



NEWSLETTER



We are inclusive, confident and enterprising learners who are brave, curious, optimistic and kind. We are ready to embrace the future.

8th October 2021

Dear Families,

We are now very much back into the school year without such tight restrictions as we have been used to over the past 18 months. This has inevitably meant that there have been a few cases of Covid among pupils and staff, but I would like to assure you all that where cases occur we do have additional measures in place and that these measures have been discussed with Public Health England. To make the procedure clear, we will always send out a letter informing parents if there has been a confirmed case in your child's year group. The letter explains that unless your child is displaying any symptoms, they need to continue to attend school as normal. Can I please remind you all that we are committed to well ventilated spaces in school, especially to reduce the transmission of airborne viruses, including variants of Covid-19. Therefore, as temperatures drop, please ensure that your child is dressed warmly as this is Plymouth and has a waterproof coat.

Although there have already been notifications of this, we wanted to remind you that the staff have an additional **training day on 22nd October**. This means that the last day for the children will be Thursday 21st October.

Teacher Consultations

Junior Parents – I hope you were able to watch the videos giving you information about your child's new year group and that the question and answer sessions were helpful. We will leave the videos on the website for your reference.

After half term, both schools will be running our teacher consultations. We have decided to make these virtual again to minimise the risk to everyone. You will be able to book your own appointment times online – there will be more details of how to do this to follow as soon as the system goes live.

If your child is in Willow Class (Mrs Crawley's class), your appointment time will be the week beginning 15th November.

Absence Procedure

If your child is absent for any reason, please follow the school's procedure. You should fill in an absence request form found on the website http://www.hydeparkjuniorschool.co.uk/website/parental_forms/354358 so that the request can be approved in advance. This allows much more efficient procedures for you in terms of having your child ready and for us in accounting for absences to the Education Welfare Officer. Please do not just mention these things to class teachers on the gate in the mornings.

Diary Dates

Year 6 residential

11th -15th October

Totnes Trip Year 1

15th/18th/20th

Non-Pupil Day

Friday 22nd October

Half Term

25th-29th October

Children return to school

1st November



Contact Details

It is really important that parent contact details are accurate. It is also important that additional contacts are kept up to date in the event that parents cannot be contacted immediately. If any contact details change, could you please email the office as soon as possible to update the contact information we hold.

Child Pick Up Changes

If you need to change the collection arrangements for your child for any reason, it would be really appreciated if you could call in to the office before 2.45pm to ensure that the messages are delivered in good time. We appreciate there are always exceptions when a last-minute emergency arises, but a call at the earliest possible time helps the office to get the information to where it needs to be on time.

Hair

There have already been quite a few outbreaks of head lice in various classes. We would ask that if your child has long hair, you send them to school with it tied back. This not only helps to prevent the spread of head lice but is important for Health and Safety during PE lessons and other activities the children take part in during the day.

Junior School Clubs

Attached to this newsletter is the list of additional clubs being offered to the junior school pupils. These clubs are an opportunity for your child to explore an interest, so please only sign your child up to clubs they want to attend. As some clubs have limited capacity, spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Clubs will then start after half term.

Whilst mentioning clubs I would like to remind families that our new music provider, Mr Doves Music has already started musical instrument lessons. They can be contacted via email: mrdovesmusic@gmail.com

As a school we look forward to these clubs and our in-school provision feeding in to wider participation in competitions and festivals over the next year, as such opportunities are once again running in the city and we have signed up to many of them. Further details will be available across the year.

You will have time to look at the clubs list and booking will open for internal clubs on Monday 11th October at 4pm.

School Contact Details

The email address for both Infant and Junior School pupils has changed, please use the following details should you need to contact us:

Email: hydepark.office@horizonmat.com

Telephone: 01752 225493 or 01752 225314