

Henbury View First School



Newsletter April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the summer term, hopefully the sun will shine for us. Already the diary is full of activities and events which I am sharing now as I would like to give as much notice as possible.

Staffing News

Mrs Smithson

Mrs Smithson will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to take up the role of SENCO in a large junior school in Hampshire. She has been doing both jobs since January which has meant we have been able to start training up her replacement. Mrs Lewin will be undertaking this role from September 2018 and has already commenced her national Qualification for Special Needs. Mrs Smithson and myself have been working together for 11 years and she will be sorely missed. The good news is she is happy to still share her knowledge and expertise with us. As many of you know I was Inspector for SEN Dorset Local Authority before coming to Henbury so I will also be supporting Mrs Lewin.

Mr Saunders

Mr Saunders has been appointed as a new member of the teaching team from September 2018. He first came to Henbury many years ago as a Year 10 student and has subsequently qualified from Winchester with a First in maths as a primary teacher. He has spent the last two years teaching in a large primary in Ringwood. We are delighted to have him back with us.

Mr Ward

Mr Ward has been appointed as our new PE specialist teacher and has started today. He is in school 10 hours a week and will be responsible for developing the PE curriculum and organising sporting events with other schools. We are delighted to have him on board.

Attendance

Our most recent attendance stands at 96.3% overall. At the latest audit from the Schools attendance team it was highlighted that holidays in term time are on the increase for our school which is having a significant impact on overall attendance. We were also held to account for holidays that have been unauthorised followed by notification of absence due to illness. To ensure we are fully implementing our attendance policy there may be occasion when we need to speak with you directly regarding attendance. Thank you for your support.

Dates to remember

Tuesday 17th April

Phonics Meeting Yr 1—2:50pm

Friday 20th April

Year 2 SATS Meeting — 2:45pm

Friday 27th April

Film Night

Monday 7th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th May

Art Day F/Yr1

Friday 11th May

Adult Quiz Night

Tuesday 15th May

Fraser Class/Leavers Photos

Monday 21st May

Year 2 Trip

Wednesday 23rd May

Parent Share F/Yr1

Thursday 24th May

Parent Share Yr3

Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June

Half Term

Monday 4th June

Staff Training

Friday 15th June

Summer Fair

Friday 22nd June

School Disco

Choir dates

3.20pm - 4pm in the hall

Tuesday 17th April 2018

Tuesday 24th April 2018

Tuesday 1st May 2018

Please note NO choir on Tuesday 8th May as we are having an art day in school and the hall will still be in use.

Tuesday 15th May 2018

Tuesday 22nd May 2018

Everybody welcome from Year 1 upwards

Code club for Year 4

Please note the following dates for the Group B Code club

Wednesday 18th April 2018

Wednesday 25th April 2018

Wednesday 2nd May 2018

Wednesday 9th May 2018

Wednesday 16th May 2018

Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Wednesday 6th June 2018

Wednesday 13th June 2018

Year 1 Phonics screening information presentation - Tuesday 17th April 2018

Please join the Year 1 team in the school hall at 2:50pm to find out more information regarding the nationally required Phonics screening process.

Year 2 SATS information presentation - Friday 20th April 2018

Please note a 2.45pm start in the school hall . There will be no celebration assembly this week to accommodate this meeting .

Film Night (Paddington 2) - Friday 27th April. 2018

Tickets will be available from the main office from Monday 23rd April. The last event was very successful and we hope the children will enjoy this one too! Tickets cost £2.50 and include a drink and popcorn.

Art day Foundation/Year 1 - Tuesday 8th May 2018

This will be an opportunity for the children to learn with the artist Darrell Wakelam using 3D design. He is always welcome in school and we inevitably end up with some amazing sculptures to share with you.

Adult Quiz Night - Friday 11th May 2018

Please keep this date in the diary. More details to follow from the Friends.

Wed 27th/Thursday 28th June

Year 4 to Leeson House

Thursday 5th July

Sports Day

Friday 6th July

Transfer Day

Monday 9th July

Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 10th July

Foundation Trip

Year 1 Trip

Tuesday 10th July

Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 24th July

Children finish 1.00pm

Frasers Portraits Class and Year 4 leavers photographs - Tuesday 15th May 2018

Year 2 trip – Monday 21st May 2018 (more details to follow)

Foundation/Year 1 Parent share - Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 2.15 pm

Year 3 Parent share - Thursday 24th May 2018 at 2.30pm

Half term : Monday 28th May-Friday 1st June 2018

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A STAFF TRAINING DAY ON MONDAY 4TH JUNE—NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Hot Weather

As the temperatures are due to climb this week we would ask that children bring a sunhat into school and have a water bottle. Water is available to all children at lunchtime and throughout the day. If you require your child to bring sunblock into school, please make sure it comes in a named bottle. We can only encourage children to apply their own sunblock. Thank you

After school use of the grounds

Henbury has a long standing tradition of children playing after school on the facilities we have available. We had an assembly yesterday afternoon and agreed as a community the following rules.

- *All games need to be fair with equal teams.
- *The same rules apply after school as during the school day eg not standing on top of the train.
- *In school, we never eat any of the fruit from the surrounding hedgerows as we don't always know what it is.
- *After school clubs have the priority in the spaces that they are using.
- *We don't pick the flowers from the flower beds, but daisies are fine.
- *Please don't take school equipment from the cupboards.

Thank you for supporting us with these. We can ensure that all children have a positive and safe experience this way.

Please see overleaf the 2018-2019 term dates along with our staff training dates for the next academic year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Clarke

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