

Hassell Newsletter



September 2018

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. This also includes Miss Stokes, our new class teacher in Year 5/6. 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 the story 'Penguin Problems' by Jory John and Lane Smith. 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 have been going up in the main corridor to show what we have all been up to. Please have a look at these when you come in for our 'meet the teacher' parents evening on September 24th.

You should have also received 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 a little difficult for teachers to see parents first thing in the morning as they are busy registering their class and starting lessons.

MacMillan Cake Sale

We will be having a cake sale in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Any cake donations would be gratefully received—baked or bought—and can be given in to the school office Monday to Thursday week beginning 24th September. The sale will go ahead after school on Thursday 27th September on the KS2 playground.



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

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 is missed. 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.** Mrs Ashley and I are on duty at the KS2 entrance on the playground most mornings and staff are also on duty in KS1 and Early years. I am happy to speak to parents and pass messages on to teachers; please don't hesitate to speak to me if there is something you need to discuss.



PE Uniform, Hair and Jewellery Accessories

Please can I remind all parents that the PE uniform is navy or black plain tracksuit bottoms, a white t shirt and either a school jumper or school PE hoodie. We have continued to have a small number of children turning up in different coloured jumpers with slogans on and multi-coloured tracksuit bottoms or leggings. A BIG thank you to the vast majority of children who are wearing the correct PE uniform and look very smart and presentable. Please can I also remind you that jewellery (except pierced ears and watches) should not be worn to school and that all items must be removed for PE. Hairstyles should be appropriate for school and not involve any shaved patterns, mohican styles or large hair accessories or those such as coloured braids or coloured extensions. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



HARVEST

Mr Murdoch's class will be sharing a Harvest Assembly with us on Wednesday 3rd October. Parents, Carers and Family members of the children in 3/4 M are welcome to join us at 8.55am to watch the assembly. (Approximately 30 minutes)

We would like Donations of any tinned, dried or packet foods to be made to school to support the children's work on Harvest. These donations will be going to the food bank in Newcastle to support local families in need. Donations can be brought into school on Tuesday 2nd October or Wednesday 3rd October. **Unfortunately the food bank cannot accept donations of fresh fruit and vegetables so tins, boxes and packets only please.**

Diary Dates

Please see the school website calendar for further dates, but a few for this half term include:

'Meet the Teacher' Parents Evening—Monday 24th September 3pm—6pm

European Day of Languages—Wednesday 26th September

MacMillan cake sale—Thursday 27th September after school on the KS2 playground. **Cake donations welcomed please.**

INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS—Monday 1st October

Harvest Assembly—Class 3/4 M - Wednesday 3rd October. (letters to follow)

8.55am - 9.30 am **Parents welcome in the school hall.**

Harvest Donations - Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd October (see letter)

PTFA Disco - Thursday 25th October (Volunteers needed to help out please)

EYFS—in school in the afternoon

KS1—3.00—4.00pm KS2 4.30—5.30pm £2.50 per ticket. Drink and snack included.

Non Uniform Day for 'More than Just A Face' charity. £1.00 donation Friday 26th

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 new 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**

or ask at the school office. Any existing claims from last academic year will be automatically continued.



Breakfast Club

Each morning we run a free breakfast club for children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. The club runs from 8.10 until the start of the school day. Children can attend daily or choose the days they want for each week as the club is very flexible. The children start with breakfast and then play a mix of games and activities to get them ready for the start of the school day. If you would like your child to attend please let the office know and a place will be made available for them.



Nursery

It has been lovely to welcome our Nursery children into school this term and have them take their first steps into life at school. We still have places available in the morning and afternoon slots should any children require places. We offer both the 15 hours funded places and 30hour funded places for those parents who are entitled. Please ask at the school office if this is something that you are interested in.

Mrs Lear and the Nursery staff will also be starting a 'Breakfast and Books' session for families with younger children from 8.55—9.30 on Wednesday mornings. If you have a younger child who would like to come to a session of free play, stories and breakfast, we would love to see them. Please see the school website or Mrs Lear for further details.

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 KS2 playground in the morning, or make an appointment via the school office. Don't forget to follow us on facebook for extra information and updates too. Search for Hassell Primary to see what else is going on.

Kind Regards

Kirsty Broome

