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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to school.

A special welcome to all of our new children and parents. Everybody is settling in really well and making new friendships which is lovely to see. There have been a few tears from some of the new children but that is not surprising under the circumstances so well done to everyone. It was lovely to see many of the new parents at the expectation meeting on Wednesday and I hope that all of your questions were answered. Please remember that I am always available if you have any worries or concerns.

This week we have all been busy settling back into school life and getting used to new routines. We have organised the new Reception classroom during the holidays which is now called 'Willow Class'. The Reception children will be using this space in the mornings for English and Maths learning with Mrs Tovell.

The new breakfast club room (Evergreen Room) has also been arranged during the holiday. I would like to say a BIG thank you to all of the staff and Governors who came in during their Christmas break to organise these new areas. ACORNS has now moved and will become part of Cherry Tree class every Monday and Wednesday morning. Thank you to Christy and all of the other parents who helped to organise this.

We had a visit this week from the Food Hygiene Standards Agency and Irene (our school cook) was awarded 5 out of 5 stars for her kitchen hygiene which is a great achievement. We are very grateful to Irene for all of her hard work and our delicious lunches!

You may not know, but we have a whole school focus on maths this year. We have organised a maths week starting on Monday 21st January. There will be a "Come to school dressed as a number" day on Wednesday 23rd January and on Friday 25th January we will have a maths enterprise day. Each class will be making and selling items which will be on sale in the school hall from 2:30 so everybody is welcome. If anybody would like to get involved in this, then please come and see me.

A polite reminder please about parking. The car park is a staff car park and should not be used by parents. This is purely for safety reasons as we would hate an accident to happen and a child hurt. Please park on the road or at the Wenn Evans centre as this is much safer for all of our children. Also, could everyone please try and shut the playground gates on their way in and out of school. On a number of occasions, the gates have been left open and little children have run out to the road. Thank you for your cooperation with these issues.

Also, please remember to check all of the 'Key Dates' for this term and to put them on your calendars or in your diaries. We do try to remind everyone with texts but it is also helpful if you plan ahead so that you know what is happening in school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Kate Mejri

Key Dates

Wednesday 23 January—Non-Uniform Wear a Number Day!

Thursday 24 January, 9am—Bag2School Collection

Friday 25 January, 2.30pm—Maths Enterprise Day

Friday 8 February, 4.30-6.30pm—New Years Movies and Munchies

Thursday 14 February, 9.00-10.00am—Horse Chestnut Family Learning

Friday 15 February—Last Day of Half Term

Monday 25 February—Term Restarts

Thursday 28 February—Horse Chestnut swimming starts

Wednesday 13 March, 4.30-6.30pm—Parents Evening

Friday 15 March—Red Nose Day

Monday 18 March—Class Photos and Y6

Monday 18 March, 3.30-5.30pm—Parents Evening

Thursday 4 April, 2.30pm—Easter Service, St Marys Church

Friday 5 April—Last Day of Spring Term

Beach School Status

Being a Beach School makes the most of the outdoor classroom that surrounds our nation. Outdoor learning has been growing steadily in the UK since the nineties, when the first Forest Schools began to emerge. Outdoor learning is said to boost not only academic performance, but also children's confidence, self-esteem, social skills and wellbeing.

We are delighted to offer an outdoor curriculum. With Happisburgh Beach on our doorstep it seemed an ideal opportunity to make visits all year. Forest Schools Education created the first accredited Beach School training programme for teachers five years ago. Mrs Heaps has recently completed this training enabling us to access the beach regularly. Our Beach School curriculum will cater for all children across the school.

Children will have the opportunity to extend their knowledge, understanding and learning in the natural environment. During these beach visits a wide range of fantastic, stimulating activities will take place which will enrich children's learning. Initially children are given time to explore the surrounding environment, priority is given to group discussions regarding boundaries, dangers and safety which are paramount to learning safely.

Staff carefully observe how children are learning through their individual interests and will scaffold and plan for their future development, stretching and stimulating curiosity.

Parents and Carers are encouraged to participate and join in with this wonderful experience. This is very beneficial to all involved and builds strong, meaningful links with families.

All activities are risk assessed prior to visiting the beach. These activities include exploration and collecting, camp building, rock pooling, fire building, also following the spontaneous interests of all the children.

Each child is unique and as such benefit in very different ways, these may include physical development, different forms of creative expression and imagination, furthering their knowledge, understanding and care of the local environment. It allows everyone to have the freedom to just be...

Service Pupil Premium

The DfE introduced the Service Pupil Premium (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face.

State schools which have children of service families in school years Reception to Year 11 can receive the SSP funding. In 2015, the premium was extended such that any pupil in Reception to Y11, who was flagged as a service child, will continue to receive the premium.

Please could you contact the school office by Tuesday 15 January if you are a current serving member of the Armed Forces or if you were a serving member of the Armed Forces in January 2011. Thank you.



Pastoral Support for pupils



& Friendship Club



Hello and welcome to all new parents and carers whose children have just joined us at Happisburgh. The transition into a new school can be a time of apprehension and anxieties; different classrooms, new teachers and different lesson formats. This anxiety extends to both pupil and parent who are eager that their child settles into their new school.

My name is Mrs Egerton and I have been working with children and families for the past 28 years. As a qualified mentor and coach I have a wide experience of supporting pupils through a range of emotional challenges such as transition, bereavement, friendship issues, understanding emotions, dealing with anger, behaviour for learning, low self-esteem and many other social and emotional areas they may need support in at any one time. I am also an experienced & qualified restorative justice practitioner and am able to support parents as a Solihull Parenting facilitator. The parenting sessions that have taken place over the last year have successfully supported both pupil and family.

Every Wednesday lunchtime, I run a pastoral friendship club. The children take part in art activities, such as painting, stencil art, collage work through to printing and fabric art work. We also play social skills games and there is a calm bean bag area for reflection & quiet reading with friends. It is also a calm and non-judgemental space for pupils to share any worries or fears they may have.

If you feel your child would benefit from joining friendship club or meeting 1-1 for social and emotional support, please do remind them it takes place for **pupils on Weds lunchtimes**.

If as a parent/carer you would like to discuss concerns or worries you may have for your child please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange a meeting with me.

I look forward to meeting you, Mrs Egerton.

Norse Menu Change—17 and 18 January



Due to the Spring census next week, the menu choices for Thursday and Friday have been swapped. Therefore it will now be as follows:

Thursday

Breaded Fish Fingers, Chips, Peas or Baked Beans or Golden Vegetable Goujons

Jacket Potato with cheese and beans

Fruity Flapjack

Friday

Chicken and Broccoli Pasta, Baton Carrots or Italian Bean Bake

Jacket potato with cheese and beans

Sponge pudding with sauce

Friends' News

The Friends wish everyone a very happy New Year and would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new parents whose children have joined the school this month. We would welcome any new faces wishing to help fundraise for the school and to become involved with Friends.

Our next big fundraiser will be the Easter Bingo event and we are currently looking for any donations for raffle and bingo prizes, so if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, now is the time to have a good sort out. More details on the Easter Bingo will follow. Anyone interested in joining the Friends or coming to one of the meetings should see chair Ms Debbie Woolsey who is in Silver Birch class. Friends also have their next meeting in the library / breakfast room straight after school on **Thursday, January 17**, please come and meet us!

New Year Movies and Munchies—Friday 8 February 4:30—6:30

There will be a New Year Movies and Munchies on Friday 8 February.

The tickets will be £4 in advance. These will be on sale from the School Office from Monday 14 January. It is important that we know numbers before the event as we will be serving hot dogs, pizza and other snacks and drinks during the evening.

We will be showing a PG rated film. We hope to see you there!



Attachments

- [Change4Life Booklet](#)

Attendance Award

Certificate of Achievement

This week awarded to:

Horse Chestnut Class 95.63%