

Hateley Heath News



Autumn 2024- Issue 1

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Welcome back!

A warm welcome to new parents joining us for the first time at Hateley Heath, we hope you have all enjoyed your summer break and your children are ready to start a new school term with their new class teacher. Our main way to communicate with our parents is through our weekly newsletter, which is sent out via our MCAS app every Friday afternoon. This is the best way for us to let you know everything that is happening across school for the following few weeks. If you are not already set up on the MCAS app, please ensure that you do so through a link that has been sent to your email. We wish all our children a fabulous start to Autumn 2024.

September information

School opens for all pupils on Tuesday 3rd September 2024. The doors for all pupils will open at the following times: (unless otherwise informed- school inductions for Nursery and Reception)

Nursery morning session: 8.30am-11.30am

Nursery afternoon session: 12.15-3.15pm

Reception: 8.40am-3.10pm

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2): 8.40am-3.15pm

Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6): 8.40am- 3.20pm

The gates to all playgrounds are opened at 8.30am. Please ensure that your children are always supervised on the playground until the doors are open and no playing on any school equipment.

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

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

PE uniform expectation

Children must continue to wear the following clothing for PE:

- Plain white t-shirt • Black PE shorts/joggers • Black pumps/trainers
- Black plain jumper (no hoodies)

Unacceptable items

Children should not wear any of the following items to school. Children who wear these to school will be asked to remove them by staff:

- Necklaces • Bracelets • Earrings (stud earrings are allowed) • Rings

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)



Swimming lessons

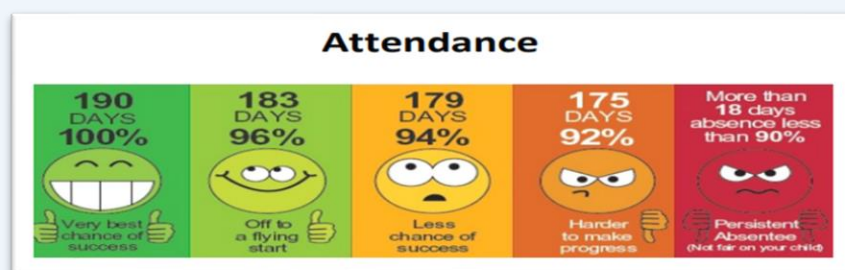
Every year we book Year 4 for the Autumn term and Year 5 for the Spring term to have swimming lessons at Wednesbury baths. Here is some information regarding kit. All children will need to bring a swimsuit:

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.



Children not attending school

It is vital that parents and carers notify school each morning if a child is not attending school. If school do not receive a call, or an entry logged on MCAS app, for a child's absence the school will try and contact to find out the reasons of nonattendance. A home visit will be completed if no contact is made. Parents whose children's attendance falls below 92% will be invited into school for a meeting. This meeting will be around discussing the barriers to attendance and how we can support families. An attendance contract will be drawn up with parents if attendance does not improve and unfortunately if this still does not improve, attendance referrals will be made, where parents can be fined and be faced with a criminal record. We wish to support parents in helping children attend school every day. If you have any concerns yourself regarding your child's attendance, please contact Miss Howells, our School Attendance Officer.



Communications

Communication to parents will happen through our My Child at School (MCAS) app as previously mentioned above. 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 mention 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



Playground at the start and end of the day

Just a polite reminder that there are **No** bikes or scooters to be ridden on school property please, thank you. This is for the safety of all our families who will have young children walking with them.

Also, please do not park on the zigzag lines outside school. Please park cars safely away from the school grounds and make a short walk if you need to, to drop off and collect your child. Last year, we had a few close calls with people being injured by cars being parked on the pavements and doors opening onto them.

Healthier choices of snacks

This year, starting from day 1, Tuesday 3rd September, we are asking that parents **DO NOT** send their child to school with crisps, chocolate bars 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. We would value your support with this by encouraging you to put fruit/healthy snack bars for their morning break. The children will also be eating their snack inside the classroom to help support keeping the playground tidier. As many of you may have seen, the birds after morning break pull the rubbish out of the bins causing a lot of rubbish pollution; the children eating their snack inside will support this.