**Newsletter**

**Autumn 1**

**2021**



**Welcome**

Welcome back to the Autumn Term and a very warm welcome to all the families who are new to our school. Hopefully this year we will be able to have parents back into school for special events, school plays and to see your child’s work. Our staff team are looking forward to seeing you again and meeting some of you properly for the first time.

I am sure we are going to have a superb academic year with lots of learning and fun.

**House Captains and House Vice Captains**

During the first week of the Autumn Term, we always choose our house captains and vice captains. This year their role will probably be very different than normal but they already have a very important task to do.

I am pleased to announce they are as follows:

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| **House** | **House Captain** | **Vice House Captain** |
|  | **Sebastian Ruse** | **Molly Gibbons** |
|  | **Willow Duffy-Monk** | **Millie Latraille** |
|  | **Lucas Jackson** | **Iona Paton** |
|  | **Annabel Elliot** |  **Amber Smillie**  |

Congratulations to these children; I am sure they will do a super job in their new role.

**Before and After School**

Thankfully we have returned to our normal timings for both dropping off in the morning and collection in the afternoon. These being:

**KS1**

The school gate will open at 8:40 and all parents are asked to come on the playground with the child. At 8:45 all of the Year 1 and Year 2 children will be able to go straight to their classrooms through their usual doors, these will close at 8:50.

Foundation children will be welcomed into school by the teachers at 8:50.

The KS1 gate will be locked at 8:55.

After school, the Foundation children will be sent to their agreed adult at 3:10 and Year 1 and Year 2 children will leave at 3:15.

**KS2**

The school gate will open at 8:40. Children and parents can them come onto the playground. There will be a member of staff on duty so parents are welcome to safely leave their child if they wish from this time.

At 8:45 all children will be able to walk to their classroom door and enter school unaccompanied by their parent.

If the weather is particularly bad, a member of staff will ask children to come into school as soon as they enter the playground at 8:40.

If you are waiting for the KS2 playground gate to open at 8:40, please be aware a member of staff will be collecting the children from the Castlethorpe bus and will need access for these children to come safely onto the playground.

Both of the KS2 playground gates will be locked at 8:55.

At 3:00 the KS2 playground gates will be open for parents to come onto the playground. KS2 children will be sent out at 3:15 once the bell has sounded.

**May I remind all parents that scooters and bikes are not to be brought onto the playground or locked against the school fences.**

**Dogs are not permitted on the school premises.**

**Macmillan Fundraising Events**

We will be holding Macmillan coffee events on **Thursday 23rd September**.

This year we have decided to invite all parents/carers from all the KS2 classes to come and have tea, coffee and a light breakfast together in your child’s classroom between 8:45 and 9:30 am. It will be lovely to see as many of you as possible.

Foundation and KS1 parents are invited to join us from 2:30 until 3:05 in Salcey Hall for tea and cakes.

There will not be a set price for the refreshments but we will be asking for donations.

More information will be sent out nearer to the time.

**Covid-19**

The DfE have removed the majority of Covid-19 measures from schools from the start of the Autumn Term. We will continue to hand sanitise, have well-ventilated classrooms and we will be following the DfE’s updated guidance regarding rules on self-isolation (for staff and students) which is as follows:

“Unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months, and fully vaccinated adults, are now no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19, including if they live in the same household.

Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. The government strongly encourages all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and so pupils and staff identified as close contacts should continue to attend school as normal.”

**School site and Expansion**

The new building is shooting up fast and moving into the new build this academic year is beginning to look like a reality. Fingers crossed, it still looks possible that the new building will be ready around Easter 2022. As I know more, I will keep you informed. Please bear with us as we work towards the move.

**School Uniform**

At the beginning of next week, we are having a crack down on uniform. At the moment the children look very smart and we wish this to continue. Please adhere to the uniform dress code. This can be found in your child’s Home School Book.

**Home School Books**

Please can all parents remember to sign the permission forms in their child’s Home School Book by Friday 17th September.

**Communication**

Whilst we continuously endeavour to do the very best for your child, we do not always get everything right. Please do tell me if this is the case. Please contact me, a member of our Leadership Team or your child’s class teacher if there is anything that we can do to support your child.

I am sure you are already aware of how to contact us by email, however below is a list of all the direct emails of our teaching staff:

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jenny.broughton@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk (UKS2 Leader returning at the end of October)

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**Christmas**

One of the highlights of the year is Christmas time at our school. Like you, we all look forward to our KS1 and KS2 productions. I am delighted to be able to say that we have already begun to plan and organise these. Please see the diary dates below.

 Due to the size of KS2, we are no longer able to have a whole key stage production in St James’ Church. This is due to the fact there will not be space for all the children and all the parents. Therefore, Year 5 and Year 6 parents will be invited to an Upper KS2 performance in the church and Year 3 and Year 4 parents will be invited to a Lower KS2 Christmas celebration/performance in school.

**Diary Dates**

*Details for key events will follow nearer to the time.*

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So that parents/carers can plan ahead I have included all known diary dates until the end of term. Details of each event will follow nearer the time.

**The dates and times shown here are accurate at the time of the publication of this newsletter but please note these could be subject to change; if this does occur we will endeavour to let you know as quickly as possible.**

 23rd Sep Macmillan Fundraising Events (please see above)

 24th Sep Non-uniform – School Fund

 18th Oct Parents’ Evening 3:30 – 6:00

 20th Oct Parents’ Evening 3:30 – 6:00

 21st Oct School Discos

 22nd Oct Last day of Autumn 1

 22nd Oct Non-uniform – School Fund

23rd Oct – 31st Oct **Half Term (Please note we return on Monday 1st November)**

1st Nov First day of Autumn 2

3rd Nov Individual School Photos

12th Nov Children in Need

 26th Nov Non-uniform – School Fund

7th Dec EYFS/KS1 Performance 9:30 am in Salcey Hall

8th Dec EYFS/KS1 Performance 9:30 am in Salcey Hall

9th Dec Lower KS2 Christmas celebration/Performance 9:30 am in Salcey Hall

10th Dec Lower KS2 Christmas celebration/Performance 9:30 am in Salcey Hall

14th Dec Upper KS2 Christmas Performance 9:30 am in St. James’ Hanslope

16th Dec Last day of Autumn 2

 Christmas Jumper Day (non- school uniform trousers/skirts)

16th Dec Christmas Carols and Mince pies 3:15 (All welcome on the KS2 playground – all children must be accompanied by and stay with an adult)

 **Christmas Holiday – Please note the children return to school on**

 **Tuesday 4th January 2022.**

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