

# Hassell Newsletter

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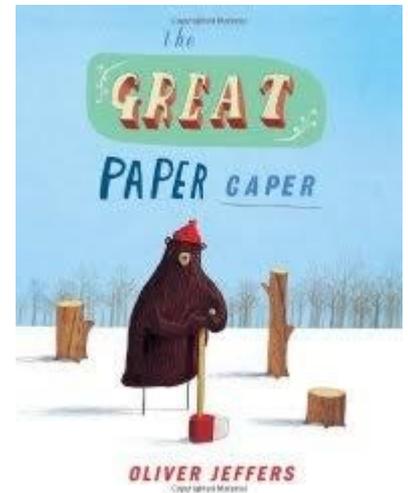
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term at Hassell, I hope you have all had an enjoyable holiday. It has been lovely to see so many new faces starting school, both in Nursery, Reception and throughout other year groups. I would like to welcome all of our new children and their families to Hassell and I look forward to meeting you all soon.



## New Topics

Each class has begun the term with a 4 day topic on the story 'The Great Paper Caper' by Oliver Jeffers. The children also received a visit from the animal lady, where they got to meet a variety of animals ranging from cute and cuddly to slithery and scaly! Displays will be going up in the main corridor shortly to show what we have all been up to. Please also check the news items on the school website for further pictures and information. ([hassellschool.org](http://hassellschool.org)).



You should also receive a class letter which gives information about new topics, PE days, reading books, homework and other useful information. If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

Class teachers are also happy to see parents during the week, but please make an appointment via the office or catch them at the end of the day when they see the children out. It is sometimes a little difficult for teachers to see parents first thing in the morning as they are busy registering their class and starting lessons.



## School Day Times

Please can I remind you that children need to be in school for their class register at **8.50**. Late arrivals mean disruption for all the children and often mean that valuable lesson time.

The doors open to come into school at 8.40. Any children who need to be at school before this time should be accompanied by an adult or registered with Happy Times Care Club. **Please do not leave your children on the playground without adult supervision.**

## Classes 2017

Your children have been enjoying their new classes for the last few days, settling in and learning about their new routines. The class structures are as follows:

Reception - Mrs Lear and Miss Edwards

Year 1 - Mrs Pokora

Year 1/2 - Miss Dale

Year 2—Mrs Brown (also supported by Mrs Adams on Fridays)

Year 3/4 - Mrs Sammons / Miss Rosson, Mr Murdoch, Mrs O'Hara, (also supported by Mrs Broome who will be teaching Mrs O'Hara's class. On Wednesdays)

Year 5/6 - Mrs Goodstadt, Mrs Plummer and Mr Mason

All children will be taught at a level according to their ability, regardless of their year group. In KS2 we work on a 2 year programme so that the children do not repeat topic areas. In addition, to help the children have specific teaching and support according to their level of ability in maths, the children from year 3 upwards will have their maths in sets. These maths classes will still be within their year groups but may not be with their class teacher. Year 5/6 will also teach in sets for English lessons. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. These classes will start on Monday.

## Uniform

Please can I remind parents that school uniform is compulsory, including PE uniform. Printed t shirts, bright coloured hair accessories and jewellery are not permitted. For PE children may wear their school jumper or a PE school Hoodie. Please can all uniform, particularly jumpers, be named so that we can ensure they get back to the correct owners.



School  
uniform



PE  
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## Sickness and Diarrhoea

Unfortunately as we have returned to school so has a sickness bug. Please can I remind everyone that children need to remain off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to help prevent the spread of the infection across school. I realise that it can be terribly difficult for working parents but it is something that we need to strictly enforce.



## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is available every morning from 8.10 am in the school hall for children in receipt of additional funding. The children can have breakfast together followed by fun games and activities to start their day off in a positive way. Children may attend every day of the week or for different days, depending on what suits families the most. To qualify for the additional funding, please see the details below. If you would like your child to attend, please let the school office know.



## Additional Funding For Children

### Does your family claim any of the following benefits?

#### Income Support

- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child tax credit and no working tax credit with a household income of less than £16,190
- The 'Guarantee' element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and

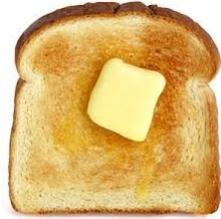
#### Asylum Act 1999



If the answer is yes to any of the above list, you are entitled to claim free school meals. **Even if your child is having meals in reception or KS1 or they don't want a hot meal, please claim as school receives lots of additional funding in the budget for each child making a claim. To claim please visit the website [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsapplication](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsapplication) or ask at the school office. Any existing claims from last academic year will be automatically continued.**

## Contact Details

All children will soon be receiving a data sheet which has a copy of your contact details on. Please can all families check that the details are correct, make any amendments necessary and return them to school. Please ensure that there is a valid email address provided as we need these for parent pay and to send out any letters. Thank you



## Break time snacks.

All children in nursery, reception and years 1 and 2 receive fruit at break time which is funded by the government. At KS2 (Years 3-6) children may bring their own healthy snack such as fruit, cereal bars, toast etc or buy a snack from the school kitchen.

The snack prices for the kitchen are:

Toast 20p	Pancake 30p	Crumpet 30p	Tea Cake 30p
Cheese oatcake 50p	Buttered oatcake 40p	Waffle 30p	
Milkshake 50p	Fruit shot 20p	Milk 20p	



**From Monday the children will only be able to buy a maximum of 2 items per day.** Break time is only 15 minutes and the children have an hour and 30 minutes to wait until lunchtime. 2 items ensures that they can have plenty of snack without filling them up too much or taking them too long to eat which can begin to interfere with lesson time.



Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Blake on the birth of their daughter Eliza who arrived on Wednesday 30th August. Mrs Blake is currently on maternity leave, but I'm sure you will join us in wishing them all well for the upcoming months.

## Speaker's School Council Awards:

Huge congratulations to our Student Council who entered the House of Commons Speaker's School Council Awards with their Road Safety project. They have done exceptionally well and achieved the award of 'Highly Commended'. Thank you to all the members of our Student Council and Mrs Brown for leading the project with them.



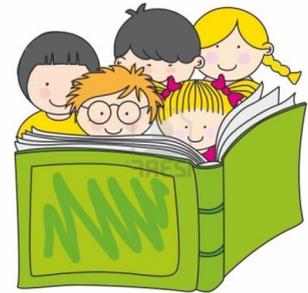
## British Values

As part of our work on British values, we will be having different themed assemblies over the next few weeks to support the learning taking place within our classes. Our work on British values covers the following 5 topic areas: democracy, individual liberty, mutual respect, the law and tolerance of other faith's and beliefs. If you would like further information about the way in which we teach about British values, please have a look at the policy on the school website.



## Volunteers

If you have any spare time during the week and would like to volunteer in school we would love to see you. We are always looking for people to listen to children read, help with art and craft activities or support us with school gardens. If you have any free time and would like to come in, please let your child's class teacher know or speak to me in the morning.



## Dougie Mac—Bring a Pound Day



On **Friday September 22nd** we will be supporting the Dougie Mac Bring a Pound Day. For the donation of £1.00 all children may come to school dressed in their own clothes. There is no theme for the day but children should wear clothes that are safe and practical for school. If they have PE on that day, this may be their own sports kit.

I look forward to meeting with many of you over the coming weeks, but if you would like to see me for any reason, please don't hesitate to catch me on the playground in the morning, or make an appointment via the school office.

Kind Regards

*Kirsty Broome*

Head teacher