



September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have made a great start to their term and classes have settled well. Thank you to all our families who have supported the children to be at school on time and ready to learn – it really makes a difference to the start of our day and helps all classes have a positive start to their learning each morning. Well done to class 6P who had our attendance award this week with a fantastic 99% attendance.

School Matters!



Rewards

We have a variety of reward systems in school to help encourage positive behaviour and attitudes in our children. These include Star of the week, reading rewards, name in the jar and team points for our junior house teams of Mitchell, Wedgewood, Bridgewater and Matthews. This term we have also introduced additional individual awards for children achieving 10, 20 and 30 team points for themselves each half term. These awards are cumulative and reward children for their individual good behaviour, positive attitude in lesson, kindness, resilience, effort and achievement. We look forward to giving out these rewards in our Friday celebration assemblies.



Harvest Collection

This year we will be supporting the Alice Charity with our Harvest donations. Please see the separate letter with information about the items for donation. Donations can be brought to

school from Monday 25th September to Friday 29th September. Thank you in advance for your support with this charity appeal.



Phonics information for parents in Y1

Mrs Descoteaux and Mrs Brown would like to invite the parents of children in Y1 to a phonics afternoon on Thursday 5th October at 2.10pm to help support families with their understanding of the way in which we teach phonics using the Read Write Inc scheme in Y1.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who attended the first PTFA meeting this term. The PTFA are a group of parents, teachers and friends of Hassell Primary who help and support the school with fundraising activities for our children. Anyone is welcome and we would be delighted to see new families and faces who would like to support our school. Help can come in many different forms: it might be helping at an event e.g manning a stall, doing a task at home (e.g making up sweet pots or wrapping presents), collecting gifts and donations, decorating the school hall for an event etc. We understand that we all have busy lives and people may not be able to commit to lots of things or maybe work commitments stop attendance at meetings. However, if you are able to help in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please let Mrs Broome know or give the office a call if you would like to be involved.

The next meeting is Tuesday October 17th at 3.05 in the Early Years classroom, to discuss the arrangements for the Halloween disco and form ideas for the Christmas Fair. We would love to see anyone who can help. There is also a Hassell PTFA Facebook page where you can get in contact and see further information – Hassell Community PTFA.

Our Values

We continue to focus with the children about the things that are important to us in school that impact on our learning. We have put our school values into the word 'LEARN' which help us to remember the following:

LEARN:

Love of learning – we become creative, independent learners for life.

Equality - we are all respected and valued as individuals.

Achieve – we have high aspirations for ourselves and others.

Resilient – We keep trying and never give up.

Nurturing – we care for each other and the world around us.

Well done to our Star of the week winners who have continued to demonstrated one of the values above

Diary Dates:

W/C 25th September – Harvest Festival Donations into school for the Foodbank and Alice Charity

26th September – European Languages Day

5th October – National poetry day

5th October – Y1 parents and family phonics activity in school 2,10 pm (see separate letter)

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER – INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Tuesday 10th October– World Mental Health Day – Own clothes day, details to follow

W/C 16th October – Recycling Week

17th October – PTFA meeting at 3.05 in the Early Years classroom

20th October – Show Racism the red card – own clothes day, details to follow

Thursday 26th October – Halloween disco – details to follow.

Friday 27th October – Flu immunisations

Half Term – Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November

MONDAY 6th November - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Tuesday 7th November – All pupils return to school.

If you have any questions or things you would like to discuss with staff, please feel free to talk to myself or the staff on duty in the mornings or give the office a ring leave your child's class teacher a message and they will get back to you as soon as possible. We are also available via the office email on office@hassell.staffs.sch.uk

Kind Regards

Kirsty Broome

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