



Hamp Nursery & Infants School Newsletter

September 2018



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

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 are holding a Coffee Morning on Friday 28th 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. Donations of cakes & raffle prizes would be welcome and we also have some flyers left if anyone is able to deliver them to their neighbours. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

We have been asked by a parent to remind everyone that 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.

The Somerset Road Safety Team has also asked us to remind parents and children that cyclists must please walk, not ride, across the pedestrian crossing outside our school.

Please also be aware that dogs are not permitted on the school site.

Thank you.

Wet Weather Arrangements

When it is raining at the end of the day, the children will line up for collection as follows:

- Classes 1 & 2 – from the first door on the playground
- Classes 3 & 4 – from the door on the far side of the playground
- Class 5 – from the door in the school reception area
- Classes 7 & 8 – from the second door in the school hall (nearest the school reception area)
- Classes 9 & 10 – from the first door in the school hall (nearest the pedestrian gate)

This ensures that children are kept out of the rain until parents/carers arrive.

Mr Wright, our PE co-ordinator, has identified some new sports equipment that would benefit the school and he is planning a sponsored sports event for later in the term to raise money for this (further details to follow). Any money left over will go towards our Early Years garden project, which we are hoping to start soon thanks to money already raised through parents as well as donations from 'The Mad Hatters' Bingo Players and the Hamp Community Association.



Important!

For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a junior school, the closing date for applications is **15 January 2019** and the national offer day is 16 April 2019. Information on how to apply can be found on Somerset County Council's website www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions. Please call in to the school office if you need any help with your child's application.

Our Home School Liaison Worker, Mrs Jo Newcombe, is available to support parents in many areas, such as attendance & punctuality issues and behaviour 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. Please call in to the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting with her.

Flu Immunisation

The school nurses are due to administer flu immunisations at our school in November. Thank you to those parents who have already completed and returned their child's consent form, but there are still several outstanding. Please note that forms are required to be completed even if you do not wish your child to receive the immunisation. If you have lost your form, please collect a replacement from the school office. Thank you.

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

Holiday request forms are available from the school office. **Please be aware that we are only permitted to authorise term time holidays in exceptional circumstances.**

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 fixed penalty fine.

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

28 th September 2018	Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.30 – 11am
17 th October 2018	Harvest Day – dressing in autumn colours
26 th October 2017	Parents' Day – school closed for parents to meet with teaching staff – more details to follow
29 th October to 2 nd November 2018	School closed for half term break
22 nd November 2018	Opening Evening for current and prospective parents 6.30 – 8pm
11 th and 12 th December 2018	Nativity Performances (times to be confirmed)
13 th December 2018	Performance of Dick Whittington by West End Theatre Company
17 th December 2018	Christmas Fun Day / Christmas Jumper Day
20 th & 21 st December 2018	School closed for Inset days
24 th December 2018 – 4 th January 2019	School closed for Christmas holiday
7 th January 2019	School reopens

Please remember to:

- 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
- inform the school office of changes of telephone numbers, addresses, etc

Thank you



Details coming soon about Christmas Cards designed by your child!