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Henbury View First School

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Headteacher's Update

Thank you to all the parents who attended our meet the teacher meetings, the feedback from parents has been that there was a wealth of information. The PowerPoints from these meetings have been shared on our school website under the class pages if you were unable to attend.

It has been a really busy few weeks in school and the start of term already seems a long time ago! Firstly, we have been absolutely blown away by the children's continued efforts with their learning and their enthusiasm for learning, our children are always so keen to share their new knowledge. We look forward to sharing your child's learning with you in the next couple of weeks through our book shares and class shares (dates to the right for each class). This term our children have enjoyed sharing new texts in their English lessons which has inspired them as writers. We continue to promote our love of reading ethos within school through the texts we choose and ensuring that the children select books from the library that they would like to bring home.

During our weekly celebration assemblies, we have been raising the profile and importance of attendance, the children are really enjoy finding out which class has the best attendance each week. As you will be aware, children have a better chance to achieve their best if they attend school regularly. A few absences can quickly add up to a significant loss in learning time. For example, a child who ends the year with 95% attendance has been absent from school for the equivalent of 10 full days. I am delighted to share pupils arriving late at school has significantly improved this term which ensures that all pupils are ready to learn promptly at the beginning of the day.

Volunteering

There are lots of volunteering opportunities across the school supporting children with their learning. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact the office and pick up a form-a DBS check will be required for all volunteers.

School Pick Up

If someone different is collecting your child, please ensure that the class teacher is aware at drop off in the morning. If it is a late change, please call the school office in plenty of time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th October—Harvest Festival
1.45pm (F, 1, 4) and 2.45 pm
(2, 3, 4) at the school.

Friday 7th October—school
Disco

Inset day 10th October 2022

12th October—Year 3 Parent
share 2.30 pm

20th October—Year 4 Parent
share 2.30pm

20th October—Foundation,
Year 1 and Year 2 parent book
share in the classroom 3.30pm

Half Term 24th to 28th
October 2022

8th and 10th November—
Parents evenings all year
groups.

Christmas Holiday Monday
19th December—Monday 2nd
January.



Please note the coffee
morning on October 5th has
been changed to October
12th.

School Phone Number

Please note the school telephone number for parents to call is 01202 659179. This is sometimes shown as 178 when the school places a call to you, this number will not work to dial in to the school.

Parking information

There has been an increase in parking issues around the school over the last few weeks, these include double parking, blocking the road and inconsiderate driving.

We would ask all parents to please drive considerately in the vicinity of the school for the safety of the children and our community. Please consider our neighbours by not parking across driveways or double parking. Please do not drive onto the site for drop offs/pickups, this is only available to after school providers who are dropping off/picking up multiple children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Harvest Festival

Our school Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday October 5th at 1.45 pm in the School Hall. We look forward to welcoming you into the school to share in this special celebration.

We would remind parents that due to space restrictions in our school hall we have made the decision to hold two assemblies and request that only one adult attends per child. As our year 4 pupils will be in both assemblies, we ask that the year 4 parents choose between the two assemblies.

First Assembly is 1.45 pm – Foundation, Year 1 and Year 4. Second Assembly is 2.45 pm – Years 2,3 and 4.

We will be collecting food for the Corfe Mullen Foodbank.

If you would like to donate food, we will be collecting tinned/packet foods from Mon 3rd October at the office. Please ensure that items are in date. We are unable to accept fresh food.



School Tours for new parents

We are currently offering a number of dates for school tours for children that will be starting school in September 2023. Please contact the school office to book one of the dates and times below:

- Tuesday 11th October @ 9:30am
- Friday 4th November @ 9:30am
- Wednesday 9th November @ 2pm
- Tuesday 6th December @ 9:30am
- Tuesday 6th December @ 2pm

Safeguarding/Child Protection Issues

Safeguarding/Child Protection

Henbury View First School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

If you have any concerns, please contact the following people through the school office:

The designated child protection/safeguarding officer is: Mrs Sally Wall, Headteacher.

Our Family Support Worker is: Mrs Sharon Saunders