

The HNB Rainbow



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The Newsletter For Easterside High Needs Base

The High Needs Base Team says:

Welcome back to school for our existing pupils and a warm welcome to our new starters who have joined us. It is lovely to have all of the children back in school and see how well they are settling in to the classroom routines. We hope you all had a lovely time over the Summer with your family and friends.

We are excited to get started this year! Our topic for this half term is based around the question 'Who is Important to me?'. We will be spending time strengthening relationships between the children and staff, exploring what interests your children and introducing the children to different provision areas available in class. In our communication and interaction sessions we will be focusing on our features, body parts and families. We will be encouraging all children to focus on their name writing and mark making skills, particularly formation of letters. In Numeracy, we will be looking at daily routines and days of the week before leading in to developing our recognition of numbers and counting amounts.

At Easterside, we value the importance of a regular and consistent routine, particularly when children first return to school. It has been lovely to see how well the children have settled into our class and we have already noticed how they are following our rules and routines.

Attendance to school is essential, however if your child is absent please ensure that you notify the school office. Transport is an external service to school and they may not always inform staff if a child is absent from the bus. We monitor attendance and punctuality across school on a daily basis ensuring consistency for all. Please be reminded that school starts at 9:00 for the HNB; if your child walks to school, please try to have them in on time. We understand that school transport is beyond our control and we cannot prevent the bus being late to school.

We will continue to keep you updated throughout the school year - this will be through the school APP, website and our home learning app 'Seesaw'. Look out for us sharing your child's achievements also on "Marvellous Me" (log in details for this will be sent in due course)

In the meantime, do not hesitate to ask a member of staff if you are unsure of anything.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Best wishes,

Kayla, Jen

&

The High Needs Base Team



Meet the Staff:



Kayla & Jen (classroom teachers)

Kelly, Sam, Kirsty, Arezoo, Amy & Clare
(teaching assistants)

Jen will be embarking on her teacher training this year and we wish her the best of luck with this! She will still be available in school throughout the year.

Any queries can be directed to a member of the High Needs Base if you need to speak to an adult at school.

Book Bags

Please ensure that book bags, home school communication books and reading packets are brought in to school every day. We will change reading books every week. Please encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week at home, if you share bed time stories or other reading material this can also be written in their reading diary.

Home Learning

All parents should have received a log in for our home learning app 'Seesaw'. Please download the app and log in on behalf of your child. Over time, we will begin to post learning tasks for your child if they are ready for home learning activities and also any useful resources. We also like to post weekly photographs of our children on Seesaw so you can see what we have been doing in class that week.

If you have any problems logging in please let us know.



Water Bottles

All children have access to their own school water bottle in class. This is filled up daily and children can request to have diluted juice added to this also. It is not necessary to send a water bottle in with your child unless they have a school packed lunch or will only drink out of a particular bottle.

PE

Our current PE day is on a **Wednesday** every week.

The school PE kit is a red or white plain t-shirt and black shorts. Children are to come to school in their PE kits for the day. However, with the changing weather, we would advise that children can also wear black or dark jogging bottoms or leggings and either their school jumper or a plain jacket/jumper for warmth if necessary.

Parent Consultation

We will be inviting you in to school this term to discuss how your child is settling in to the classroom, their progress and future targets. Further details of this will be sent out later in the term with a day/time that you are invited in to school.



Welcome to our New Starters!

A huge welcome to our new children who have just started this term in the High Needs Base. It is lovely to have you join our class!