



Houghton School Newsletter

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“Yesterday brought the beginning, tomorrow brings the end, though somewhere in the middle we became the best of friends.”

So Many Goodbyes....

And so, tomorrow another year comes to an end... each one seems to fly by! End of terms carry many emotions, marking a milestone for us all. For some in our school community, this week marks the end of a long relationship with the school – and with the excitement of new challenges ahead there is also the tinge of sadness at the end of an era. Our Year Six pupils have been a wonderful class, and we wish every one of them joy and success as they move on to their secondary schools. We know that many of the friendships that they have made will last into the

future, and hope they look back on their time at Houghton with fondness and happy memories.

This week we also say a sad goodbye to two long serving members of staff. Mrs Fisher and Mrs Whittaker have given the school 35 years of service between them, and now are moving on to the exciting life stage of retirement. They will be missed very much, but we know they have lovely adventures ahead.

To all our families, especially those who leave us this year, I wish you the loveliest of summers. Stay safe.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Jan Knox (Headteacher)



HOUGHTON SCHOOL HELPERS

We had two fabulous discos last week – with over 100 pupils attending. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the night and to Clare Watson who has led our HSH this year, supported by a small number of dedicated and willing mums. We really need some new Helpers next year. Please consider if this is something you could do....

Dates for your diary...

Thursday 11th July – End of Term Service in church at 2:15pm.

Wednesday 28th August – School reopens for autumn term.

w/b 2nd September – meet-the-teacher evenings after school (more details to follow in August).

Thursday 5th September – Visiting Theatre Group (£3.50 per child – letters going out at the start of term).

Friday 20th September – HSH Coffee Morning for New Parents.

Saturday 28th September – HSH Autumn Fair.

Friday 4th October – HSH Film Night TBC.

14th – 18th October – HALF TERM break.

School Admissions

We have had a number of enquiries in the past two weeks from families seeking places at our school. Although we are very full in some classes, in-catchment families may still be successful in applications. We currently officially only have spaces in next year's Y2 and Y3. The Local Authority will continue to process applications over the summer.

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School Uniform

Next term may seem a while away, but we are sure that parents will soon be thinking of purchasing new uniform for the new school year. Ahead of this please can we remind you of the following:

- **School uniform requires black shoes (no coloured soles or flashes) – no boots or sandals, and not in blue or brown.**
- **School jumpers should be navy blue (not royal blue).**
- **Children should be wearing grey tailored trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores – no leggings.**

Please do ensure your child is compliant in our school uniform code in fairness to all other children in school.

Earrings

We prefer pupils not to have pierced ears, but if this is something you are considering, the beginning of the summer holidays is definitely the best time! This gives six weeks for ears to heal and for children to learn to remove earrings – which is essential for PE and Swimming!!

Dogs

A recent incident that took place after school has raised the issue of dogs on and around the school site. Parents are I am sure aware that dogs are not permitted on site, and we thank you for complying with this. However, we also have a number of dogs who are left tied to the school fence while children are collected or dropped off. Some of these unattended dogs can become nervous, and passing children can be unpredictable. Please do reconsider whether leaving your dog unattended is the best thing for them and for the safety of pupils.

Attendance Heroes

Congratulations to the **twenty-two of our pupils who have this year managed 100% attendance**, with not a single day late or absent, and a further 32 pupils who have achieved 99%+, with no more than one day absent this school year. Excellent!

Year Six SATs

Provisional SATs results arrived in school this week, and although we are not able to publish the full results until they have been validated in the autumn, we can share that we are very pleased with the outcomes for our pupils who we know have done their best. Thanks are due to Mrs Pickford and all the staff who have worked so hard to prepare the children to do the best they can.



**Well done to our Y6 Class who gave us a wonderful performance of "Shakespeare Rocks!"
What a team!**