



Autumn Term : Newsletter 2 Sept 26th 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you haven't yet had a look at our school's website, then you're missing a treat! There is a lot of very up-to-date information about what your child/ren have been learning in school.

SCHOOL DINNER DEBT

As you will see from the School Meals Policy, it is expected that children's meals are paid for in advance. That is, you pay for the meals on a Monday that your child/ren will eat; that way no debt will be incurred. Could those parents who owe money to school, especially those now on Free School Meals pay as soon as possible please. The School Budget cannot support any debt as it is really tight and this has to be used to support children's learning needs.

BEAVERS, CUBS and SCOUTS

There are now spaces available for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sessions that are held at Havercroft Academy.

Scouts Monday 6-7.30 for ages 10.5-14.5

Cubs Tuesday 6-7.30 for ages 8-10.5

Beavers Wednesday 6-7.30 for ages 6-8

Every child is welcome and the first session is FREE!
The groups run weekly during term time and cost £15.00 per term.

If you are interested and would like to get in touch with their leaders please contact-

Scouts —————Lesley———07891018879

Cubs —————Leanne———07763227471

Beavers —————Nicci ———01226 419759

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.

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

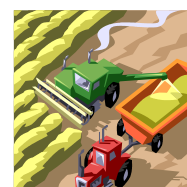
Please note, following Government regulations, **all holidays will be classed as unauthorised; we will not grant any leave of absence during term time.** If you go ahead with the holiday when unauthorised, you may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice issued through the Local Authority. Per child, this will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

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!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding this year's Harvest Festival next Thursday morning at 9.00am. If anyone would like to contribute any tinned food or food in packets, we will be donating the goods to the local church to add to items taken on their Harvest Festival at church.





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.



ST WILFRID'S OPEN DAY

Wilfrid's are holding an open day on Saturday 4th October. The parents and families of all children in Years 5 & 6 are invited to attend

You will have the opportunity to meet current pupils and speak to staff.

The day will give you an excellent insight into the school and will give you further options as you begin looking for the next stage in your child's future education.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2nd October
Harvest Festival—9.00am

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 12th November
Parent Consultation Meetings –3.30-6.00pm
Friday 28th November
Grandparents Day

Tuesday 9th December
Foundation Stage Performance

Wednesday 10th December
KSI Performance—am

Thursday 11th December
KS2 Performance –pm

Friday 12th December
KS2 Performance –pm

Monday 15th December
Year 1&2 Christmas Party

Tuesday 16th December
Foundation and Nursery Christmas Party

Wednesday 17th December
School Christmas Dinner
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Thursday 18th December
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

Friday 19th December
School Breaks up for Christmas

Exact times will be confirmed nearer the time.