



Hazlehurst Community Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you have had a very good summer holiday and thank you very much for the many kind messages that were sent in at the end of term – much appreciated!

We are all looking forward to a happy and successful school year. The children have made an excellent start and look extremely smart. We appreciate your help in getting your child to school in good time with the correct equipment for the day. **Please check that each item of uniform is clearly marked with your child's name.** Our summer uniform of royal blue polo shirts or gingham dresses may be worn up to half term, but after this time all children should wear the normal uniform of shirts and ties. Please note that shoes, not boots or trainers, must be worn, except for medical reasons. Thank you.



During the course of the year your child will regularly bring home newsletters such as this one, which contain general information and dates etc. These letters are numbered so that you can be sure that you have not missed any important information. We will send you a text alert when a new newsletter comes home, **so please keep us informed of any changes to your mobile number.** If you have not received a text by the end of the week please contact Mrs Little because we may need to update your number. You will also receive a 'Curriculum Newsletter', which will describe some of the activities that your child will be doing in class this term and how you can help at home. The school website contains copies of all the above information, along with regular updates about school activities.

Meet the Teacher – Thursday 8 September

This is a chance for parents to come into school, meet their child's new teacher, see the classroom and learn a little bit about the work that will be done during the year and how to help at home. The session will begin with a brief introduction by the teacher for about 10 minutes followed by an informal time for sharing information – approx 30 mins in total. The meeting is intended for **parents**, so please try to make alternative arrangements for your child. Reception and KS1 classes will start at 6.00 pm, KS2 classes (Years 3 to 6) will start at 6.30 pm. You are most welcome!



Roald Dahl Day – Tuesday 13 September

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of this popular children's author, we are inviting children (and staff!) to come to school dressed as a Roald Dahl character! We will also be making a collection for 'Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity', which cares for seriously ill children in the UK (suggested donation £1 each).



I am sure you are aware that all Reception and KS1 children are entitled to a free school meal. The take-up of this offer has been very high, which is very good news. However, if your children would have qualified for free school meals under the old system, it is still important to register with the Local Authority because the school receives Pupil Premium funding based on this information. Thank you.

Our school brass band rehearsals will be starting up again next week (14 September onwards) and will run every Wednesday from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm (time to start practising!). We have



lots of other after-school clubs planned too and further details will be sent home shortly.

A few brief reminders for new parents ...

- Parent helpers are welcome! Please see Mrs Little with details of when you can help.
- No nuts in packed lunches please (we have several children with potentially serious allergic reactions to nuts).
- No dogs on the school grounds, under any circumstances.
- **Please take care not to block driveways in the local streets.**
- No decorative jewellery (religious jewellery is permitted if necessary). For children with pierced ears **small, plain studs** may be worn, **but must be removed for PE.**

Dates for your Diary

Thur 8 Sept	'Meet the Teacher' (6.00 pm for R&KS1, 6.30 pm for KS2)
Tue 13 Sept	Roald Dahl Day – Fancy Dress – come to school dressed as a character from a Roald Dahl Book!
Thur 15 Sept	7.00 pm Friends' Association Meeting (PTA) – all welcome!
Fri 23 Sept	Evening - PTA Fashion Show (details to follow)
Wed 28 Sept	Harvest Festival – 9.00 am – all welcome.
Fri 30 Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00 am – 10.00 am
Thur 6 Oct	School Photographer – individual photographs and family groups
Mon 10 Oct	Y4 Swimming Lessons Start – every day for 4 weeks
Fri 14 Oct	3.30 pm - PTA 'Bake Off' Finals! (details to follow)
Thur 20 Oct	Parents' Evening 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm (or daytime appointments between 9.00 am – 10.30 am on Wed 19 th for R & KS1 and Thur 20 th for KS2)
Fri 21 Oct	3.30 pm – break up for half term
Mon 31 Oct	9.00 am school re-opens
Tue 1 Nov	Book Fair every night after school for 1 week
Tue 9 Nov	Flu Vaccine Day
Fri 18 Nov	3.30 pm - PTA 'Tea and Toys'
Fri 2 Dec	3.30 pm - Christmas Fair
Tue 6 Dec	2.15 pm & 7.00 pm – Y3&4 Christmas Concert
Thur 8 Dec	2.15 pm and 7.00 pm – Y5&6 Christmas Concert
Wed 14 Dec	9.30 am – Reception Nativity Play
Thur 15 Dec	2.15 pm and 7.00 pm - KS1 Nativity Play
Fri 16 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Mon 19 Dec	Reception and KS1 Christmas Party
Tue 20 Dec	KS2 Christmas Parties
Wed 21 Dec	3.00 pm - school closes early for the Christmas holiday
Mon 9 Jan'17	9.00 am - school re-opens



Provisional dates for Class Assemblies (Wednesdays at 9.00 am):

Y6 – 14 Sept	Y5 – 21 Sept	Y4 – 5 Oct
Y3 – 12 Oct	Y2 – 9 Nov	Y1 – 16 Nov

You are most welcome to attend our class assemblies, but please confirm the date a little nearer the time, just in case we have had to make any changes. The new reception class will do their first class assembly in the spring term.

Yours sincerely,

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