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Parent Newsletter - September 2018

Dear parents & carers,

Welcome back to this new school year. We hope you have had a lovely summer break and that the children are ready for their new school year. In particular a lovely warm welcome to our new reception children who have joined us. The term has started very well with all children keen and eager to learn. You will have already received letters from the Phase leaders which contain the details of the curriculum and a range of events. We would just like to take the opportunity to share with you some key messages

Attendance : The staff have been very busy throughout school preparing for their new class. The focus is very much on maintaining and improving school attendance for all our pupils. We have a target of 97% which we are determined to reach. We would be grateful for your help, as always, in ensuring pupils come to school every day (unless they are too unwell to do so) Let us reassure you that if teachers see your child is unwell at school they will let you know. It is often better to send them in to school as often they do begin to feel better as the day progresses.

Term time holiday : Can I remind parents that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Head teachers are not allowed to authorise holidays in term time. Any requests should be discussed with the headteacher before being taken or booked.

Reading : Whilst all staff have been working to ensure children reach the expected levels in Reading, there is still much to do in this area of learning. Helping children to develop good reading routines/habits is essential if they are to be successful. Children who grow to love reading, do well in many other subjects too! So we will be encouraging children to read regularly with you at home and, of course, to read on their own at every opportunity!

The **Reading Bee** encourages Haslam Park children



To read before tea, after tea, in the garden, in your bed, before sleep, in the morning, indoors, outdoors, with grandma, with a friend, to read the newspaper, a comic, Roald Dahl, David Walliams, poems, in the car, on the bus, in the playground

PE/games kit : Please would you help your child to remember their PE kit. PE is an essential part of the school primary curriculum and wearing the right clothing and shoes is so very important. (for PE teal or white T-shirts, dark shorts & black pumps. For outdoor games trainers and plain tracksuit) All clothing must be named. (we have Sharpie permanent markers in school if you would like to borrow to mark any item, please ask at the office)

Dates for your calendar:

14.9.18	Year 6 residential
17.9.18	After school clubs begin
17.9.18	School Council meeting
24.9.18	"It's fun to read!" week
28.9.18	Macmillan coffee morning
4.10.18	School Council meeting
12.10.18	Harvest

Assembly themes: Our morning assemblies this term will focus very much on attitudes and attributes for learning – confidence, determination, positivity etc. We thought it might be useful to let you know just in case your child would like to talk to you about it.

Dinner money and Snack money: Please could we remind you that dinner money and snack money should be paid promptly every Monday, placed in a **sealed envelope** and handed to the class teacher. Loose money should not be handed over to the teachers. (please do not pay at the school office)

Outdoor coats: Sad to say the weather is changing. Could we ask all children to bring coats **every day**, as it can be very cold outside at break time and lunchtime. All clothing should be named, so that lost items can easily be returned to its rightful owner.



Reading in unusual places!!

If you see your child reading in an unusual place please would you snap a photo and send it to school via email. We are hoping to get some wild and wacky photos to display in school and would love your child to be there!

Safeguarding : In the interest of pupil safety, could we ask that if you need to collect your child during the day for an appointment that you meet them in the entrance hall near to the office.

We are delighted to have been asked to support Haslam Park School this term. With Mr.Marriot, Mrs Kempster, the senior leadership team &all staff we will work hard with your children to ensure they enjoy school and make good progress in their learning. The headship post has already been advertised and we are hopeful that many teachers will apply and that the Governors will be able to appoint a head teacher to start in January. In the meantime, please contact school if you have any queries or indeed concerns. We will be only too pleased to help you.

Please would you share this newsletter with the children. We look forward to seeing you in school and at our school events too!

Yours sincerely,

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