



HODGE HILL

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 4

Inset days



The following dates are when the school is closed to children but staff will be accessing training.

Friday 25th October

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 31st March 2025

Tuesday 1st April 2025

Monday 9th June 2025

Friday 4th July 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

End of Autumn term 1



School finishes for October half term on Thursday 24th October at 3.25pm Pupils must attend on Thursday. After School Club will be available until 5.30pm and if it is pre booked.

To celebrate a successful first 8 weeks of the year, children can wear their own clothes to school. All clothing must be suitable for the weather and in particular the colder temperature, footwear needs to be still appropriate for school activity and no jewellery other than close earrings and a watch.

Before and After school club



We do offer Before and After school club but this is a chargeable service.

From 4th November there will be a slight change to arrangements.

Parents are asked to book their child onto either Before School, After School or both **BEFORE** the day they need support. This can be done using the MyChildAtSchool app.

Before School Club will be available from 7.50am until 8.30pm and will cost £4 for the first child and then £2 for the second and any more children in the family.

After School Club will be available. The costings are:

First child	3.45pm-4.45pm	£6	4.45pm-5.30pm	£4.50
Second child +	3.45pm-4.45pm	£3	4.45pm-5.30pm	£2.25

Please book your child onto the club or clubs you need at least the day **BEFORE**. Payment will be taken when you book. Our Admin Team are contacting parents with sessions that haven't been paid for. I ask Parents not to be offended but school has to cover its costs. The new costings will take effect from Monday 4th November.

The supervision the school offers on a Friday between 2pm and 3.25pm is not charged and is offered to families who can provide evidence that both parents work on a Friday, parents are in full time education on a Friday or a combination of both.

Dinner money



As we are coming to the end of our first half term, the Admin Team will be contacting families who have unpaid amounts for school dinners that school has provided. Failure to pay will lead to school asking parents to provide a packed lunch for their child/children until the debt is settled.

Pupils in Reception, Year1 and Year 2 all receive a school meal paid for through Government funding.

Pupils in Years 3,4,5 & 6 can buy a school dinner by booking it through our app MyChildAtSchool. The price of a school meal is £2.50 per day.

Low income families may be eligible for support. If you are unsure if your family are eligible or think that you are, please speak to a member of the Admin Team who will be able to complete a simple and confidential check.

Adult conduct on site

Since September we have had a couple of incidences where an adult has approached a pupil on the playground or an adult has approached the adult of another child to discuss an alleged incident. This started at the end of the Summer term. This has never been permitted by the school and cannot continue to happen.

If you have a concern about your child we ask that you contact the Class Teacher in the first instance. This can be either by approaching the teacher and asking for a meeting or a phone call. You can email the teacher via enquiry@hodgehill.create.org.uk

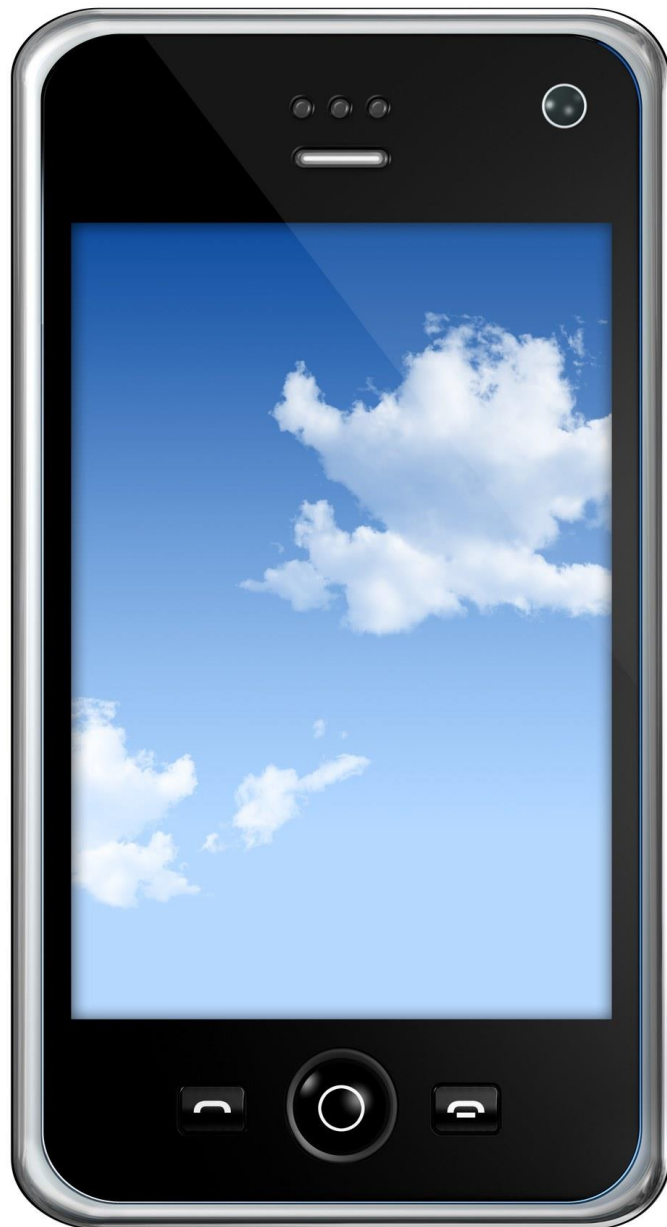
The class teacher will investigate your concern and update you. If further action is needed, this will be referred to the Year Group Leader.

If further action is needed, this will be referred to the Phase Leader who is an Assistant Headteacher - Miss Brandon, Mrs Darnley, Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Povall.

If further action is needed, this will be referred to the deputy Headteacher or Headteacher.

School are reminding parents not to approach other children or other adults about a concern. This could lead to an adult being banned from accessing the site.

Use of mobile phones



Just to remind adults, including our young people from our secondary schools, that the use of mobile phones when on site is not allowed. We ask for any phone calls to be finished as you enter the site. Duty teachers will be asking anyone they see using a phone to stop - this is not to cause offence but to ensure everyone is kept safe.

Diwali



We are very excited ahead of our Year 2 classes presenting our celebration of Diwali. The assemblies will be performed to parents on Thursday 7th November at the following times:

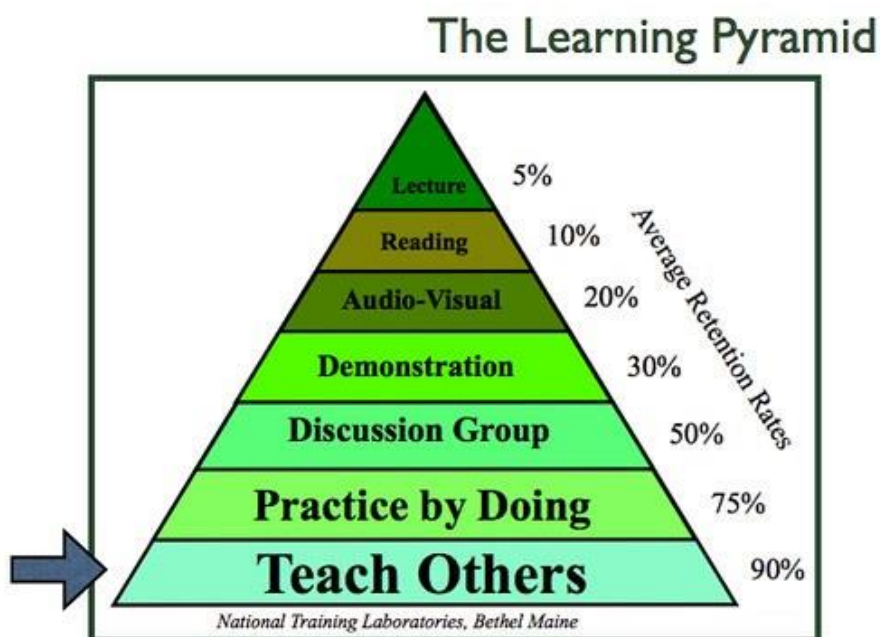
9am 2F in KS1 hall

2.30pm 2M in KS1 hall

2.30pm 2A in KS2 hall

We hope to see as many parents as possible to celebrate with us the Festival of Light.

Adult Education course offer



Adult Education Programme. Functional Skills Course .Hodge Hill Primary School.

I am pleased to be able to offer you an opportunity to enrol on a fourteen-week course designed to improve your English and Maths skills. This brand-new course from Eagles Consultancy will support you to gain a qualification in Functional Skills. The course's aims are to improve your skill set and to enable you to support your child with their school / homework.

Classes will be once per week and will be approximately two hours long. Classes will be held at Hodge Hill Primary school.

A leaflet from Eagles Consultancy is available on the school website.

If you think that this is something that you might be interested in or would like some further information please speak to Mr Clayton.

Fun times

During half term, why not these game ideas. Have fun!

Pasta Games: [Pasta Games](#)

Get creative with different types of pasta! Challenge yourself and your family with games like pasta jousting, pasta darts, or even pasta art. It's a fun way to spend time together and showcase your creativity!

Swing Knockout: [Swing Knockout](#)

This exciting game requires just a few simple items:

- A pair of old tights or football sock

- Some fruit (like an orange or apple)
- A few simple household objects (like tins and cereal boxes)

Set up your “swing” and challenge yourself to knock down the objects! It’s a fantastic way to get everyone involved and have some fun.

Happy Holidays



Finally, thank you for your support since September. The year is certainly going quickly. All of us at Hodge Hill hope that you have a safe and happy half term holiday and **we will see you again on Monday 4th November.**