigail and Alice

Owl: Mia and Edward

Otter: Maxen + Imogen

Koala: Max + Skyla

Panda: Rosie and Eloise

Panther: Mary-Anne and Evelyn

Dolphin: Luke and Byron

The children will meet Mrs Jacques and Miss Barratt every fortnight at the school council meeting, during a lunchtime, to discuss how to make the school an even better place and what we can do. Congratulations on your achievement everyone!

Harestock Harvest Festival

This year we are collecting donations for Winchester Basic Bank. We are sending a leaflet home today with more information of which items the charity particularly need. Harvest assembly is Monday 1st October so please bring in any donations on that day. Thank you.

Before and After School

You may have seen the notices which Mr Ryan has put on the equipment on the playgrounds. We would ask that you do not let your children play on this equipment before and especially after school unless supervised by a member of school staff; we are not insured for any accidents that occur to unsupervised children before 8.35am and after 3.15pm. Thank you.

Collection of children after school

If there is a change in the person collecting your Infant child after school from the Infant playground, please can you let the teacher and the school office know even if the person is an older sibling. Thank you.

If your child is in the Juniors please ensure your child is comfortable and confident enough to walk home on their own if that is what you want to happen. For several years now the Junior children at the end of the day, are released to someone waiting on the playground for them. It is the expectation that your child knows if you will be waiting for them on the playground or if they are walking home. The teacher will wait on the edge of the playground whilst children walk and find the person they are going home with. If no one is there, or the child is unsure how they are getting home, the member of staff will always wait with the child and then bring them into After School club so they are supervised whilst a phone call to you is made.

New staff

Mrs Dover

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first three weeks at Harestock Primary school. It is certainly different to Secondary school education, where I used to teach, but I've looked forward to starting work every morning and seeing everyone's smile (pupils and staff alike).

Mrs Parsons

I am so pleased to be back at Harestock Primary school. All the children and staff have made me so welcome. I have had so much fun in Dragonfly class and Breakfast Club, getting to know the children and learning so many names. I would like to say a huge thank you for all the staff, children and parents for making me so welcome.

Applying for a Year R place for September 2019

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2019, they can start school in September 2019. From 1st November 2018, Hampshire residents can apply online online www.hants.gov.uk/admissions or collect an application form from any Hampshire Infant or Primary school. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 15th January.

Harestock are holding open day sessions for parents of children due to start in Year R

September 2019 on:

Mon 15th Oct at 9.30 or 11 a.m.

Tues 27th Nov at 9.30 or 11 a.m.

Mon 3rd Dec at 9.30 or 11 a.m.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

Please ensure that your child has a sandwich or savoury option (eg. pasta / rice) of some variety to start their lunch. We have seen on too many occasions last week children just opening packets of processed food to eat and sometimes not even having a sandwich. Please refrain from using sugary sandwich fillings.

We strongly encourage you provide a healthy lunch for your child to ensure they have enough energy and nutrition to last until tea time. Some ideas are below:

Guidelines from the British Nutrition Foundation-

Your 5-point checklist for making a healthy lunchbox

1. Have you got something from the BREAD, OTHER CEREALS AND POTATOES group? Ideas at a glance:

Wholemeal/multigrain and white breads and rolls, Pitta bread, Bagel, French stick, Scotch pancakes, English muffins, Fruit scones, Currant buns, Fruit bread, Malt loaf, Matzo, Crispbread and crackers and Pasta and rice salad.

2. Have you got something from the FRUIT AND VEGETABLES group?

Ideas: Salad in sandwiches and rolls, Cherry tomatoes, Apples, Pears, Satsumas, Bananas, Grapes, Melon, Kiwi, Plums, Nectarines, Canned fruit pieces, Raisins, Dried apricots, Dish of fruit salad, Fruit smoothies and Pure fruit juices

3. Have you got something from the MEAT, FISH AND ALTERNATIVES group?

Ideas: Slices of ham, chicken and turkey, boiled eggs, canned tuna and salmon, prawns, or Houmas

4. Have you got something from the MILK AND DAIRY FOODS group?

Ideas: Milk, Cheddar, Edam, Cheese triangle, Low fat soft cheese, Cottage cheese with pineapple chunks, Fruit yogurt, Fromage frais, Drinking yogurt and Pots of rice pudding

5. Have you got a drink? Ideas: Milk, Drinking yogurt, Smoothie, Fruit juice, Sugar-free squash and water

Not providing you child with a healthy balanced lunch will dramatically affect your child's ability to concentrate in the afternoon.

No nuts or products containing any kind of nut or essence / flavour

Due to children at school having a nut allergy, please can children have NO items in school containing nuts or nut flavour or essence? This includes actual nuts, nuts in or on a cereal bar, Nutella spread or dipping pots, or peanut butter in a sandwich. Please can children not walk to school eating any of these items too? Thank you for taking this request seriously.

INFANT CLASSES INFORMATION

Book bags

Please could we ask that keyrings attached to book bags are taken off as they add additional width to the bag, we only have limited space in the boxes which these are stored. Thank you.

JUNIOR CLASSES INFORMATION

Otter and Koala and Panda year 4 - Mini Medic training

What a fantastic opportunity the year 4s have had this week! The children have been training to be 'Mini Medics' with Hollie and 'Resuscitation Annie'.

This potentially life-saving tuition introduced the children to the basic skills of first aid, CPR and responding to medical emergencies. The children practised calling 999 and thinking about the information they would need to share on the phone. They also learnt how to use a defibrillator and apply bandages for a variety of situations. We hope that they never have to use these skills, but it is great to know that they are there if we need them. Well done everyone!

Chess club will be starting after October half term for all Junior children **who know how to play chess**

already. If your child is interested in joining why not let them practise at home with an older brother or sister or a parent. More information will follow. It will be a 30 minute lunchtime club run by Mrs Sankey. The children will play in the British Chess Challenge competition between themselves with lots of prizes on offer for scoring points for wins, draws and even for a loss.

Glue sticks

It would be highly beneficial for all children to bring into school a small solid glue stick and keep it in their pencil case. We do have some in the classrooms but they have to be shared. Thank you. Please ensure it has your child's name on it.

Year 6

The application window for applying for a Year 7 place at a secondary school is open for another 40 days. It closes on 31st October. Please see <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions> to apply online and for further information.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Panda, Ladybird, Koala, Otter and Whole School blogs.

The calendar page has been updated with a section detailing Parent Information Workshops

ATTACHMENTS SENT BY TUCASI COMMUNICATIONS

None

FOS

Autumn term FOS events

This will come home early next week once dates have been confirmed.

REMINDERS

Tuesday 25th September - European Languages morning, and breakfast for parents and children from 8 a.m. Parents to stay with children at European Languages breakfast and enjoy too. 50p per item.

Friday 27th September- MacMillian Coffee after school instead of the morning!

Why not come into the hall from 3.15pm and buy a piece of cake and drink for a very good cause. Tables and chairs will be set out so you can put up your feet and enjoy the treats! Please bring your contributions to the coffee after school sale into school on either Thursday or Friday.

Payments and return of reply slips and forms

Rather than queuing at the office, please use the payment slips & sealable bags and post your payment and letters/notes in our postbox which is opposite the main door in our entrance hall. The admin staff unlock the postbox and empty the contents every morning shortly after 9am.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

New Stranger Danger Resource from Action Against Abduction - 'Clever Never Goes'

The 'Clever Never Goes' programme has been developed to replace the out-dated 'stranger danger' approach. Research shows that teaching children simply to avoid strangers fails to keep them safe. Strangers are often more likely to help a child than to harm them. Conversely, it can often be people known to children that pose the greatest threat.

'Clever Never Goes' moves the focus away from strangers and instead teaches children to recognise when someone (whether they are known to the child or not) is trying to persuade them to go with them. The programme is designed to be fun and positive, whilst at the same time delivering a serious message and giving children practical safety skills and confidence to engage with the outside world.

We will be using some of these resources in school and you too can help your child to understand the Clever Never Goes message. You can download (free of charge) a Clever Never Goes home pack at the website www.clevernevergoes.org/parents. The home pack contains some great ideas for how to approach this topic with your children as well as games and activities. On the website, you can also see a series of cartoon sketches which are a good way of reinforcing the Clever Never Goes message and checking that your child has understand the key Clever Never Goes message. Please do make use of these resources.