

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IS UNDERWAY!



Autumn 2017

WHAT'S NEW FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR?

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to everyone as we settle back in to the new academic year. We made a successful transition to the Lingfield Education Trust on 1st September, and we are looking forward to continuing our school success through the **Lingfield Education Trust**.

The children have settled quickly, and are racing ahead with their learning. Teachers are seeing a real buzz in school, with children engaged in contexts from Roald Dahl to Out in the Wilds to the Tiger who came to tea!

I am really proud to announce that HHA has achieved the Silver Primary Science Quality Mark following a year of focus and improvement in all aspects of science teaching and learning. Thank you to Mrs Warner and Mrs Millar who have worked so hard to get us there!



Class Assembly for Parents will continue throughout the year, and we would also like to invite parents and families to our charity Macmillan Coffee Morning. We are looking to reinstate our PTA too...come along and see if you can help!



NO MOBILE PHONE ZONE.

May I politely remind all visitors that we are a **NO MOBILE PHONE ZONE**. We love to see parents sharing their child's good news about their day, if only for the short time you are on the site. Make a new term resolution and see if we can go for it!

**Download our App from the Appstore** and keep up to date of everything coming up this term. You can also follow us on Twitter—there's so much to celebrate!

Mrs. Edmenson

Head Teacher

**Green Fingers?**

**HHA needs you!**



We are so lucky to have such extensive grounds here at HHA, but it sometimes tricky to keep it all looking beautiful within a busy day.

We want to get our children out and make sure the outdoors is fully part of our curriculum, so if you, or a family member have an interest in gardening, and could offer an afternoon once every 3 weeks or so, we'd love to hear from you! Maybe you can teach us a thing or two!

With this in mind, please also make sure your child always has outdoor shoes / wellies and a waterproof coat in school.

**House / Vice Captains**

Congratulations to our newly appointed Y6 House and Vice Captains:

- Red Captain: Poppy
- Vice Captain: Sky
- Blue Captain: Nancy
- Vice Captain: Ellis
- Yellow Captain: Noah
- Vice Captain: Lilia
- Green Captain: Leo
- Vice Captain: Annie

**CLUBS**

Clubs have resumed and we are proud to have added some new After School opportunities: Performing Stars with West End Actress Katie on Thursday for all our budding stars and Little Wonders every evening. If you are interested, please ask at the Office. Please send a PE kit if your child attends a sports club.

**CLASS NEWSLETTERS**

Teachers have prepared a class newsletter to keep you posted on what your child is learning, how you can help, special dates and events and reminders for the year group. Look in your child's book bag, on the notice boards or website.

**SAFE PARKING**

We have a staggered start at the beginning of each day, with Breakfast Clubs from 8.10am and doors opening for all children from 8.45am.

Please park respectfully around the school site, observing the road markings to ensure driver and pedestrian safety. Please also DO NOT use the main school gate as a pedestrian entrance. Use the pedestrian gates.

**Important Dates**

Publicity Photographer in school	28.09.17
Macmillan Coffee Morning	29.09.17
Lingfield Football Tournament	12.10.17
Parent / Carer Consultations	16–18 Oct
School Harvest Service	16.10.17
Break up for half term	20.10.17
PD Day	30.10.17
Back to School	31.10.17

**Welcome new staff**

We welcome Mr Kirby-Bowstead as our new Deputy Head Teacher, based in Y4.

Mr Hills has started in the post of Premises Manager. If you see anything that causes you concern around the site, he will be happy to help. We have been without a caretaker for several months, so there is lots of catching up to do. Thank you for your patience.

For the next 3 weeks, we host 3 trainee teacher students from Thurgau University, Switzerland. We hope to learn lots from each other, and perhaps they will inspire us on Sept 26th, the European Day of Languages

**E-Safety and Social Networking**

Sites like Facebook are an every-day method of communication between family and friends, and we all value such technology when used in a positive way. We work hard educating children in school to be safe, not sharing personal information and being aware of dangers.

We encourage parents to come into school to voice any concerns rather than use these sites to raise any complaints. Abusive, libelous, personal or derogatory comments about the school are taken very seriously.

LEARNING AND CURRICULUM

**2017 Results**

We were very proud of the children's achievements and progress at the end of the last academic year, seeing improvements in outcomes in every area and particularly children working at Greater Depth. Writing outcomes in Y6 put us in the top 5% of the country! For full details, please see our website, or if you have any questions, please ask.

**Curriculum & Assessment**

The curriculum is tough and you may be wondering what your child is learning and how you can help. If you have any questions at any time, Teachers are happy to talk to you.

You will be invited to a Parent / Carer consultation in October, where you can find out how your child is doing against the challenging standards expected.

**Homework**

Teachers will provide weekly Homework tasks for your child to complete at home to reinforce their learning in class.

Homework will focus on the non-negotiables for your child's year group, which will include:

- ◆ Spelling
- ◆ Times Tables
- ◆ Reading