



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Monday 5 September 2016

Friends of HPS

Next Meeting - our next meeting will be on Friday 9 September at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

News

Annual Consent Forms - we have sent out the annual consent forms today which covers all trips taken off site in the local area for the whole of this school year. We sent these forms out to avoid parents having to complete a form each time the children go out on a trip. Please could parents fill this out and return by Thursday of this week as the Key Stage 2 children will need it for the Tour of Britain trip on Friday.

Widemouth Bay - a reminder to parents of children in Year 5 that if your child would like to go on the residential in October 2017 you must please pay the £100 deposit by Friday 9 September so that we can secure their place.

Inhalers - a reminder that inhalers need to be returned to school and given to the class teacher.

Uniform - a reminder that all children should be wearing full school uniform with black shoes and that children from Years 1-6 need their PE kit in school every day.

Payments - school dinners, trips, breakfast club, music lessons, etc should all be paid for in advance. Cash or cheque can be accepted at the school office or card payments can be made online. Letters will be sent out shortly with details of how to set up an account.

Healthy Snacks - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are healthy snack days.

Competition - We are holding a competition for all children to design a badge to give to those children who represent our school at different events. There are 3 different designs that we would like - a musical event, a sporting event and a general one for competitions/maths challenges etc. Housepoints will be given to everyone who enters the competition and the winning designs will be printed. Your child can enter for one or all of the 3 different designs. Please pick up an entry sheet from your teacher.

Parent Reading - we would like to invite parents of children in Year 1 and 2 to come into class every Friday morning from 8.45-9am to read with their child. This will start next week on Friday 16 September.

Morning Arrangements - Just a reminder to Year 3 and Year 4 parents that the children need to be dropped off in the morning at the Middle Years cloakroom door, accessed by walking around the end of the building, not through the reception area. If you have a message for the class teacher, it can be left with Mrs Head who will be opening the cloakroom door. If it is more important please visit the office to arrange an appointment. **Parents should not be coming into the cloakroom or classroom as this causes lots of extra traffic in an already tight space and we would like to encourage the children's independence.** They are then collected from outside their own classroom door at the end of the day.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - We will be holding a charity coffee morning here on Friday 30 September. There will be certificates for 'star bakers' so please start thinking about what cakes, bakes and biscuits your family could make. Lets make this the best one ever!

This newsletter will be available on the school website under the 'News' section

Diary Dates

Years 3-6 Tour of Britain - 9 September

Theatre Alibi production - 12 September

Macmillan Coffee Morning - 30 Sept

Term Dates

Autumn Half Term
Monday 24 October -
Friday 28 October

Non Pupil Day
Friday 18 November

Last Day of Term
Friday 16 December

First Day of Spring
Term
Tues 3 January 2017

Spring Half Term
Monday 13 February -
Friday 17 February

Last Day of Term
Friday 31 March

Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 18 April

First Day of Summer
Term
Wednesday 19 April

May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 May

Summer Half Term
Monday 29 May -
Friday 2 June

Last Day of Term
Friday 21 July



Message from Mrs Keller

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a fabulous summer holiday and that you were able to make the most of the glorious weather. I very much enjoyed spending time with Charlie who is developing so very quickly and is already able to crawl.

I'm sure that you can't have helped but notice the vast amount of scaffolding that is currently covering the school.

Over the summer, work began on replacing nearly all of the roof lights in the main building. This is an absolutely huge job as there are roof lights in every classroom and also in all corridor areas. The contractors have managed to get some of this phase completed and there will be ongoing work done over weekends during September to get this part of the project finished. We are very grateful that the work is going to be done out of school time so that there is minimal disruption to the children's learning.

The second phase of work is due to start a fortnight before half term and will involve the glass atrium in the cathedral and New Hall which needs to entirely replaced. During this phase, the cathedral space outside of the Key Stage 2 classrooms will be unusable as will the New Hall itself. This will obviously cause a huge amount of disruption particularly in relation to serving school diners which will need to be eaten at the other end of the school in the Blue Hall. I will be talking to the kitchen staff this week and a proposed menu for that time will be sent out to you shortly.

In the meantime, I would be very grateful for your help in keeping the children safe. Whilst we have done everything we can to make the site safe, the nature of scaffolding creates a risk and I would appreciate your support in ensuring that the children do not climb on or tamper with it. There will be further updates about progress as the project moves forward so please keep checking the newsletter for them. If you have any concerns about this or anything else then please do pop in and see myself or Miss Higginson or catch us out on the playground.

Parent and Family News - 'Friends and Family' (FAF) is a relaxed and friendly drop-in for the whole community, where everyone is welcome. We are open every Thursday morning at the Market Centre drop-in from 9.30am-11.30am. Please feel free join us and chat with other families, get advice, or just pop in for a nice cuppa! See Lou Dedames (Parent Support Adviser at Heathcoat Primary) for more details.

We will be starting a new Solihull Approach to Parenting course after half term. If you would like to find out more or join the 10 week course, please see Lou Dedames or Gemma Butt.

'Tea & Toast' is open to all Heathcoat families from 8.15am-8.45am every school day. Children and their families enjoy a good start to the day with toast, drinks, play and a chat. All are welcome, it's free and there is no need to book. We hope to see you there.