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NEWSLETTER 4th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been a pleasure seeing all the children in their uniforms, new school shoes and amazing smiles, I'm sure they have all grown so much during the 6 week holiday! A warm welcome to our new families, if you need help or advice please do not hesitate to pop in to see myself or Mrs Buckle. If you need to contact Mrs Bacon please either email or ring as I do not always get the class dojo messages straight away.

Class Meetings

There will be short class meetings this Friday 6th September for parents to get information from new class teachers about expectations, class routines and class homework. It is really important to come if you are at all able, however I appreciate that this is short notice. There will also be a letter home with this information for parents who cannot attend or if you would like to chat individually to a class teacher ask if they can book you a short time slot after school one evening next week.

All Year 1 and 2: 3:15 (Miss Hackett + Miss Woods) Foxes and Hedgehogs Class

Year 3 and 4: 3:30 (Mr Cooksley) Squirrels Class

Year 5 and 6: 3:45 (Miss Wallbridge) Badgers Class

You are very welcome to come and chat to the teachers or to Mrs Bacon after school any day, if however, the teacher has a club that evening, please come and book an appointment at the office for a more convenient time

Phonics Meeting

There will be a short meeting for year 1 Year 2 parents regarding phonics and spellings for the children in the coming year. The meeting will be Monday 9th September at 3:15 for about 15 – 20 minutes. You will have an opportunity to see some of the resources we will be using during their lessons and giving you some ideas on how to support your child with phonics and spellings. There will also be an opportunity to see what the Year One Phonics test looks like for the end of the year.

Attendance

I am sure you all have heard that the government are getting tough over attendance following the relax of rules after Covid. At school we have to follow the Gloucestershire guidelines for attendance. I just wanted to make you all aware that they are bringing in much tougher rules about fines, which we as a school do not control.

Uniform

It is such a pleasure seeing all of the children look so smart at the beginning of term. Thank you. Mrs Buckle has some uniform in her office that has previously been ordered, but also if you would like to order some please pop in to see her either at drop off or pick up times, or email if that is easier.

Can I remind everyone, shoulder length hair should be tied up and no jewellery please.

Hot School Lunches

The new menu will be released in November, for now we are still working to the summer menu. Children in Hedgehogs Class and Foxes Class are entitled to a free school lunch and children in Squirrels and Badgers classes need to pay for meals online. The children have a choice of 3 main meals and can choose on the day what they would like. A copy of the new menu will be added to the school website when it is released. Please encourage your child to take a school meal.

Thank you Parents, Friends and Teachers of Haresfield School

Thank you to the PTFA who have donated new book bags to all our new reception children, they will be coming home in the next few days. This is such a lovely way to welcome our new starters. We also will be raising money this year to buy new equipment for school, subsidise trips and hopefully organise a wow day for the children. Please support us in any way you can. I know there will be lots of things that you and your families will be invited to this year – dates to follow.

Allergies

If your child has an allergy please remember to ask Mrs Buckle for a form to fill in so that we are all aware of any need, please can you also check the date on existing inhalers so that the most recent one is in school in case it is needed.

After school clubs

We will be sending home clubs letters this week to start clubs after school next week beginning 9th September. We are hoping to provide a variety of clubs through the year and would appreciate any support from willing parents who may be able to help run a club with staff. I know there are many talented and enthusiastic parents here and I would love to be able to tap into your skills and expertise. There will be an opportunity for some junior children to go to horse riding lessons again on a Monday after school starting in a few weeks. (Max 8) This is organised through Cotswold Trail riding. We do not have the transport to the venue so we will need help taking the children there. If you are interested in riding lessons for your child, please speak to Mrs Bacon over the next few days.

Parent Helpers

We always need more help in school to listen to readers, join in with games. If any of you can spare some time we would be very grateful. Please come and speak to one of the teachers for more information. We ask parents not to work in the same class as their child as this often unsettles them.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – more information about events will follow when needed.

Friday 6th Sept	Class meetings – see above
Monday 9th September	Phonics and spelling meeting Year 1/2 parents 3:15
Friday 13th September	Woodland Classroom starts – timings to be confirmed
Friday 20th September	Phonics Meeting – Reception parents 3:15
Monday 23rd September	Horse riding club starts
Wednesday 2nd October	SCARF workshops at school
Friday 4th October	Possible Trip to Cheltenham Literacy Festival Y3 / Y4 + Y5 / Y6

Friday 11th October	Possible Cheltenham Literacy Festival Trip Y1 / Y2
Tuesday 22nd October	Parent evening meetings after school
Wednesday 23rd October	Parent evening meetings after school
Monday 28th October	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 4th November	All back in school
Wednesday 6th November	Open Afternoon – 1:30 visits for new reception Sept 2025
Monday 11th Nov	Anti bullying week - Choose Respct!
Wednesday 13th Nov	Open morning – 9:45 visits for new reception Sept 2025
Tuesday 26th November	Open Afternoon – 1:30 visits for new reception Sept 2025
Friday 6th December	Open morning – 10:00 visits for new reception Sept 2025
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper day Carols in the hall 2pm
	End of term
Monday 6th January 2025	All back in school
April 2025 (7th – 11th)	Residential Y5 and Y6