



Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed some of the celebrations over the past weekend.

As usual, the children have arrived back a school with a skip in their step and are ready for the final term. I can't believe we are in the final term of this year. After two interrupted years of learning, this year seems to have flown.

Summer term is always a busy time in school for both children and staff. Reports are being written, trips that have been months in the planning are happening, sports day, summer shows, summer fun days and of course our 'Goodbye' to the children in Year 6.

More than ever, the newsletter is key to parents being kept up to date with events. We will try and also update our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter Feeds too so please follow us if you are not already doing so.

This week's newsletter is a prime example of this, with lots of information below.

In addition, I would like to wish Zeus class a great week next week in Wales! I can't wait to hear all about it.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCE REQUESTS

Once again, we are being inundated with holiday requests.

We have a duty to monitor and track absences, of which we do on a daily and weekly basis. Unauthorised absences can lead to your child becoming persistently absent (less than 90% attendance) and subsequently, we must then refer them for support from the local authority.

In accordance with **Section 444 1/1A of the 1996 Education Act**, you as the parent are responsible for ensuring your child of statutory school age attends school regularly and on time. Failure to do so may be subject to a Penalty Notice issued by the Local Authority on your return, incurring a fine of £60 per child and a potential referral to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub.

Although we appreciate family time is important, periods of absence have a huge impact on a child's learning and developing. Research shows that not only is there a link between absence and lower grades for a child but also their social, emotional and mental wellbeing and outcomes which affect the child in later life.

Please do think about this when planning future holidays.

EXPECTATION POLICY

In the Spring term, consultations began with children, parents and staff regarding the current behaviour policy. After collating feedback, I have now updated the policy. The behaviour policy at Hall Meadow has evolved into our expectation policy.

My hope is that there is a consistent approach across the school from when a child starts, to when a child leaves. This approach is proven to support children in fully understanding the consequences of their actions, including both positive and negative.

The policy is being trialled with children in school this term, with a view to full implementation from September 2022.

Our expectations are based on Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. These also sit with the InMAT values of Initiative, Involvement, Inclusion, Inspire and Integrity.

Please note –

- Common language around expectations and those failing to comply include Is it kind? Is it safe? Is it right?
- Rewards will not take effect until September
- Parents will be contacted if a sanction reaches stage 3 or above
- Home and School Partnership Agreement will come into action from September 2022
- Please encourage your child to build their own resilience using the phrase 'Stop it, I don't like it'.

The new policy can be viewed on our website: <https://www.hallmeadow.org/key-information/statutory-information/policies>

YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENER

A huge well done to all the children in Year 1 who have taken the Year 1 Phonics Screener this week. Although we are awaiting the pass mark from the DFE, we are thrilled with the effort, maturity and attitude of every child.

A huge thanks to the EYFS/KS1 team for leading this especially Miss Gilbert, Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Hay, Mrs Evans and Mrs Beech (our wonderful volunteer who has been key with supporting reading).



MOBILE PHONE AGREEMENT FOR CHILDREN

Children are not encouraged to bring their mobile phones to school. However, permission may be granted for children who have a valid reason, such as walking to and from school without an adult.

All children who currently bring a mobile phone to school will receive a paper copy of our new mobile phone agreement this afternoon, for both parent/carer and child to read and sign.

If a child in Years 4-6 needs to bring a phone to school, paper copies of the agreement may be collected from the school office or printed from the attached file. Permission will be at the discretion of Mrs Bodman-Knight.



SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be held on Friday 1st July. After trialling a slightly different format last year, the day will be organised as follows:

10am - KS2 Sports Day

12pm Lunch for all – parents/carers/children/staff on the field – **please order a packed lunch for your children from Chartwells, instead of a hot meal.** Children will be able to sit with their families or friends for lunch.

1pm - KS1 Sports Day.

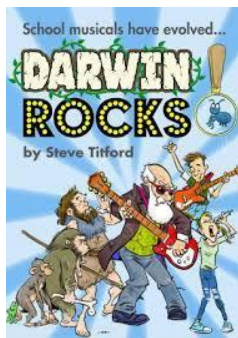
PACT have kindly offered to support the event with refreshments, including ice poles/ice lollies for the children. If anyone can help with the donation of these (if you have links with the supermarkets that would be most helpful as last year these were all donated by Morrisons). In addition, PACT will be looking for volunteers to help too. Please do get in touch if you are able to help in anyway.

Parents/Grandparents are all welcome and will be positioned to see all events. This could differ from previous sports days and you will be directed to the spectator area on the day.

We are really looking forward to this event and seeing the wider community coming together.

SUMMER SHOW

Mrs Church and Miss Letts are busy preparing for the summer show.



Years 3-5 will also be taking part in the show. A letter will be sent home soon, confirming the exact times and details of the rehearsal days, but we can confirm as follows:

Thursday 7th July - rehearsal day (during school hours)

Monday 11th July - afternoon rehearsal (during school time)

Show time! - arrive at the Lighthouse Theatre for 5.30pm.

We will let you know as soon as tickets for the show go on sale.

PACT

Frozen Thursday

Ice creams and ice lollies will be available to purchase on Thursday 23rd June and 7th July after school, on the playground. Priced From £1 - £2 each.



July

1st July – Sports Day (more info to follow)

7th July – KS2 Show rehearsal

11th July – KS2 Performance

18th July – Summer fun week

19th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

20th July – Summer fun day

21st July – Last assembly of the school year

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Iris – Wednesday 22nd June

Demeter – Wednesday 13th July

Ares – Wednesday 29th June

Term 6

Monday 6th June – Training Day

Tuesday 7th June – School open to all pupils

Thursday 21st July – End of term