



Hamp Nursery & Infants School



NEWSLETTER

September 2017

Don't forget -

School is closed on 30th and 31st October in connection with the current building project - see recent letter



Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you all had a good summer.



We are holding a Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September, 8.30-11am, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. There will be a £1 entrance fee which will include a raffle ticket, and refreshments will be on sale. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

It is very encouraging to see how well the children have settled into their new classes, particularly those who are new to our school. If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We have been asked by a parent to remind everyone for for safety reasons, bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the school site, and care should be taken when pushing them in congested areas.

Phase 1 of the building work to remodel and extend the Children's Centre was completed on 31st August and currently accommodates the nursery children. Phase 2 is due to be finished by the end of this half term and all the building will become part of Hamp Nursery & Infants' School from 1st November. Our nursery provision will then become known as:

- Humpty Dumpty
- Five Little Ducks
- Jack & Jill

When complete, the building will improve the 0-7 accommodation on our site.

Arriving on time at School

The school day starts at 8.45am but staff are available to take the children in from the playground at 8.30am. Late arrival at school is disruptive for the whole class as well as for your child.

Our Home School Liaison Worker, Mrs Jo Newcombe, will be offering support to parents who seem to be having difficulties getting their children to school on time.

Medical Appointments

We know it is not always possible to arrange emergency or hospital appointments for your children out of school hours but, wherever possible, please avoid arranging routine medical and dental appointments during the school day. If you do need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please let us have sight of the letter (or text message) confirming the details.

Holidays in Term Time

We have already received a high number of holiday requests – **please be aware that we are only permitted to authorise leave of absence during term time in exceptional circumstances.** Holiday request forms are available from the school office.

In line with other schools on the Hamp campus, parents/carers taking their children out of school for an unauthorised holiday may be issued with a penalty fine.

Our Home School Liaison Worker, Mrs Jo Newcombe, is available to help support parents in many areas, such as

- Attendance & punctuality issues
- Behaviour problems
- Housing, debt & finance issues
- Health, e.g., bed wetting, sleep problems

Mrs Newcombe is based at the school and works five mornings a week – 8.30-12.30 on Mondays and Fridays, and 8.30-12.00 from Tuesday to Thursday.

Safeguarding

Our 'Safeguarding' display in the reception area contains a range of relevant information for parents and visitors. If you would like copies of any of the documents please ask at reception.

All visitors are required to read our 'Safeguarding and Health & Safety' leaflet.

For safeguarding reasons, mobile phones may not be brought into school. We therefore ask that visitors either leave their phone in their car, or hand it in at the school office for the duration of their visit. Please note that this also applies to parents/carers attending meetings in school.

For more information on safeguarding, contact the Local Safeguarding Board 0300 1232224, or see their website: somersetsafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary	
29 th September 2017	Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.30 – 11am
20 th October 2017	Parents' Day – school closed for parents to meet with teaching staff – more details to follow
23 rd – 27 th October 2017	School closed for half term break
30 th & 31 st October 2017	School closed to enable us to move into new classrooms
23 rd November 2017	Opening Evening for current and prospective parents 6.30 – 8pm
14 th December 2017	Performance of Beauty & The Beast by West End Theatre Company
15 th December 2017	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
20 th & 21 st December 2017	School closed for Inset days
22 nd December 2017 – 5 th January 2018	School closed for Christmas holiday
8 th January 2018	School reopens

Reminder!

Please:

- contact us if your child is unable to attend school through illness etc
- ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name
- ensure your child always has a full PE kit in school
- check book bags for school letters, to ensure you do not miss any important information (letters are also posted on our website - www.hampnurseryandinfantschool.co.uk)
- inform the school office of changes of telephone numbers, addresses, etc

Thank you

Details coming soon about Christmas Cards designed by your child!

