



Hayeswood First School

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Dear Parents,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see term dates attached.

Welcome back to a new school year. We are looking forward to our new Frogs joining us next week but would also like to welcome some children who have joined other year groups – Joseph and Toby in Y4 and Lizzie in Y3.

January

Hopefully you will all have had a chance to read the letter from Liz West regarding Mr Turrell's appointment as Executive Headteacher following my retirement at Christmas. I feel that this is a very positive move for Hayeswood. Apart from his extensive experience as a headteacher, Mr Turrell is a key member of Wimborne Academy Trust and these factors will ensure that standards at Hayeswood are retained seamlessly. The staff already know Mr Turrell and have worked closely with his staff since joining the Trust. Mrs Fairman and Mrs Richardson will continue to share the Deputy Head's role. We will all be working regularly with Mr Turrell throughout this term to enable him to have a really good working knowledge of our school and current systems, many of which are already the same as at Colehill First School due to our work as an academy trust. We are very lucky to have outstanding teachers and support staff at Hayeswood and I am pleased to know that when I leave the school will continue to go from strength to strength and weather any changes in education as we always have done, ensuring the best outcomes for the children.

Class meetings / website pages

This year we are not holding class information meetings but will put the topic information along with day to day organisational items e.g when the children need P.E kits, onto the class pages on the school website. These should all be in place by early next week.

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Maths information evening – Wednesday 10th October at 6pm

We will however, be holding a maths information evening for parents. The aim is to give you a better understanding of how we teach maths using the Maths No Problem scheme, how we assess and the kind of activities that the children are engaging in on a daily basis. Hopefully this will also give you practical support with the calculation strategies that your child is using.

Water bottles / drinks in lessons

Following discussion with a parent this week, I thought it would be good to clarify the matter of children's access to water during the school day. We firmly believe that we all, including the children need to keep hydrated by drinking adequate amounts of water during the day. The aim is that each child has a water bottle which they bring into the classroom every day and that needs to be in addition to those in lunchboxes for those children who have packed lunches.

The children are encouraged to have a drink at least a break times and after physical activity. They are also able to help themselves to water during lessons except when they are sat on the carpet for inputs as this can be very disruptive to the discussion. We do not allow them to have bottles on the tables while they are working for obvious reasons! While we encourage the children to drink and often talk to them about the importance of water, we cannot force them so please continue to give your reminders at home.

Cake Sales

Our Autumn cake sales will begin with Badgers (Y4) on September 21st. For those of you who are new to our school, cake sales are held at the end of the school day, on a Friday either in a classroom or on the playground, depending on the weather. These are fundraising events and the idea is that the parents from the class donate cakes – cupcakes or anything which can be sold as individual units – homemade or bought, and then you buy them. These events are always very successful and really help us to buy resources for classes.

The dates are:

21 st September	Badgers
28 th	Hedgehogs
5 th October	Squirrels
12 th	Rabbits
19 th	Frogs

If you are happy to help set up and run the sale for your class, please let the teacher know.

Ruby in Hedgehogs has been making pompom keyrings to raise money for Save the Children and will be selling them at the class cake sale. If any other Hedgehogs would like to add to her efforts, please let us know.

Harvest Donations

We will be holding our Harvest assembly on Monday 8th October. As last year we are collecting for Routes to Rots, the Poole charity that supports homeless people. We would be grateful for donations of toiletries, hats, gloves and scarves.



Parent Consultations

Tuesday 16th October – All classes

Wednesday 17th October – All classes

Thursday 18th October – Rabbits and Frogs.

The sign up sheet will be coming out on Parentmail on Monday 8th October.

Thank you in advance for supporting us in so many ways in the coming term. As always, if you have anything you would like to talk about or ask, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or see me in the playground.

Yours sincerely,

P. Gerrett

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