

Newsletter

27th September 2024



Welcome to the new academic year. Although a somewhat distant memory, I hope you all had a lovely summer. It was wonderful to welcome the children back and to see the school 'come alive' again after the summer. A very warm welcome to the Hugglescote family to all new children and families who have joined us. We look forward to working with you all. Our new EYFS children have all made a fantastic start settling quickly into new routines demonstrating great enthusiasm for all that they have been doing

I would like to welcome Miss Storer , Mrs Lockwood , Miss Clarke, Miss Dunn, Miss Marrows and Miss Tunbridge to the Hugglescote family. I hope they will enjoy working in our fantastic team.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Hill and family upon the birth of their son. We hope they are all enjoying special family time together.

Those who have been on to the upper playground will have noticed that the new building is now completed. The trim trail and auditorium have been relocated behind the building. It looks fantastic and will create a wonderful addition to our school. Under new building regulations public buildings have to have a 'settling' period once complete before they are able to be occupied. We hope to move Yr 1 classes into their new rooms when we return after half term. During the summer we also had a new boiler installed in the main block of the school building. Thank you to the premises team who worked tirelessly throughout the holidays to ensure the school was ready for staff and children to return.



The beginning of an academic year is always a busy time. We pride ourselves on our communication and work hard to ensure that families are kept informed about activities and events in school. Year groups have held 'Meet the teacher meetings' and newsletters have been sent out via Weduc and put onto the website.

School newsletters are sent out on the last Friday of each month.

Please look out for dates of events, meetings, workshops and other activities. Dates will be available on the Weduc calendar and in the newsletter.

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Paul Driver
Headteacher



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Parking

Local residents have brought to our attention a number of incidents of inconsiderate and at times illegal parking since we have returned. Images have been shared with the PCSO's. Parking on double yellow lines on Launceston Drive, parking on the zig zags by the crossing and parking opposite the school near the 'top gates' have been noted. Please be considerate to others when parking and abide by the laws.



Communicating with the school

We pride ourselves on our openness and working closely with all families for the best of the children. There will be times where you need to communicate with the school and below is a reminder of our procedures. Staff will not respond to any communication before 8am or after 6pm.

If you have a concern over 'admin' matters e.g. dinner money, trip money, lost items etc. these should be communicated to the school office not the class teachers.

Issues or concerns regarding in class activities or learning should be communicated to the class teachers. This can be in person or via Weduc. If you wish to speak to a teacher at length please come to the office to book an appointment. The appointment will usually be for the same day. It is very difficult for teachers to speak at the beginning or at pick up time as they are supervising children.

If you wish to speak to a member of the leadership team, having spoken to the class teacher, then an appointment can be made at the school office between 8.15am and 4.15pm.

Behaviour at Hugglescote

We have 3 very simple rules for all children:



Parent / carer forum

Pre covid we held half termly parent/carer forum meetings. These were informal meetings for an hour where representatives from each year group would meet together with Mr Driver and discuss issues that had been raised by families and other whole school matters. These provided a valuable opportunity to gather views from our community. We would like a volunteer for each year group to attend the meetings. If you would like to volunteer please Weduc your name to the school office with a subject of parent forum. If we have more than one volunteer names will be drawn from a hat. Meetings will be held at 9am and last approx. one hour. If you can help we would value your support.



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Attendance



| <u>Class</u> | <u>Attendance Percentage</u> |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Ladybirds | 98.5 |
| Bumblebees | 98.7 |
| Butterflies | 99.00 |
| 1MS | 95.5 |
| 1SSm | 98.2 |
| 1SS | 96.1 |
| 1JJ | 95.7 |
| 1LC | 98.4 |
| 1JW | 99.1 |
| 2MD | 96.3 |
| 2NS | 98.0 |
| 2DB | 96.5 |
| 2GH | 99.0 |
| 2SR | 96.1 |
| 2JN | 96.5 |
| 2ZN | 97.4 |
| 2RW | 97.7 |
| 2KT | 96.5 |
| 2LR | 96.2 |

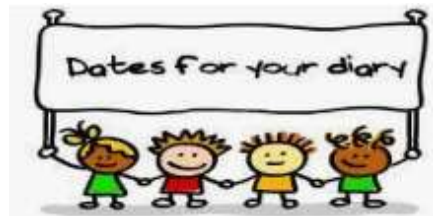
Attendance support

All children are expected to have an attendance of 97% or higher. **Very well done** to all children above this percentage and especially those at 100%. Keep it up!

The Government changed the attendance guidance last year. The fines for penalty notices have been increased and the amount of unauthorised absence allowed before a penalty is issued has been decreased. Penalty notices are issued by the local authority, not the school.

Currently any child with 10 sessions (1 day = 2 sessions) unauthorised absences in a 10 week period is deemed 'at risk' and support will be offered. Any unauthorised holiday absence of five days or more will have a penalty notice issued. The fine has increased to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days. If a second notice is issued in a 3 year period this increases to £160 per child per parent.

Please remember that lates after the registers have closed are an unauthorised absence.



September

27th- Macmillan Coffee Morning 9-11am

October

1st – Roving Book Fair

2nd-EYFS phonics workshop 5pm

3rd – Tag Rugby Tournament

8th – Parent consultations

9th- Dyslexia awareness book fair

10th- Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

Parent Consultations

18th – School closes for half term

28th – Children return

30th – Yr 6 Beaumanor WWII Day

31st – EYFS 25/26 Starters Open Morning

November

7th – Individual and sibling photos

12th - EYFS 25/26 Starters Open Morning

14th – Sports Hall Athletics

15th- Children in need

21st – Dodgeball festival

30th – PTFA Christmas Fayre 11am-2pm

December

9th – Flu Vaccinations

12th – Dick Whittington Pantomime in school

12th - Christmas Jumper Day

20th - End of term



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New School Library

We are delighted to share the news that our new library construction is nearing completion. A huge thank you to the **PTFA** for the financial support they have provided to help us develop the library. We hope to have the library ready for use after half term. It will take some time to put almost three thousand books on to the shelves! Reading is a priority at our school. We hope the new library will provide a space for our children to enjoy books and further develop a love of reading.

Below is an impression of how the library will look. We will be holding a 'grand' opening in the next few weeks.



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The Roving Bookshop

at Hugglescote Community Primary School

from

8.30 am Tuesday

1st October

till

4.00 pm



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more on sale in
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