



Autumn Term : Newsletter | Sept 12th 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you've all had a wonderful summer. We're all ready for the start of another exciting school year at Havercroft! Thank you from myself and all of the staff for your generous presents, cards, thanks and good wishes at the end of the Summer Term. They are much appreciated. The children have come back with a really great attitude and are ready to learn; they all look so smart in their new school uniforms! It's nice to see so many children wearing proper shoes too.

STAFF NOTICES

I have both happy and sad news to share with you.

Firstly the happy—during the summer holidays Mr O'Connell got married. I am sure that you would like to join me and all the staff in wishing both him and his new wife all the very best in this new chapter of their lives.

We would also like to offer our congratulations to Miss Ragan, Miss Horsfall and Miss Graham. Since our return to school, they have all passed the Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) qualification. We are very proud of them and their achievement.

When we came back after the summer holidays, Mrs Atherton announced that that she would like to take early retirement. So it with deep regret that I have to tell you that she will shortly be leaving us. Her last day at the school will be the 24th October. We will be starting a collection for her. If any parents wish to contribute to this, please send your donation into school office in an envelope. Mrs Atherton has been at the school for 38years. We would like to give her the send off she deserves.

MORRISON'S LETS GROW VOUCHERS

If you have been collecting the Morrison's Lets Grow Vouchers over the summer holiday. Please can you send them into the Academy. The cut off date for vouchers given out in stores is the 26th October. We need to collect as many as we can while they are in stores. Please can you get your family and friends involved and get them to collect them too!

LUNCHBOXES

I have noticed that there are a lot of children bringing drinks within their packed lunch. Unlimited water is provided for the children to drink during lunch and throughout the day. Please can you make sure that your child doesn't bring any additional drinks with them to school. Any drinks brought to school will be returned home unopened.

Chocolate bars are another item that we are seeing more and more of in lunchboxes. We as a school, along with parent Support, are trying to promote a healthy attitude to the Children regarding their eating habits. Again I would appreciate your support in this matter.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Please note, following Government regulations, **all holidays will be classed as unauthorised; we will not grant any leave of absence during term time.** If you go ahead with the holiday when unauthorised, you may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice issued through the Local Authority. Per child, this will be £60 if paid within 21 days; payment after this time but within 28 days is £120.

The July newsletter that was sent out from school had a copy of this years holiday dates on the back. Should you require an additional copy, please call into the school office.

HEADLICE

The start of the new school year is usually the time when headlice problems are at a minimum as most cases have been cleared up over the summer holidays. To help us keep this problem from reoccurring, please can you check your child/ren's hair on a weekly basis. Can you report any cases to the school office so that we can send letters out to parents. Any cases reported will be kept confidential.

MEET THE TEACHER

Letters went home yesterday about our 'Meet the Teacher' evening, which will take place on Wednesday 17th September. The session will last approx. 30 mins. If you have more than one child in school, don't forget to fill in the slip at the bottom of the letter so that we can collect the additional information needed from the other teachers.

BOOK BAGS

If you are in need of a new book bag they are on sale in the office at a cost of £4.00

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We are aiming to continue to improve our overall attendance and reduce the amount of authorised and unauthorised absences. In order to help us do so, can you please:

- Try to ensure medical appointments, if non-emergencies are made out of school time. If this is not possible, bring your child to school before and after their appointment.
- Ensure your child is punctual; the school doors open at **8:40am**.
- Allow them to return to school after a bout of sickness when you feel they are ready, advice has changed and it does not now need to be 48 hours.
- Do not allow your child occasional days off ie for birthday treats.

If your child is to be absent, please can you ensure that you let school know on the first morning by contacting **01226 722484** or via email at admin@havercroft.wakefield.sch.uk so that it can be authorised if appropriate.

SCHOOL DINNERS

I have been asked by the office staff to remind Parents that the cost of Kingswood Meals has risen to £2.00 per day. Please can you send your child's money in an envelope marked with your child's name and class and send it into the your child's class on a Monday morning.

SCHOOL BOOK SALE

Due to a recent change in our school book system we now have lots of unused exercise books in school. To raise some additional money for school we will be selling the books in packs of 10 for £1.00. If you would like to purchase any books for your child to use at home. Please send a £1.00 into school and your child will bring the books home on the same day.

FREE WALKING BUS

There are now some spaces available on the Walking Bus. If you are interested please contact Helen Carter, our Learning Mentor for details. The spaces are available for anyone living on Church View Close, Crofter's Court, Regina Crescent and Attlee Avenue.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 17th September
'Meet the Teacher'

Friday 24th October
Mrs Atherton's Leaving Assembly
School breaks up for the Half Term Holiday

Monday 3rd November
School commences for the Autumn 2 Term
School Photograph Day—More details will follow nearer the time

Wednesday 17th December
School Christmas Dinner

Friday 19th December
School Breaks up for Christmas