

# Hassell Newsletter



September 2016 (2)

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are now back into the swing of things and have made a good start to their new topics. Thank you to all the parents and families who have supported with resources and activities from home; we really appreciate your help. As a general reminder, if you could listen to your children read at home each day, practise their weekly spellings and ensure they have a quiet place to do weekly homework tasks, staff would all be very appreciative. If you would like any ideas of how to help your child with their learning, please don't hesitate to speak to their class teacher. If you have a spare hour or two we would be happy to have additional parents (or family members) helping in school. If you have a skill, or time and would like to help out, please don't hesitate to let us know. This could be anything from listening to readers, through to gardening.

We would love to hear from you!

## Fundraising



Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning and cake sale last week. We raised £140 for the charity which is brilliant.

## Custard Pies for Mrs Broome and the teachers

In addition to the coffee morning we will all be supporting the Dougie Mac 'Bring a Pound' Day on Friday 7th October. This year we are asking the children to bring a pound to school (or more if it can be afforded) and if we raise enough funds several of our teaching staff, myself included, are willing to have a custard pie splatted on us. Our target for this to happen is £500. The children will have this introduced to them in assembly this week and can start bringing in donations from Monday. We will keep you posted on our daily totals.



## Harvest Assembly

Class 3/4 M will be leading our harvest assembly in school on Wednesday 28th September. Parents of children in Mr Murdoch's class are invited to join us in the school hall at 9.30. This year we are once again collecting for the Newcastle Food Bank and any Donations of any tinned or packaged food would be greatly appreciated.



## 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 through the infant scheme, 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.

**PLEASE NOTIFY SCHOOL OR COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORMS BEFORE 6th OCTOBER IF YOU THINK YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE SO THAT THE FUNDS GO INTO OUR SCHOOL BUDGET FOR YOUR CHILD.**

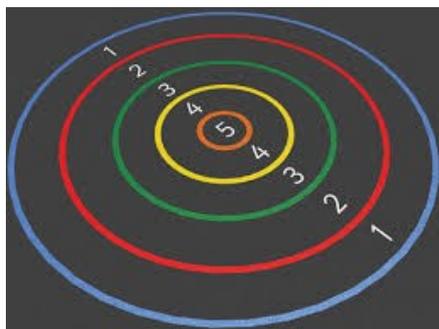


PTFA AGM on Thursday 29th September at 6pm in school. Please come in via the white covered walkway on the big playground. Everyone welcome.

PTFA Halloween Disco Thursday 20th October. Details to follow soon.

## Building work and school improvement update:

As you may have seen if you take or collect your children from school, we have completed the new playground markings. Feedback from the children has been very positive and we look forward to making good use of them at playtimes and during lessons.



# Inset Day Reminder

## School closed 3rd October

A quick reminder that school is closed to pupils on Monday 3rd October for staff training.

All term dates have been added to the school calendar on the school website. Please go to the green, school life, section and the calendar tab is on the left hand side. Please check regularly as these will be updated as new events are planned.

### Parental Conduct

At a recent school partnership sports meeting, complaints were made to staff in an aggressive manner from small number of the parents attending the event. **Whilst this did not involve anyone from Hassell**, the organisers have asked Headteachers to remind parents about appropriate conduct towards staff at all times, particularly in front of pupils. Should you ever need to discuss a complaint or concern with staff, please do so in a polite and respectful manner so that your concerns can be addressed. If you do not wish to talk about them with the staff involved, please feel free to talk to any of our senior leaders or myself and we will do our best to sort them out immediately. Thank you for your support in this matter.

