

Hateley Heath News



Autumn 2024- Issue 2

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Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome

It was such a fantastic day on Tuesday when we welcomed all our new children into Reception and the children across the rest of school. They looked so smart in their new uniforms! They had a wonderful day and settled well into their new classes. Well done to R/2- Mrs Gill's class for having a full 100% attendance all week! They will be the first class to earn a buzzy bee on our new attendance display in the hall. Also, well done goes to R/1 with 99%. If your child is off ill, please notify the school by 8.30am. If the child is off for more than 2 days, then we require medical evidence of their illness.



PE days for Autumn term 2024

Reception- Thursday

Year 1- Tuesday and Friday

Year 2- Monday and Friday

Year 3- Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4- Wednesday (swimming during Aut term) and Friday

Year 5- Wednesday and Thursday

Year 6- Tuesday and Wednesday

Swimming lessons

Every year we book Year 4 for the Autumn term and Year 5 for the Spring term to have swimming lessons at Wednesbury baths. Here is some information regarding kit. All children will need to bring a swimsuit:

Girls a one-piece swimsuit and boys no loose trunks, which must be above the knee in length.

A towel and if they would like too, a swimming cap. All girl's hair which is below the shoulders must be tied up.

All earrings must be taken out and no jewellery to be worn in the pool.

These are the rules of the swimming baths, and we must abide by them for the children to swim safely. If a child comes to school in any jewellery, they will be asked to remove it by a member of staff.



Term Dates

Term Time: Tuesday 3rd September 2024 to Friday 18th October 2024

Half term: Monday 21st October 2024 to Friday 1st November 2024

Term Time: Monday 4th November 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024

Every day uniform expectation:

Children must attend school in the following uniform:

- Royal blue jumper or cardigan with embroidered logo
- White polo shirt with or without embroidered logo
- Grey trousers or knee length skirt with grey tights or white socks
- Dresses can be royal blue and white or a grey pinafore
- Black school shoes (trainers are not acceptable)



Praise Assembly



Each Friday, if your child has been chosen as Star of the Week, they will be coming out of school wearing a gold band around their wrist.



This will be your invite to attend Praise Assembly for the following Friday starting at 9.05am in the main hall. Today, if your child has been chosen as their Class Star, a member of staff will contact you, just while we wait for the delivery of the gold bands, they are due to arrive early next week.

Healthier choices of snacks

Thank you so far for your support in choosing healthier snacks for your children for morning break. Just a reminder, we are asking that parents **DO NOT** send their child to school with crisps, chocolate bars, biscuits or sweets as their morning snack. Last year, we saw a lot of sugary snacks being eaten on the playground at 10.45am, which is not supporting the children's mental and physical development.



Communication with School

Communication to parents will happen through our My Child at School (MCAS) app. However, as this is a 1-way system for us to contact families, if you have any concerns or things that you need to mention to your child's class teacher that you haven't mentioned in person with a member of staff on the playground or door in the morning then please use the phase emails below:

Eyfs@hateleyheath.com (children in Nursery or Reception class)

Year1and2@hateleyheath.com

Year3and4@hateleyheath.com

Year5and6@hateleyheath.com

A Phase leader at school will then pick up your email and address your enquiry within 24 hours. Please allow time for them to investigate something if required. We thank you in advance for your patience with this.

If you have any queries regarding a SEND matter, then please use the following email and one of our send team members will deal with your enquiry within 24 hours.

send@hateleyheath.com

If you have a query regarding anything to do with MCAS app, i.e. needing a link to download the app, booking a school lunch or information about visits taking place etc... please contact the school office rather than emailing the contacts above. These emails must be used regarding a concern around an incident that may have taken place, or you are worried about something concerning your child/children. Again, thank you for your cooperation with this.

Children's Roles and Responsibilities

In assembly today, Mrs James launched our new roles and responsibilities on offer for the children at school. These are the following jobs that your child could apply for and which year groups they are on offer to:

Ambassadors- Year 6 only

School Council Member- All year groups (1 child from each class will be elected)

Environmental Warriors- All year groups

Playground Leaders- Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

ICT Technicians- Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Librarian- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Lunchtime Buddies- Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Reading Buddies- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

If your child is interested in applying, they will be bringing home an application form to complete and submit by Friday 20th September. Please support your child to answer 3 main questions on the application form. There is also a section for an adult to complete a reference, this can be done by a parent if you wish. Any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.