



September 2018 Newsletter



Message from Mr Lumber

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year and our first chance to celebrate and acknowledge the busy month we have had in school. The summer holiday seems like a distant memory now, simply down to the fact how action packed the term has been already. The children have been absolutely incredible this term and I can honestly say it is one of the best starts to a year I have ever known. The atmosphere around school is fantastic and last week Mrs Amabile and I had the pleasure of showing senior members of staff from The Hamwic Trust around the school. We looked closely at the learning taking place and they were so impressed with what they saw and heard. Mrs Amabile and I were both incredibly proud of the children and staff.

In assemblies this term we have been thinking about our new core values for which there will be more information shortly for parents to learn about them and what they mean to us as a whole school community. We have also been celebrating successes in learning and reminding children about the importance of trying their best and that is all we ask of everyone.

Our new sports facility on the main playground has been a roaring success this term and the children are loving the opportunity to play football, hockey and basketball at lunch and break times. The facility was paid for from the PE premium money we receive as a school. The money has been spent in this way along with Twin Sails funding to build a sustainable facility for the children of the federation. We hope you are as excited as we all are to see it installed and in use. Finally I will take this chance to remind all parents/carers that if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of school life to come and speak to us by making an appointment through the school office or simply speak to one of us on the school gate. We always want to help and ensure your children are happy in school.

Enjoy the remainder of the half term. Best wishes from us all at HPJS.

Free School Meals and Hot School Meal Service

Please remember that if your child is in Year 3, they will **not** be automatically entitled to a meal, like they were at their last schools. You will be entitled to a free school meal, however, if you meet certain criteria - **we urge you to contact the school office if you think you are entitled to free schools meals, but you have not yet registered for them.** We have been cooking our hot school meals on site now for over 12 months and it has proved to be a huge success, with more children



trying the service each week. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to have a hot school meal. At £2.20 per day (unless your child is entitled to free school meals), we feel the meals are good value for money. The food is nutritionally well-balanced and saves parents/carers having to make a packed lunch every day! You don't need to book a meal everyday, you can book as little or as often as you like. Example of the menu this term includes: **pork sausages and mash, chocolate brownie; cheese and tomato pizza, pancakes with fruit compote; jacket potatoes available everyday with different fillings.** If you would like your child to try hot school meals, please call into the school office for an information leaflet or visit www.dorsetmealselector.co.uk

Cycling & Scootering to School

We encourage as many children as possible to cycle or scooter to school, but it is imperative that all children are accompanied by an adult (unless children have passed a Bikeability Course). All children **MUST** wear a helmet and dismount from their bicycle or scooter when entering the school grounds. Can we also ask that, after school, no bikes or scooters are ridden in our playground by adults or children from Twin Sails and HPJS. This is simply down to safety concerns. Please also be careful when riding from home and be respectful of others who walk to school in the local area. Thank you.



School Car Park

Please can we remind everyone that parking is not permitted in our school car park, unless you are disabled and have been issued with a parking permit from the school office. During the morning, we ask that you drive into the car park, turn around and use the 'drop off' area to drop your child to school. At the end of the day at 3.05pm, the school gates will remain closed until approximately 3.20pm or later if we have large numbers of children attending our extra-curricular clubs. Alternative parking is available at Hamworthy Park. We also ask that out of respect for our neighbours, please do not park in Ashmore Crescent. There are yellow lines in Ashmore Crescent and the area is often patrolled by the Borough of Poole. We thank you for your understanding with this matter.



Term Dates for 2018-2019

Staff Training Dates are shown in red to indicate the school is closed. May Day Bank Holiday on 6 May 2019 is also shown in red to indicate school is closed.

Autumn Term 2018

(Monday 3 September—Friday 21 December 2018)

Staff Training Day - Monday 3 September 2018

Staff Training Day - Tuesday 4 September 2018

Term Starts - Wednesday 5 September 2018

Autumn Half Term - Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October 2018

Staff Training Day - Monday 29 October 2018

End of Autumn Term - Friday 21 December 2018

Christmas Holiday - Monday 24 December 2018 – Friday 4 January 2019

Spring Term 2019

(Monday 7 January—Friday 5 April 2019)

Staff Training Day - Monday 7 January 2019

Term Starts - Tuesday 8 January 2019

Spring Half Term - Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February 2019

Staff Training Day - Monday 25 February 2019

End of Spring Term - Friday 5 April 2019

Easter Holiday - Monday 8 April – Monday 22 April 2019

Summer Term 2019

(Tuesday 23 April—Tuesday 23 July 2019)

Term Starts - Tuesday 23 April 2019

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 6 May 2019

Summer Half Term - Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2019

End of Summer Term - Tuesday 23 July 2019

Useful Information and Reminders

Mobile Phones in School

Mobile phones are **not** permitted in school. If, however you feel that this causes you and your child a problem your child can bring a mobile phone into school but must be handed in to the monitors stationed each morning, outside Anita and Lauren's room (in the Yr 3 area). All phones **must also be clearly named and switched off**. At the end of the school day children must collect their mobile phone, again from outside Anita and Lauren's room and may only switch on their phone once they are **outside** the school gates. Please note that phones are left at your own risk, the school is not responsible for ensuring the safety of it. If you have any questions regarding these arrangements please contact Mr Lumber via the school office.

Cool Milk

Your child has the opportunity of having a carton of milk everyday whilst in school. If you are interested in your child taking advantage of this opportunity please visit our provider's website (www.coolmilk.com) where there is a step by step guide on how to register. It doesn't take very long and before you know it your child will be enjoying their milk with their friends every breaktime. Alternatively please contact the school office for more information.



Attendance

If your child is ill and will be absent from school, please could you inform us about this absence as early as possible but definitely **by 9.30am on each day of absence**. The School Office is open at 8.00am and an answering machine is available if you wish to contact us even earlier. This call **must** be followed with a letter, outlining the reason for the absence on the first day your child returns to school. Similarly, if your child arrives late for school e.g. due to an appointment, we do need a letter to explain the reason for the lateness.

Excellent attendance and punctuality are so important in helping your child to gain as much as they can from school, so please can any appointments be made outside of school hours whenever possible.

To ensure the safety and whereabouts of all of our children we operate a system of 'First Day Contact'. If you have not notified us about your child's absence by 9.30am, the school office will contact you or other emergency contacts you have provided us with, to ascertain why your child is absent. This system does not replace the need for you to contact the school in the event of your child's absence.

Absence during Term Time

Following amendments to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 which came into effect 1st September 2013, Head Teachers are only allowed to grant leave of absence from school in exceptional circumstances. The decision as to whether any request is considered as 'exceptional circumstances' rests solely with the Head of School. **We ask that any request should be made prior to the leave of absence and should be submitted to the school using the Request for Leave of Absence form. Parents/Carers may be asked to provide additional information/evidence or meet with the school to discuss the circumstances.** Parents/Carers will be notified of the Head of School's decision at the earliest opportunity. Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Lundon (via the school office), who deals with all attendance matters, if you have any questions regarding the above.

Extended Day Provision

We still have places available at our Breakfast Club and Jet Set Club; our Breakfast Club runs every morning from 7.45am and costs £2.25 a day and our Jet Set Club runs every day, after school from 3.05pm until 5.00pm and costs £5.00 daily. The children who attend thoroughly enjoy the clubs - please contact the school office for more information if you are interested in your child attending.