Welcome to Hamworthy Primary Schools

Reception 2025 Information Meeting







Every Child, Every Day, Every Possibility

Information to share today:

- School staff: Who's who & Reception classes
- Our ethos, values & approaches
- The curriculum in Reception
- Parent key aspects- attendance, uniform
- School communication systems
- Lunch and playtimes
- Extended day care
- Additional school funding
- Getting it right from the start…





Leadership Team: Who's who



Mrs Hill
Executive Headteacher
of the Federation



Mrs Coulter
Deputy Head.



Mrs Williams
Head of Schools



Mrs Haylock
Assistant Head

Mr Rogers
Assistant Head



Other Key Staff



Andrew Pickavance

SENCO



Kayleigh Atwill

Reception Year Leader



Pastoral Team



Toby Farrow
Operations Manager



Lucy Mitchell
Office Manager



Julie Allen
Office Assistant



Sheran Old
Administration & Attendance

Office & Business Team

Reception Classes



Jellyfish



Turtles



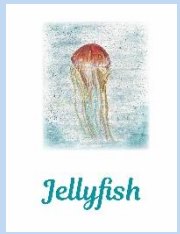
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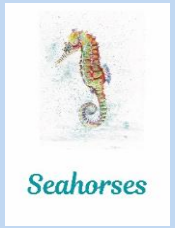


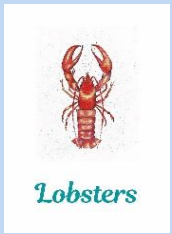
Lobsters

Reception Teaching Team











Miss Atwill

Reception Year Leader



Ms Witherby



Mrs Gardner



Miss Allen



Miss Watson

Twin Sails Infant School & Nursery and Hamworthy Park Junior School –

Hamworthy Primary School Federation

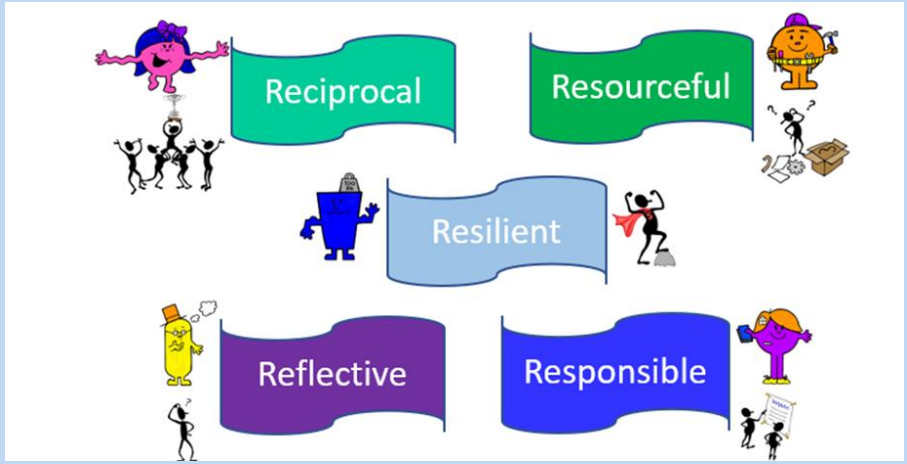
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Our ethos:

A happy, caring, nurturing school where:

- **every child** is valued and supported for their uniqueness
- **every day** we provide high quality education, safeguarding and care – for all our children
- enabling our children to develop a mindset and understanding of the many **possibilities** in school and for their bright future.

Alongside this we believe **every child** should develop key learning skills that will enable them to flourish at school and beyond. These are known as our **5Rs**



We want our children to leave us feeling as confident individuals, ready for the next stage of their education, inspired by the opportunities that their adult life will bring.

Our Positive Behaviour Ethos: Be Brilliant!



The Early Years Curriculum



The EYFS Curriculum starts from birth until the child is 5 years old.

Prime Areas
Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
Physical Development.
Communication and Language.

Specific Areas
Literacy
Mathematics
Understanding the World
Expressive Arts and Design

Early Learning Goals (ELGs)



One of the most important aspects of the EYFS Curriculum is reading. We teach reading through phonics and use a scheme called Little Wandle to deliver this. Phonics is taught as a stand a lone session on a daily basis.
We will invite you all to a meeting in September to explain this in more detail.



Positive Partnerships and Communication

We value our relationships with our Parents. You know your child best and embedding a positive partnership between home and school enables the children to flourish.

We have an open door policy – we are always available to talk things through- don't let any small issues build. (The end of the day is always easier!)

You can also catch the class teacher at the end of the day or speak to the Senior Leadership Team who are usually on the school gates at the start of the day.

Each class has an email, which the teacher will check when they can throughout the school day (but this won't be during teaching time). However, please contact the office initially.



Partnerships and communication





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Turtles - turtles@hamworthyprimaryschools.co.uk
Seahorses - seahorses@hamworthyprimaryschools.co.uk
Lobsters - lobsters@hamworthyprimaryschools.co.uk
(For more sensitive or urgent communications, please ring, or email the school office.)

- Communication from school will be sent via email. (We must therefore always have your up to date email address). Letters etc are also put onto the website.
- If your child is being picked up by someone new, please email or ring the school office, as we can not let children go home with adults who are not on your contact list. (Please keep the office informed of any changes to your details)
- MCAS (My Child At School) is an app which enables you to make payments for school trips and book and pay for wrap around care. You will get a link to set this up at the start of the term.
- Other key information can be found on our Federated school website -Hamworthy Primary Schools.
- The current Reception curriculum and information about the year group can be found in the Reception Class Pages, under 'Key Information.'
- There is also a section on our website titled 'New Families' with lots of key information for you.

Transition

- After this meeting, transition begins. On either the 8th or 9th July, from 3.15- 3.45, you will be invited to a drop in session to meet the new teacher and see the classroom
- The first week in September begins with a staggered start, to enable the children to have a calm first day and enable the teaching team to get to know the children. This will be for the morning only, with parent-teacher meetings in the afternoon. Half the class start on the 4th & half on the 5th September.
- On the 8th September, all children will be in school from 8.30-12pm.
- On the 9th September, all children will stay until lunch, 8.30-1pm.
- On the 10th September, children will be in full time.
- The teachers will be getting to know your child over the first few weeks and continuously observing and interacting with them.
- Within the first 6 weeks of starting Reception your child will be participating in the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA), which is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's on entry early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. It is statutory for all schools to complete.



Standards & Testing Agency

Uniform

Please ensure that every item of your child's uniform is named.

We encourage our children to be independent, so please make sure their shoes are ones that they can take off and put on by themselves.

Blue school sweatshirt with school logo

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore

Yellow polo shirt with school logo

Blue or yellow checked or striped summer dress

White, black or grey socks

Black school shoes (not extreme fashion shoes, open toed sandals, boots or sports trainers)

Plain hair accessories should be in school colours only.



PE Kit

PE kit can be a yellow or blue t-shirt with black shorts. The t-shirts can also be purchased from a supermarket. It is not necessary for you to provide your child with trainers in September.

Please wait until your child's teacher asks you to purchase them.

We will let you know when PE days are in September.

Hair must be tied up and earrings taken out.



Involvement with other Professionals

It is vital that we know key information about your child before they start at the school. Please speak to one of us or if you prefer, make an appointment, or email the school office with any important information, regarding support your child may have been receiving from:

- The Early Years SEND team
- The speech and language team
- The NHS- e.g. for a paediatric referral (CDC) or for a known medical condition
- Early Help
- Social Care

If your child has a medical condition, or allergy, please ensure you have filled in the form at the back of the room, but also let one of us know today. You will also be able to discuss this with the Teacher at your meeting in July or September.
If medication has to be administered in school, this has to be signed in and out termly with the teacher.



Drop off and Pick up

- Drop off is from 8.30 until gates close at 8.45. You will be able to drop your child at the Reception gate, (or, to begin with, the door!)
- There is very limited parking at drop off onsite, in the layby on the Twin Sails driveway. Once children are in **Year 2,** they can be dropped off at the roundabout- but they must be taken to their gate in Reception and Year 1 .
- If your child scoots or cycles to school, please ensure they dismount once on the school grounds, to ensure the safety of all children and adults. There are places to park scooters & bikes if you wish to leave them until pick up.
- The staff car park is for staff and visitors only.
- At pick up, the school site is closed to cars, for the safety of our children. Entry to park in the layby is strictly for blue badge holders only.

Lunchtime & Snack time

- Healthy snacks are supplied for all children daily- fruit and vegetable snacks are delivered for all children.
- If you would like your child to have milk, it is free, (officially until they turn 5) however, you will need to complete the online form.
- Chartwells supply the ingredients for our lunchtime meals, and they are then cooked freshly on site. In Reception and KS1, all children are given a free meal. If you wish your child to have a packed lunch, however, please send them in with a lunchbox.
- As you are unable to book meals initially, we will order and cook meals for the children for the first few weeks. Their class teacher will ensure they get the meal they would like to eat.
- It is important that you inform the school of any dietary requirements or allergies. Please indicate this on the admissions forms emailed to you, and also let the teacher know at your meeting in September.





Extended Care Offers

Wrap Around Care:

- Both schools have a breakfast club 7.30am -8.30am, which currently costs £4.10
- Both schools have after school club 3.00pm-5pm, which currently costs £8.20
- These clubs are run by our school team and include food and activities
- You will be able to book these clubs through MCAS.

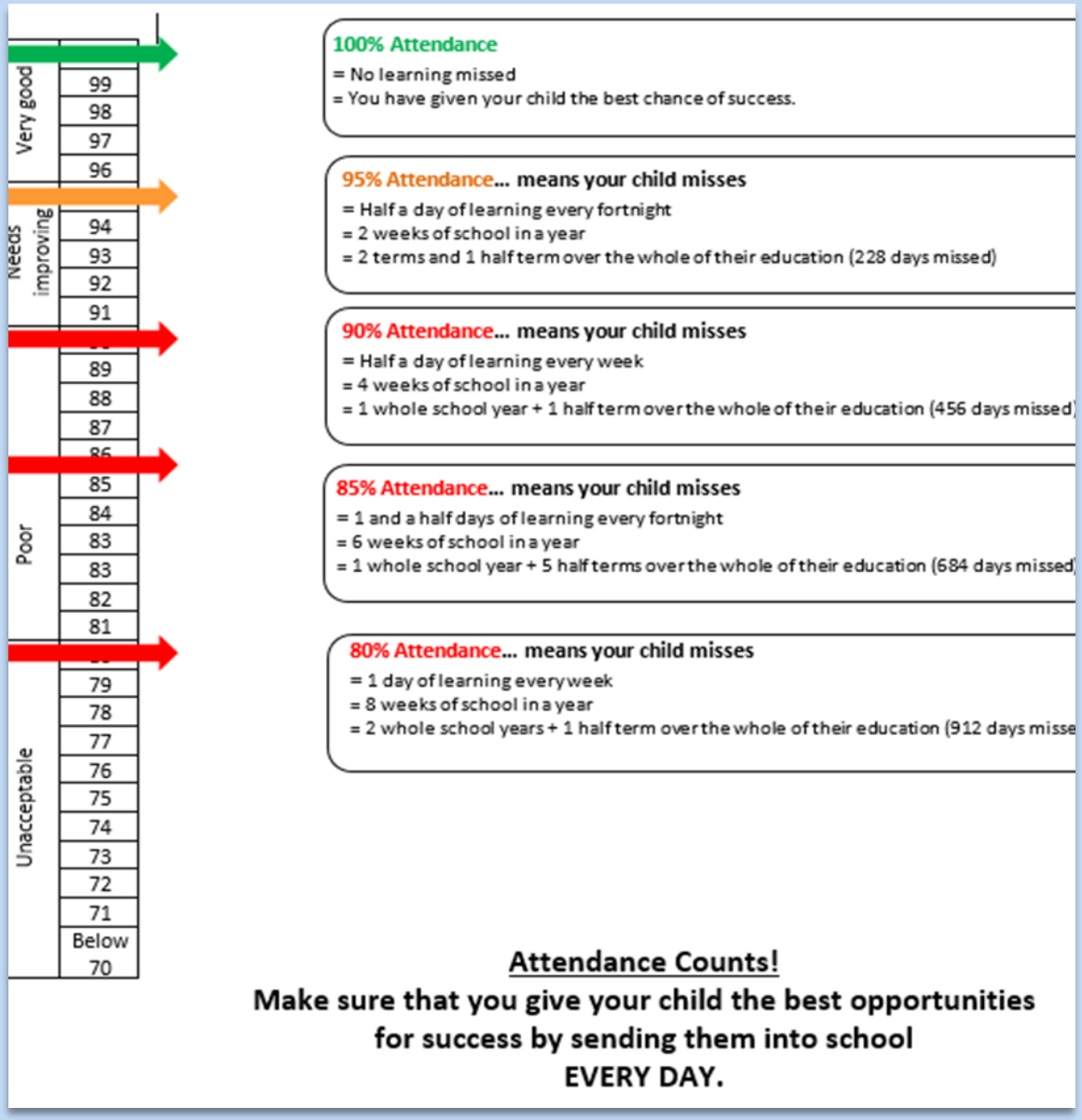


Holiday Club:

- CASA also provide holiday clubs on the school site.

Attendance

- Attendance is a national priority, as well as a key priority for our school.
- All children deserve the right to attend school regularly to ensure they are able to access the full education offer, which enables them to achieve their potential.
- As a school, we are highly committed to working together with families to provide support to ensure all our pupils' attendance is good
- We monitor attendance every 3 weeks, as it is our duty to highlight to parents the relationship between attendance and achievement – we do this with supportive conversations, texts, a letter or an invite to a meeting.



Attendance



Therefore, to give your child the best opportunity in school, **please**:

- Bring them in on time! Being late makes children feel different, and can create worry and anxiety
- Phone in every day to let us know if your child is too unwell to attend. Only keep them at home if they have sickness/ diarrhea or a temperature
- Holidays in term can not be authorised by the school –however, complete a holiday form so we know where your child is and that they are safe – as your children will let us know what a great time they had!
- If your child has any worries about coming to school, please let your class teacher know, so that we can work together to support them to build confidence and ease about attending everyday.

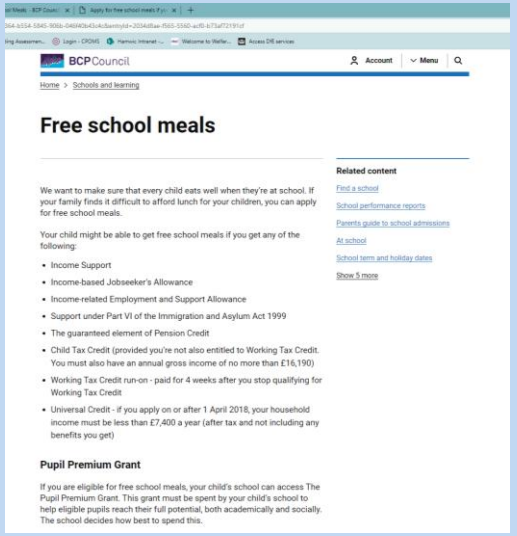
Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil premium is funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils.

- Schools receive £1385 per child to improve outcomes for eligible pupils
- For children in care, schools receive additional funding to support them.
- Most funding goes towards further embedding high quality teaching & learning approaches across the schools, as well as:
  - Interventions
  - Resources
  - Pastoral support
  - Enrichment – music, clubs, wrap around care, financial support towards trips
  - Financial support- e.g. vouchers



Pupil Premium Eligibility



Your child might be eligible for Pupil Premium funding if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit. You must also have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think you might be eligible, please apply through admissions plus, or speak to our Office Manager, Lucy Mitchell, who will be pleased to help.

Other Funding & In-School Support

- **Service Funding**: State schools receive SPP funding for children of service families. This is designed to assist the school in providing the additional support that these children may need and is currently worth £335 per Service child who meets the eligibility criteria. Eligible schools receive the SPP so that they can offer mainly pastoral support during challenging times and to help mitigate the negative impact on Service children of family mobility or parental deployment

- **EAL (English as an additional language):** In-school support and funding is available for pupils for the first 3 years they are in school if more than 1 language is spoken in the home. We work with the Portsmouth Ethnic Minority Support Team to provide a strategy which supports EAL children and families.

The Local Governing Committee

Being a school governor or trustee is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. Our Governors have the chance to make a real difference to our school, give something back to the local community and use and develop their skills in a board-level environment.

What do governors do?
Make sure money is well spent
Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

Our current Local Governing Committee in Hamworthy is made up of Governors with a variety of backgrounds, skills, and experiences.

Elections for parent Governors will be held in September



Next Steps….

- Each family has been invited to come to an after school session to look around the Reception area and meet the team, on either the 8th or 9th July.
- Please ensure that you complete the enrolment forms, vis the link sent in the initial email. (If you need any help, please contact the office)
- If you think you may be eligible for PP, service or EAL, ensure you have filled out the paperwork/ or indicted on your online forms

