



Newsletter

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WELCOME

Welcome to the new school year to all of our parents and children. We would particularly like to welcome the new children and parents who have joined our school at the start of the year. We hope that this year will be a happy and successful year for everyone.

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to our new staff who have joined Hoylandswaine; Mrs Bromley in class one and Mrs Scott as teaching assistant in class four and five. I am sure you will all join us in welcoming them to the staff.

On a sad note, we will soon be losing our school cook Mrs Grange. She will be leaving us to pursue a job as a Vet's Assistant on Friday 16th September. We are very sad to lose her but hope her new career goes wonderfully.

CAR PARK/PLAYGROUND

Most of you will be aware that the new playground was constructed over the summer holidays and with it, the old playground was made into a car park. The project is not yet finished as the areas around the side of the new playground and on the field are not completed; this should happen in the coming weeks.

The project has not been without its difficulties; not least of which is that the playground is not the size we were expecting. We are currently discussing this with the council. The car park has been completed and we have been advised by the council that, with the use of cones, we could have a shared space for pedestrians and cars (at certain times of day) as we await the building of the path on Cross Lane when we can construct our new pedestrian entrance. However we are keen to ensure that the children are well established back into the school routines and that any new arrangements for the beginning and end of the day are well thought out and run as smoothly as possible. Therefore the current arrangements will remain the same and I will let you know when these will change.

We would also like to provide some benches around the edge of the playground for the children and were hoping that any parents with a local business (or connections with a local business) might wish to sponsor a bench with a plaque. We were hoping to provide six benches similar to this type:

<https://www.recycledfurniture.co.uk/Benches-and-Seating/Seat-with-Back>. If you would like to help or know of anyone who would like to help the school, please contact me on my email address. Thank you

VOLUNTEERS

Last year we were fortunate in having a number of volunteers who came into school on a weekly basis to support reading in school. This really helps the children as they have extra opportunities to practise and apply their reading skills. If you were previously a volunteer and would like to continue or would like to volunteer for the first time, please get in touch with me through email. I can then organise all volunteers across the classes. We are happy to take parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles! Please consider coming in to support the children. Many thanks.

SATS Y2 and Y6

The dates' letter sent home stated the dates of the SAT tests for next year if your child is in Y2 or Y6. Unfortunately an error was made and the wrong week was given for Y6 SATs. For the Y6 children it will actually be w/c 8th May rather than 15th May. The Y2 children will begin their SATs this week and continue over the coming weeks. Please avoid these dates for holidays as the SAT tests are very important for both your child and the school. Thank you

GOVERNING BODY

We would like to welcome Mr Richard Punshon (father of Phoebe in class 5) who has joined the governing body as an associate governor. We would like to extend a big thank you for his willingness to work with us to support the school in its continuous move forward.

INFORMATION FOR NEW PARENTS

On Thursday 20th September at 3.45pm we will be running an information session on Read Write Inc for new reception parents. This is our phonics programme and so this is a chance to find out about how we teach phonics and what you can do at home to help. We will be running a crèche so that the children can be accommodated in a different room. Please come along if you can.

THURSDAY GOLDEN TIME

As you know, the children can choose to bring an activity from home to use at golden time rather than choose a school activity if they wish (no electronics). Can we please ask parents to restrict the size of these activities? They should fit in the child's book bag as we do not have room to store a number of larger items and they were getting bigger and bigger at the end of last year! Thank you

DATES

You will have seen the dates' letter for the year sent home earlier this week. Please write them on your calendars! We will do all we can to avoid any changes to these dates but an occasional change may be needed due to unforeseen circumstances. We will keep you fully informed of these as soon as we are able and will continue to remind about upcoming events on the bottom of each newsletter.

MUSIC TUITION

The Barnsley Music Service teachers will be starting their lessons next week. Mrs Yates will be here on a Friday afternoon for woodwind tuition and Mr Scott will be the new guitar teacher replacing Mr Swift. Mr Scott will arrive in school at 12.30pm to commence guitar/ukulele lessons on Fridays. Payments for music tuition are now set up on schoolmoney.co.uk and these should be made by Friday 16th September (£48.00 for tuition or £63.00 with instrument hire).

SCHOOL MILK

A reminder that school milk is administrated by Cool Milk Ltd., and if your child wishes to have a carton of fresh milk each day you will need to log onto their website (www.coolmilk.com) and register. The cut-off day for payments is a Tuesday each week for children to be allocated milk for the following week. Any child under 5 years old is entitled to free milk, however, parents will still need to log onto Cool Milk to register.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Letters will be going out early next week with the allocation for clubs. Today is the deadline for returning the slips and we have already filled the places available for Bruce Dyer's football club and places are limited for the other clubs. Where possible we have tried to allocate places for siblings together when requested. Payments need to be made via schoolmoney.co.uk before the first session. If your child has accepted a place a text will be sent to request the payment.

DATA COLLECTION

In order to ensure we have the most current information on our database we will be printing off the data collection sheets and sending them home next week. Please check through the information and make any amendments that are required. It is particularly important that we have the most up to date contact information and medical information and we will also be sending home an annual consent form. Please return the forms to the school office (via your child's class) by Friday 23rd September.

SCHOOL DINNER PAYMENTS

Please remember to log into school money to make payments for school dinners. To make a payment use the green top up box on the right hand side of the screen. The amount can be changed to however much you would like to pay. Dinners are £2 per day and should always be paid in advance. Thank you

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALES

Mrs Abernethy has kindly sorted through the garments that have been donated and the following items are available to purchase (cash only please). The clothes rail is located on the corridor near Class 2, so why not have a look to see if there are any items you'd like to purchase.

POLO SHIRTS:	Age 4 / 5	x 2
	Age 5 / 6	x 3
	Age 7 / 8	x 4
	Age 9 / 10	x 3
FLEECES:	Age 5 / 6	x 1
	Age 9 / 10	x 1

Plus a mixture of school trousers, pinafores, skirts and shorts.

If you wish to purchase any items, please take the correct payment to the school office.

SEPT DATES

- 5th September - INSET day for all staff
- 6th September - children return to school
- 20th September 3.45pm - Phonics meeting for new reception parents

Have a lovely weekend.