



# Newsletter



## Autumn term

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**1st October 2021**



### Dear Parents and Carers

It was a pleasure to have an official invite to the Year 5 and 6 Forest School session last week, I often pop in but I was made to feel very special as a guest of honour! The children had been creating musical instruments using natural resources and preparing the environment for a performance. Several stages had been set up and the children worked in groups to share their performances. I was very impressed with their confidence, collaboration and perseverance which they also demonstrated when they repeated their performances in the whole school celebration assembly last week. Well done to everyone!

As the weather has turned decidedly more autumnal could you please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day as we do like to get outside as much as possible. A big thank you to Fletcher for coming to my rescue with an umbrella on Monday morning as I was getting drenched in the downpour on the gate!

As you may be aware, we have had a few positive cases of Covid confirmed in school and we have taken advice from public health to ensure that we minimise the spread as much as possible. Please refer to the attached flowchart for further information.

It has been unfortunate that some children have been unwell over the last couple of weeks with various seasonal germs, however please remember that Friday is a full school day for your children. They receive two attendance marks for every day and any missing marks are investigated by our Education Welfare Officer. Please help us to improve our attendance by ensuring that your children are in school every day unless they are really unwell. Thank you.

Many of you have the teachers email addresses for contacting them when needed, however could you please respect their well-being and work-life balance and send emails through to the office so that teachers are not disturbed at the weekend. We will respond to your emails as soon as possible during working hours. If your query is urgent, please call the school office and we will get the class teacher to call you back. We appreciate your understanding of this.

We are very pleased to report that HCL have achieved a 5\* rating in the kitchen from a recent routine visit from the Environmental Health Agency. Well done!!

We value our working partnership with you as parents and welcome feedback to continuously review our processes, therefore it would be much appreciated if you could login to the Ofsted website and complete the parent survey at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> Many thanks.

Kind regards

Karen Headland

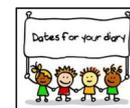
### School Start Time

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be recorded as late.



### Diary Dates

- 7th October** — Menu change
- 22nd October** - Last day before half term
- 1st November** - Teacher training day
- 2nd November** - Children return to school
- 17th December** - Last day of term



### Food Donations

During the pandemic we endeavoured to assist some families with some food parcels donated from a local supermarket. If you find that you're still struggling in these unprecedented times please get in touch with Mrs Chesters-Lewis.



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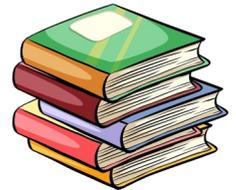
### Important information

We have several children in school with nut allergies. Please can we remind you that we are nut free school. If your child brings any items into school that contain nuts in any form such as Nutella, cereal bars etc this will be returned unopened to you. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.



### Library Books

You may recall, before the pandemic children from certain year groups were encouraged to visit our mobile library. This of course was paused over the last 18 months. It is not our intention to reinstate this service however if your child has any library books still at home, please could you return them to the school office as soon as possible.



### School uniform

We have had a couple of incidences whereby children have lost school jumpers this week. Please could we remind you to write your child's name clearly on the labels.

Also could we please ask you to check the uniform you have at home just in case your child has accidentally picked up another child's item. Thank you.



### Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am**. There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly. Can we please remind you that if your child is absent from school for 3 days or more you may be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence this can be in the form of a doctors text message or appointment card, copy of prescription, consultant letter etc.



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