

# WELCOME BACK!



Autumn 2016

## WHAT'S NEW FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR?

Dear Parents,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone back after a long Summer holiday, and I hope you have all enjoyed time with your friends and families.

Our Solar Panels were installed in August, so we are now generating our own energy, thanks to all of the fundraising and support offered by yourselves over the whole of last year. We are very proud!

The children are refreshed and have 'hit the ground running' with their learning, having spent 3 weeks already in their new class before we broke up. There is a real buzz in school, with children engaged in contexts from Shakespeare to Rivers to the BFG!

We have lots of ongoing opportunities and new ideas for 16-17, including a Class Assembly for Parents, Drumming with TVMS, extra after school clubs such as Bookworms and Vexbots. Y5/6 continue Brass and Chess and EY/KS1 loving Yogabugs!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our up-coming events in school. [Download our App from the Appstore](#) and keep up to date of everything coming up this term.

Mrs. Edmenson, Head Teacher

### Homework

Teachers will provide weekly Homework tasks for your child to complete at home to reinforce their learning in class.

This year, we are opening the Nurture Room as a 'Homework Hub' every evening from 3.05pm—3.30pm, where you can come in with your child and complete the tasks, ask for help from the staff on duty or gather any resources you may need for the job. Drop in anytime!

### SAFE PARKING

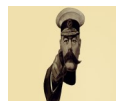
The start and end of the day is busy! I urge you to be considerate to our neighbours when parking and observe the road markings to ensure driver and pedestrian safety. Please also DO NOT use the main school gate as a pedestrian entrance. Use the pedestrian gates.

### CLUBS

Clubs will resume shortly. Look out for letters coming home or download our App to check the website.

### CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Teachers have prepared a class newsletter to keep you posted on what your child is learning, how you can help, special dates and events and reminders for the year group. Look in your child's book bag, on the notice boards or website.



### Green Fingers?

#### HHA needs you!

We are so lucky to have such extensive grounds here at HHA,

but it sometimes tricky to keep it all looking beautiful within a busy day.

We want to get our children out and make sure the outdoors is fully part of our curriculum, so if you, or a family member have an interest in gardening, and could offer an afternoon once every 3 weeks or so, we'd love to hear from you! Maybe you can teach us a thing or two!

With this in mind, please also make sure your child always has outdoor shoes / wellies and a waterproof coat in school.

### House / Vice Captains

Congratulations to our newly appointed Y6 House and Vice Captains:

**Red Captain: Toby**

**Vice Captain: Owen**

**Blue Captain: Max**

**Vice Captain: Erin**

**Yellow Captain: Frazer**

**Vice Captain: Katelyn**

**Green Captain: Georgina**

**Vice Captain: Taylor**

## Important Dates

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| Y6 Outwood Space Event       | 13.09.16  |
| Y1 Library Coffee Morning    | 14.09.16  |
| KS2 Mary Poppins theatre     | 24.09.16  |
| School Harvest Festival      | 10.10.16  |
| Parent / Carer Consultations | 17–20 Oct |
| Anti-Bullying Theatre Group  | 18.10.16  |
| Family Bake Off Event        | 20.10.16  |

### Welcome new staff

We welcome Miss Lovatt to our High Needs Base this year. She is our new SENCo, and will be arranging a coffee morning one Tuesday. Letters will be sent shortly.

Miss King and Mrs Lennon join us as Apprentice TAs in HNB and Y4, and we are pleased to have Mr Munro as a permanent member of HHA staff as our Sports Coach.

For the next 3 weeks, we play host to 4 trainee teacher students from Thurgau University, Switzerland. We hope to learn lots from each other, and perhaps they will inspire us on Sept 26th, the European Day of Languages

### E-Safety and Social Networking

Sites like Facebook are an every-day method of communication between family and friends, and we all value such technology when used in a positive way. We work hard educating children in school to be safe, not sharing personal information and being aware of dangers.

We encourage parents to come into school to voice any concerns rather than use these sites to raise any complaints. Abusive, libelous, personal or derogatory comments about the school are taken very seriously.

## LEARNING AND CURRICULUM

### Curriculum & Assessment

The curriculum is tough and you may be wondering what your child is learning and how you can help. If you have any questions at any time, Teachers will be happy to talk to you.

You will be invited to a Parent / Carer consultation in October, where you can find out how

your child is doing against the challenging standards expected.

### 2016 Results

The end of Key Stage results and Y1 Phonics were on the whole positive for our academy this year, and we are above the floor standard by the end of KS2. For full details, please see our website, or if you have any questions, please ask.

### Reading

We have incorporated a new, dedicated reading lesson each morning to promote a love of books and develop confident, competent young readers. Y1 Parents will be invited to a coffee morning 9am 14th Sept to launch the KS1 Library for their child. We hope you will come along!

Please support your child by reading at home every day, and fill in the reading record book. There are class awards for children who read regularly at home!