



NEWSLETTER 1

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real joy to welcome the children back to school. All of our pupils, both those new to school and those returning to us, have made a really positive start, settling well in their new classes. A special welcome goes out to every one of our new pupils and their families: we hope that you already feel part of the Hayeswood First School family! This is the first of our monthly Newsletters: please check that you have signed up to ParentMail to receive all communications from school. If you need any help or advice with this, do contact the school office team, who will be happy to help.

We hope that parents / carers have by now met their child's new teacher/s for the coming year either at the online meetings for new Reception parents or the Meet the Teacher afternoons for years 1 to 4. If you have any queries, however small, please email office@hayeswoodfirstschool.net marking your email FAO your child's class teacher. Alternatively, questions can be posted on Tapestry (for Reception) or Google Classroom (years 1 to 4).

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Turrall
Executive Headteacher

Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan

In line with government guidance and our risk assessment we recently parent-mailed to you our Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan. This is an outbreak management plan that shares the actions we will take in school, should the number of positive cases substantially increase. The Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan is available [by clicking here](#).

Start and End of Day Routines

Just a reminder that the pedestrian gate in Cutler's Place is opened each morning between 8.35 and 8.55 am and the playground is staffed during that time. Any parents or carers on site after 8.55 a.m. should exit via the building and the main front door. Any pupil arriving after 8.55 or leaving before 3.15 will need to be signed in/out at the office window.

At the end of the school day, the playground gate will be locked at 3.25 p.m. Unless attending an after school-club, it is expected that all children will exit the site by then. Thank you for your support.

School Council

We welcome our **New School Council for 2021-22**. Well done to the following children on their successful election as School Councillors for the coming year:

Year 4: Freya, Isla, Rex, Callum and Emily

Year 3: Grace, Reuben and Jack

Year 2: Hetty, Ted and Clark

Year 1: Hettie, Harvey and Ella-Rose



Harvest Appeal 2021

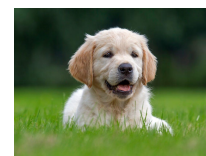
This year, Colehill and Hayeswood First Schools are supporting the work of the Bournemouth Churches Housing Association - BCHA. This is a charitable organisation which aims to address local housing needs and end homelessness in our local area. For more information you can visit the [BCHA website](#).

We would welcome a donation of one toiletry item (shampoo, shower gel or baby & child toiletries) per child on **Wednesday 6th October** - children can bring these into class with them. These will go directly to homeless people locally via BCHA.



Dogs On School Premises

Those parents new to our school may not be aware that the whole site is dog free, so if anyone is walking their dog up to school at drop off or pick up times, please note that dogs should not be brought onto school premises, even if they are being carried, for the safety of everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Parental Survey

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete our annual survey. We are currently analysing the results and are planning how to act on your feedback to further improve the school. Your positive comments were warmly welcomed by our staff team after all of the challenges of the past 18 months. We will keep you updated on future developments through this newsletter.

Children Starting Middle School in 2022

If your child is in year 4 now, and therefore due to transfer to Middle School in September 2022, you will need to **apply for a school place** through the local authority where you live. Applications have now opened.

You can apply online or download a copy of a paper form on the Dorset Admissions website [here](#).

Key Dates:

- **Closing date for applications: 15th January 2022;**
- **Offer date for places: 19th April 2022.**



Term and Holiday Dates 2021 - 22

Please note there is an additional day's holiday on Friday 22nd July to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Summer Term will therefore end on Thursday 21st July.

Autumn Term 2021	Spring Term 2022	Summer Term 2022
<p>Start: Monday 6th September Finish: Friday 17th December Half Term: 25 - 29 October</p> <p><i>Training Days:</i> <i>Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September Monday 1st November</i></p>	<p>Start: Weds 5th January 2022 Finish: Friday 8th April 2022 Half Term: 21 – 25 February 2022</p> <p><i>Training Day:</i> <i>Tuesday 4th January 2022</i></p>	<p>Start: Monday 25th April 2022 Finish: Thursday 21st July 2022 May Day: Monday 2 May 2022 Half Term: 30 May - 3 June 2022</p> <p><i>Training Day:</i> <i>Monday 6th June 2022</i></p>

HSA News: Forthcoming Event!!

All parents are warmly invited to a **welcome event** with drinks and nibbles in the School Hall on **Tuesday 5th October 7.30 - 8.30 pm**. This is an opportunity to meet the HSA Committee, and find out about how the HSA raises funds to support the children at Hayeswood. Please sign up at the School Office if you would like to come along, so we have an idea of numbers. New parents of children from Frogs class are especially welcome!

Thank you!

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