



FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back Everyone!

We have had a busy and fun-filled fortnight within school. The children have all been working hard and enjoying what has been very pleasant outside playtime weather for us! As this will undoubtedly change soon, we would like to remind everyone of our wet weather arrangements for bringing the children into school. There is no need for children to arrive at school earlier than 8.45am, especially on a wet day. We open the hall up on wet days at

8.45am and the children gather in there until it is time for the bell to sound, when they are collected by their teacher and taken to their classrooms. Nursery & Reception parents/carers may stay in the hall with their children, however we encourage all other parents/carers to say 'goodbyes' at the door and handover the children to awaiting staff. Should the rain continue to playtime, the children watch a dvd in the hall, with staff.

NO BIKES
NO SKATES
NO SCOOTERS

There are no scooters, bikes, wheeled toys or wheeled footwear permitted to be ridden or used on the yard. Children have been advised of the sanctions if they are observed breaking this important Health and Safety rule.

Please note the use of mobile phones on the school site is not permitted. Please ensure phones are turned off when entering school

DO NOT USE MOBILE PHONES

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Save the Date....

- 11th to 14th December will be Christmas Performance week
- 11th—Years 1-4 pm
- 12th—EYFS am
- 13th—Years 1-4 am
- 14th—EYFS am

Please be aware that these are preliminary dates/times so may change if required - we just wanted to give you early warning.

Governor Information

We thought it would be nice to properly introduce our parents/carers to our very dedicated team of school Governors. So over the coming months we shall add into the newsletter a pen portrait written by each governor. This fortnight we are introducing Co-opted Governor David Rutter-Close

Hi my name is David Rutter-Close and I'm a new governor at the school. My son has just left Year 4 so naturally I thought I understood most of how the school worked. Since volunteering as co-opted governor I realise my previous understanding only scratched the surface. A co-opted governor is appointed on to the governing body because they come from a specialist group (in my case Information Technology), because they possess a particular skill which can contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

I've attended a few meetings, along with Council ran training and its been a really interesting journey so far. My initial thoughts have been that I really didn't appreciate how much work goes in behind the scenes to keep a school running to such a high standard and also how financially reliant the school is on donations/fundraising for, what I would consider, essentials. I hope going forward that I can help augment this already hard working and dedicated team of volunteers."



Important Dates:

- 27.09.17—National Fitness Day
- 05.10.17 - 9am—Y4 Class Assembly
- 12.10.17 9am—Y2 Class Assembly
- 17.10.17—Get Off Stabilisers EYFS/Y1
- 19.10.17 9am—EYFS Assembly
- 20.10.17—School breaks for half-term
- 30.10.17—School resumes for the pupils
- 09.11.17 9am—Year 1 Class Assembly
- 16.11.17 9am—Year 3 Class Assembly
- 07.12.17 4pm —Christmas Extravaganza
- 18.12.17—Special Visitor
- 20.12.17—Christmas Dinner
- 22.12.17—School breaks for Christmas holiday.

Year 4 Middle School Applications

The online admissions portal for First and Primary schools opened on 11th September 2017 and will close on 31st October 2017.

We would like to share some quotes and feedback received from parents/ carers on recent questionnaires:

'Very family orientated school. All staff know the children individually – their likes/dislikes etc. Teachers are approachable and will offer advice and support when asked or needed.'

EARLY WARNING.....

Our PAF Association will be hosting their annual Halloween disco for children from Reception to Year 4 on 31st October (4-5.30pm). Numbers are strictly limited to 100—so look out



for the ticket sales posters going up around school!

Golden Table Winners:

- 22.09.17—Georgia G, Annalise, Callum
- 29.09.17—Ashton, Macey S, Michael



Best Class Attendance:

- W/E 22.09.17
Rec & Year 4 —100% attendance .
 - W/E 29.09.17
Year 4 — 99.38% attendance
- Well Done everyone!

Stars of the Week:

- W/E: 22.09.17
Reception
Thomas, Bethany H
Danny, Demi & Heidi
- W/E: 29.09.17
Niamh, Noah
Tamsin R, Ashton & Jessica R
Year 2 Special Award



NATIONAL FITNESS DAY—27.09.17

This was a great success—with children learning some old favourites! Agadoo was resurrected along with YMCA and Cha-cha slide to name but a few!



School Meal Reminder

Should your child wish to change from School Meals to Packed Lunches (or vice versa) , one week notice is required.

Please advise Mr. Wood in the school office of your intent to change and he will confirm the first available date.

This is due to meals being ordered from another kitchen and us adhering to the notice period for changes they insist on.

Packed Lunch Reminder

Please can we issue a polite reminder to all parents/carers regarding packed lunches. We request that children who bring their lunch to school, have as healthy a packed lunch as possible. ONE chocolate/sweet treat is permitted on a Friday only. Any children bringing chocolate or sweets on any other day of the week, will have them returned home.

Let's Move More At HVFS!

Year 4 children have been trained in playground leadership to help promote even more active playtimes. The children will lead playground games such as a skipping and hula-hoop activities. This initiative is funded through our Sport Premium funding and we hope to see all children engaged in even more physical activities throughout the school day. Pupils in Year 3 and 4 are also benefiting from the funding through the Match Fit and Onside programmes which are being delivered by NUFC (the BEST team in the world!). Alongside these programmes, NUFC are delivering Family Football to promote health and fitness beyond the school day. Look out for more opportunities across the year...

