

Huxley CE Primary School Newsletter

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Summer days, drifting away...

Dear Parents

So the summer holidays have ended. I can't quite believe how quickly it has flown by. I hope you have all had a wonderful break and that you have managed to spend some quality time with family and friends. I had a 'big birthday' in the summer so I had a lovely time celebrating. It seems crazy to think that this time last year we were returning to school with COVID regulations still very much at the forefront of our minds. It really has been quite a year!

Many of you are returning to Huxley having been with us for a year however we also have some new starters too. Five children in Reception, one in year 2 and three in Oaks (who came for visits prior to the end of term). Welcome to all of those families!

I'd like to invite the parents of our new starters to a coffee 'drop off' on Thursday 8th September at 9-9.30 in the hall. Existing parents are also welcome to have a quick coffee before you shoot off back home/to work. It is just a chance to meet each other as new families but also for you to meet any existing parents who attend. I will also be there as well, as will some of the other staff members who will be popping their heads in too to answer any questions you may have.

Drop off/pick ups.

Extra support/handover. If your child has had a particularly tough night or are anxious about school and you feel they need some extra support, please do let a member of staff know and we can keep an eye on them or take them aside for a quick chat to settle them in. I am pleased to let you know that we are continuing our support sessions from Achieve 360. We have a new lady working with us this year called Pauline. I will introduce her to the children on Wednesday. She is going to work on Wednesday afternoons this year- if anyone feels their child may benefit from a session with her (play therapy, just a chat or just a simple check in) then please let me know. This can be a one-off session too so for example if something has happened at home e.g. a house move, a relative has moved away, a pet has passed away etc then we can use her time for this but also address it ourselves throughout the week.



*With God's
love we can fly*

DIARY DATES

2022

1st and 2nd September- INSET days no children in school

5th September 2022- Full time Children return to school for 2022-2023

6th September 2022- Flexi Children return

8th- Welcome New Starters- Coffee 'drop off' 9-9.30 (see main text)

5th-16th Transition for EYFS (see main text)

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For **safeguarding** reasons please can I ask that parents do not enter the cloakroom and children's toilet areas. The children can independently access their pegs and if any help/support is needed at the beginning in finding their pegs, staff will assist them. If you need to use the toilets yourself you can always use the disabled adults toilet at the front of the school (not in main school building) Please just speak to Miss Lloyd and she will let you in.

If you arrive late to school, you must bring the children in via the main entrance (not the side door) where a member of staff will collect the child and take them to their classroom.

Absence

Please can I remind you that any absence should be reported to the email address absence@huxleyprimary.cheshire.sch.uk. Please state why the child is off school and how long you anticipate this being for. This email address is monitored by myself and Miss Lloyd at various points of the day so there is no need to copy in either of us as we will receive it this way. If you are running late please call school and let us know. Can I take this moment to remind you that we do need to improve our attendance rates as a school and this is one of our priorities for this coming year.

Uniform

If you have discovered that your child has grown out of any uniform, we are always collecting pre-loved uniform so we would be very grateful for any donations. If you are looking to purchase uniform please see Miss Lloyd in the first instance to see if we have any in stock, otherwise we can order some in. If you are interested in pre-loved uniform, again please ask Miss Lloyd. We just ask for a small donation to school funds. Last year your kind uniform donations along with a sizeable donation from the community, helped fund a new tree house. Due to some damage on arrival we were unable to build it in the holidays but the new one has now been delivered and Andy is building it this coming week.

School

A huge thank you to our staff for their hard work in getting the school ready for the start of term. Lots of people have been very busy over the holidays and it looks lovely. Thank you Andy for all your hard work and getting through the huge 'job' list! The school hall has been painted and looks so much better, the EYFS and KS1 area is looking great and lots of new displays and decorations make the school even more welcoming than it was! We look forward to welcoming you all back in again!

New starters

On your child's first day in school you will be officially 'on roll' -it is then that you will be sent links to SchoolMoney (our payment system) and you will start to receive information through our messaging service. If your child requires hot dinner on those first days before you are set up this is fine- it just gets added to your account once set up. The child just lets the teacher know if they are packed lunch or hot dinners. The menu will be sent out to you shortly. Please all follow our Facebook page for information too. Our website also provides you with curriculum information and is being updated all the time. You will also receive a Showbie password, which is our online learning platform for communication and sharing of educational activities. Further information will be shared with you on this and I am running a Showbie workshop shortly when everyone is enrolled and has gained access. For Reception starters- please remember that they can have a more flexible start for the two weeks as their transition. Some children it works best if they just get started as they would usually but we will work with you as a family. Speak to Mrs Patel to organise this. If your child is full time- they can start on Tuesday if they wish so that they start the school year with their full class and the other new starters in reception. Just let us know.

Showbie and TT Rockstars

A reminder of usernames and passwords for both of these will be sent out to all pupils in due course just in case they have been lost or forgotten them. On Showbie you will notice that the old posts have gone- these have not been lost- I have archived them so that it declutters your pages. This year we have subject folders instead. I will hold a workshop to talk through Showbie and our use of it this year with you once everyone is enrolled and ready to access.

Breakfast/Afterschool club

Below is a link to a very short survey to see if there is any interest in a paid breakfast and afterschool club. This is only initial information gathering and it can only run if we can make it work financially (e.g. enough people to cover the staffing and resourcing of this provision) but I just thought I would put the 'feelers' out to see if this is something we need to provide.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScY729d5H7FDRfG-gLhIvkiNeCtN9bDYBE15W-5eFqezYzG1A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Outstanding payments

Existing parents- Please check your school money accounts to see if you have any outstanding payments. Most people had sorted this before the end of the term but there were a few very small accounts still to settle.

Snacks/drinks/wellies etc

Just a reminder that children can bring a healthy snack in for break times – please remember that we are a NUT FREE school however. Children all need a named water bottle with them and whilst the weather is still lovely bring named suncream too. Many of the children took their wellies/spare trainers home with them at the end of term so remember to bring them back to school. All clothing and any packed lunchboxes should be named.

PE

PE remains on Thursdays and we will continue to have the children in their kits all day so send them in wearing their PE kits on that day. Yoga with Yogi at School is continuing but rotates as per our cycle map that I sent out to you earlier in the summer (this can also be found on our website). The children are fine to do yoga in their uniforms and do not need kit for this. Yoga for the first term is Mondays and so it is our full time pupils who do this first.

New Year Paperwork

As per usual, Miss Lloyd will be sending out the photo permissions, data collection and any medical forms out for you to fill in/update as necessary. Please return these as soon as possible.

I think that covers the main things. I will out on the playground as usual to answer any questions you may have or just drop me an email. On Monday 5th I will be on the playground from 9am (not the usual 8.45) as I am dropping Joshua off at his new high school for his first day. I am just being 'mummy' before he is too embarrassed to be associated with me! Good luck to those who have older children who may be attending high school- a big but exciting step for them and good luck to all of our new starters- we can't wait to meet you!

Many thanks

Mrs Gourley

Quote/Reflection Point

“Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.” – Martin Luther King Jr.