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Hauxton Primary School Newsletter

THIS HALF TERM OUR VALUE IS RESPECT

Note from Mrs Hurworth

As I sit in my office and listen to a group of children learning to recite Edward Lear's The Owl and the Pussycat poem, I am again inspired by the children's enthusiasm for learning and thirst for knowledge.

It is well documented that children thrive when school and home work in partnership to support them in their learning. I was therefore delighted to see so many of you at the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday (despite the dreadful weather!) I appreciate that some of you were unable to attend due to work and other commitments so thought it may be helpful to share my presentation with you. This will be emailed out shortly.

Good communication is vital to productive relationships and, for this reason, I am inviting all parents to share their views on our current communication methods. I am committed to ensuring that communication is timely and relevant and will try my best to ensure this is the case. An electronic survey will be emailed to you in the next few days to gain your views on our current communication methods and the level of correspondence received.

The survey will also ask for your input in reshaping the vision and values of the school in order that we can continue to be 'the best that we can be' in line with the school's motto. At present, we have twelve values and would like to reduce down to a more memorable three or four that are really relevant and reflect the ethos of the school. I look forward to reading your thoughts.

One final piece of correspondence I will be sharing with you is the Home/School Agreement which you would all have received when your child started at Hauxton Primary School. Appreciating that it may be a while since you have seen this document, I would ask that you refresh yourself with contents of the parent/carer section and encourage you to share the pupil section with your child. This document sets out the 'non-negotiables' which, with the commitment of staff, pupils and parents will help the children to make the most of their time in school.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a lovely weekend and to say congratulations to the children of Kingfishers who have completed their first full week in school. Their self-portraits on the wall in the classroom are wonderful!

Helen Hurworth

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CLUBS

Tuesday
Hockey Club (Mrs Cooke)
COMING SOON!

Wednesday
Multi Sports Club
KS1
3:15pm to 4:15pm

Thursday
Multi Sports Club
KS2
3:15pm to 4:15pm

Friday
KS2 Running Club (JS Sport & Education /Mrs Hurworth)
8am to 8.45am

DIARY DATES

Half Term Holiday
23rd – 27th October

Teacher Training Day
30th October—SCHOOL CLOSED

Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 1st November

Open Classrooms for
parents/carers
Friday 3rd November 2.30pm—3.00pm

Remembrance Assembly led by
Skylarks
Friday 10th November—time TBC

Children in Need 'wear spots' day
Friday 17th November

Diwali House Day
Monday 13th November

Carol Service, St Edmund's Church
Friday 8th December 6pm

EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Friday 15th December 2.15pm

Last Day of Term
Wednesday 20th December

Lots of new dates for your diaries.
Further details about events will follow
in due course.

“Being the best we can be.”

Safe travel to school

It is lovely to see so many of the children walking, scooting and cycling to school. We are very lucky to be situated in a quiet residential area, away from main roads and articulated traffic. However, I am very conscious that the narrow roads around the school and limited car parking can cause difficulties for parents who have no option but to drive their children to school.

As the days shorten and the nights draw in please ensure that bikes have lights and that children wear helmets and bright clothing. Remind children when scooting to remain on the path, be considerate to pedestrians and to consider wearing a helmet. I will lead a whole-school assembly when we return to school after half-term to remind them about being ‘safe and seen’.

I appreciate that for those families who live outside of the village, it is not feasible to walk or cycle to school. However, the front of the school can be very congested at the start and end of the school day so I would urge all members of our community (staff included!) to leave their car at home if they can. If you absolutely have to bring your car, please reduce your speed when turning in to Jopling Way and consider parking towards the top of Jopling Way and walking your child down the last few hundred metres, reducing congestion at the school entrance. Let’s work together to ensure all of our children have a safe journey.

A few polite reminders:

Uniform: There are still a few children who are wearing PE kit on days that are not their PE days. Please ensure that your child is dressed in appropriate uniform.

Lunches: We are trying to encourage independence and promote choice for KS2 in the lunch hall by allowing the children to serve themselves from the salad bar and choose their own dessert. We hope that this will reduce food waste and encourage children to select salad items that they like and will eat.

Morning routine: Safeguarding is of paramount importance to us. Therefore, to ensure that we can secure the school promptly at 8.55am, we will be trialling a new recording system from Monday morning. If when you arrive the gate is closed, you will be greeted by a member of school staff who will welcome your child into school and make a note of the time and reason for lateness.

School Vacancies

Teaching Assistants

Are you interested in joining a happy, caring and supportive team who work hard to ensure that all children in school can achieve their potential? If so, we would love to hear from you.

We currently have a part-time and full-time vacancy for a Teaching Assistant to support our provision for children with special educational needs. This will involve working on a 1:1 basis with children to support their learning.

Application packs can be downloaded from the school website or picked up from the School Office.

Teacher Tip #2:

Practise spotting numbers on your walk to school or when out and about in the car. Challenge your child to find different types of numbers: odd, even, numbers in times tables that they’re learning, in different places. Who can spot the biggest number? Smallest number?