

HAYFIELD LANE PRIMARY



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Welcome back everyone. I trust that you have all had a great holiday and that your children feel well settled on their return to school. They have certainly been impressing us!

There are lots of exciting things taking place this term so remember to take a look at the diary dates section for further information.

This year our children will continue to develop as critical learners and examine how they make further links in learning across different subjects- something that was praised during our Ofsted inspection in May. We will also be developing our children's ability to rapidly recall multiplication facts and answer questions in a specific time limit, while making connections to previous learning. As a GOOD SCHOOL with OUTSTANDING features, we work with the very best educational advisors so that our staff can give the very best provision to your children. This year our staff will be working with GARETH METCALFE (I See Maths) to enable our children to deepen their understanding. Our Early Years team are undertaking an EEF research project (EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION) on the development of reading stories to improve language outcomes. Hayfield Lane is also working with Doncaster Local Authority to develop a NEW innovative curriculum format for children's education in Doncaster, linking with the education expert BILL LUCAS. As a school we always evolve and are not a school to rest on our laurels. Improving outcomes for all, even beyond our school is very important to us.

This year we welcome 2 new teachers to our team. Mr Chowdhury is our new Y5 SWAN TEACHER and joins us from another Doncaster school. Mrs Miller is the new Y6 EAGLE TEACHER and moves from a large Sheffield school. We also welcome another Mrs Radford -this may get confusing as we have a teacher by the same name. Mrs Radford is a new teaching assistant and is working in Key Stage One and also running Key Stage Two reading interventions. We currently have a vacancy for a TEACHING ASSISTANT within school. For additional information, see the school's website. We also welcome Mrs Lewis as our new PARENT GOVERNOR.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to updating you on life at Hayfield Lane this year.

Kind regards Mrs Tempest

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

This year we will be holding 2 events. On Mon 30th Oct there will be a SPOOKY MOVIE NIGHT. Your child will be able to watch the film and enjoy a hotdog, popcorn and drink with their friends. Letters and information about costs will be sent out shortly. Our youngest children will watch HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA and our older children will watch HOCUS POCUS 2.

On 31st Oct we will be opening our CREEPY CRYPT POTTERY PAINTING CAFÉ and 6 lucky ticket holders from each class will get to attend the event with a parent. There will be pottery tealight holders to decorate (pumpkins/haunted houses/zombies/cauldrons) and families can enjoy a visit to the café for some treats. THIS EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE and is wonderful. Keep an eye out for the letter!

REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE LOTS OF INCENTIVES FOR READING AT HOME. YOUR CHILD CAN READ TO YOU AS TEA IS COOKED OR ON CAR JOURNEYS. THEY CAN ALSO READ TO THEIR SIBLINGS AS THIS ALSO GETS THEM THE MARK FOR INCENTIVES.



SNACKS

Children are able to bring a healthy snack for breaktimes. Children in Y2 and below are given fruit as part of a government initiative. Please ensure that no items from home contain nuts as we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL and also remember that children should not be eating biscuits, cereal bars or crisps at breaktimes. If your child brings a packed lunch they are welcome to bring some of these items as part of a 'balanced' diet but items like this should be eaten at lunch time.



UNIFORM REMINDER

It is lovely to see all of our children back in school. Could we remind all parents about our UNIFORM POLICY as we are noticing that many children are not wearing ties or coming to school in the incorrect PE kit. Our PE kit is a white t-shirt and dark shorts or dark tracksuits/ joggers with NO LOGOS.

Please ensure that if your child is going to have their ears pierced that this is done at the start of the 6 week break, **otherwise you will need to supply plasters for your child** to cover their earrings during PE sessions. Only stud earrings can be worn by children.

Black sensible school shoes should be worn-no white or coloured trainers. Plain black trainers are acceptable as long as there are no coloured details or large logos.

We like our children to express themselves with their hairstyles but all we ask is that hair colour is a 'natural' shade and definitely no hair extensions.

For further details please see the uniform section on the website.

WITH ME IN MIND

This week I had the pleasure of meeting our WITH ME IN MIND MANAGER. Over the next few weeks we will start to support selected children who suffer from low mood or anxiety with a trained NHS WITH ME IN MIND SUPPORT WORKER. This is in addition to our already comprehensive offer with Mrs Harris (Thrive and Forest School), Take 5 and Scotty's Heroes.



DIARY DATES

29th Sept SCHOOL PHOTOS
5th Oct Reception parents event-RWI and Maths
20th Oct SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
23rd-28th Oct HALF TERM BREAK
30th Oct HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT
31st Oct CRAZY CRYPT POTTERY PAINTING CAFÉ (Y1-6)
9th Nov Y6 Captivating Creatures
14th Nov Y5 HARRY POTTER STUDIO TOURS
16th Nov Reception for 2024 meeting 5:00
30th Nov FOHL Christmas Fayre
13th 14th Dec KS1 NATIVITY
15th Dec Reception NATIVITY
18th Dec Reception and Y6 heights and weights (school nurse)
20th Dec Christmas dinner day
21st Dec Christmas parties and film.
21st Dec SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK.

RAPID RECALL

Our children are really working hard to improve their times table fluency and they really enjoy using their counting sticks to practise this. We start using this resource early in Nursery. If you want to know more about this, chat to your child's class teacher.



KESTREL CLASS wowed me this week with their 7 x table, matching their recall speed to Micheal Jackson's BEAT IT- with multiples of 7 running forwards and backwards Our children are not to be outdone! They love a challenge.

BOOK AMNESTY

Could we ask that ALL FAMILIES check at home for school reading books as we are not financially able to buy huge amounts of replacement books each year. No return of items belonging to school means that other children cannot benefit from our lovely resources. It also limits the amount of funds then available for our enhanced curriculum events. Many thanks for your support with this.