



HODGE HILL

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 5

INSET DAYS



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

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



To support our parents with end of term arrangements, on Friday 20th December school will end as usual at 1.50pm but there will be NO FRIDAY CLUB ON OFFER and NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB. We ask for parents to make alternative arrangements for this day only.



Dates to Remember



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Autumn 2 is a very busy time of year. Here are some important dates for you to note

Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 13th November	Individual and family photographs
Thursday 14th November	Reception classes eye tests 9am Class 3W Remembrance assembly to parents 2.30pm Class 3A and Class 3K Remembrance assembly to parents
Monday 25th November	Year 4 Adopt a Chef session 1
Tuesday 26th November	Year 4 Adopt a Chef session 1
Wednesday 27th November	Flu Immunisation in school
Monday 2nd December	Pantomime after school Jack and the Beanstalk
Tuesday 3rd December	Pantomime after school Jack and the Beanstalk
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Dinner - open to all pupils including those who usually have packed lunch prices to be sent
Wednesday 11th December	Reception classes to perform the Nativity story to parents: 9am and 2.30pm
Thursday 12th December	Reception classes to perform the Nativity story to parents: 9am and 2.30pm
Thursday 12th December	Festive Jumper day
Monday 16th December	Assemblies led by Reverend Al and reverend Gloria
Monday 16th December	Christmas parties and non uniform day for Years 3 & 4 only
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas parties and non uniform day for Years 5 & 6 only
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas parties and non uniform day for Reception only
Thursday 19th December	Christmas parties and non uniform day for Years 1 & 2 only
Friday 20th December	End of term. School ends at 1.50pm NO FRIDAY OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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.

Parking



Living near a school has lots of benefits but also some challenges and in particular at the start and end of the day.

We have had complaints from our neighbours in both of our nearby closes - Twycross Grove and Greystoke Avenue about how badly vehicles are being parked causing residents to not be able to access their own properties and to carry on with their usual day.

I am asking all of our parents and carers who use a vehicle to bring and collect children to and from our school to be considerate of each other and our community. To drive a vehicle it is assumed that the driver has passed both the theory and practical sides of the driving examination so we all come from a place of knowledge.

Anti bullying week and choose respect



Next week is Anti-bullying week and our NHS partner COMPASS will be visiting school to deliver assemblies to our children.

Teachers will also be delivering an assembly about choosing respect. More details about this is being sent to parents via email and in the form of a poster. We hope that you find this useful interesting and enables you to support your child in their understanding.