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NEWSLETTER 01 - 8th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I felt very proud of how sensibly all the children and their families followed our new routines and made the start of school run smoothly. All the children were happily settled into their new full time classes and we look forward to meeting our new Nursery children over the next few days. If your child is new to school or has just joined the nursery, please feel free to catch me in the playground or come up to the office if you have questions or concerns at any time.

50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Hallcroft School opened 50 years ago in September 1970. As you know reading is an important part of what we do and have always done at Hallcroft so we decided to celebrate with local author Paul Cookson. He came and delivered sessions (outside!) to all our full time children and to mark the occasion each child was given a signed copy of his book called "There's a Crocodile in the House". We hope you enjoy sharing these poems with your child and we look forward to continuing to work closely with families and children for the next 50 years!



WATER BOTTLES & PE KITS

All full time children need to bring a water bottle (tap water only) into school each day. They also need a PE kit at school every day (white t-shirt, black/navy shorts and plimsolls/trainers). **Please, please, please make sure they have these things in school every day and that all your child's possessions are named. Thank you.**

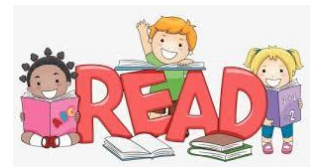
BREAKFAST CLUB



Don't forget that Breakfast Club is available every morning, at a cost of £3.00, you can bring children from 8:00am.

READING

If your child is full time our expectation is that you will read with them at least 3 times a week. There are rewards for children who read at home ranging from a gold box treat for 30 recorded (parent/carer needs to write in Reading Diary) reads to a trip to the park for 300 recorded reads. Please, please, please read with your children regularly at home. Oak Class will get a separate letter about reading next week.



LUNCH TIMES

We are working hard to ensure we are able to offer school dinners in a Covid friendly way. It would be really helpful if children could cut up their own dinners - we will help when necessary but please practise using a knife and fork at home where possible. On 1st October the Local Authority count and fund us on the number of children taking a dinner that day. We will be offering all children a hot meal on that day - if you want to send your child with a packed lunch as a reserve dinner that's fine.

SCHOOL MILK

Please ensure if you haven't already done so that you contact Cool Milk to pay for your child's milk. Their website address is: www.coolmilk.com or telephone 0844 854 2913. School will register children as they come into Nursery, however, when your child reaches the age of 5, they are no longer entitled to free milk. School or yourself, should receive a reminder prior to them turning 5. School cannot take payment or resolve milk issues, please contact Cool Milk direct.

PAYMENTS

Please pay for Breakfast Club and 30 hour Lunch Club in the following way:

Payment in full for the following week to be made by the previous Friday, ie. paying on Friday for the following week. Please comply with this to avoid awkward situations for the office staff, if you have a particular difficulty then feel free to come and talk to me.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As you know all full time children are entitled to a universal free school dinner every day. If you think you are in receipt of specific benefits you may qualify for "free school meals". **If this is the case school will fund your child's milk, trips and an initial set of school uniform as we get an extra amount of money for each child who registers as being entitled to free school meals.** To check your eligibility or apply please log on to <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/learning/schools/school-dinners/free-school-meals/> or phone 0300 500 8080.

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

Please contact the office if you would like your child to take part in any of the clubs below. All clubs will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Club	Day	Cost	Times	Open to:	Availability
Sports Club	Wednesday (starting 9 Sept)	£3.00	3:20-4:30 pm	Year 2	30 spaces
Doncaster Rovers - Football	Thursday (starting 10 Sept)	Free	3:20-4:30 pm	Year 1	25 spaces

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



If your child is attending a club please ensure you tell the office that your child will be attending, this maintains safeguarding procedures in school. **For Sports Club & Doncaster Rovers Football - you must send your child with a separate sports kit and trainers.**

MACMILLAN/SPONSORED FANCY DRESS FUN RUN - FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

As most of you know we would normally host a Macmillan Coffee Event, however this year we won't be able to do this. We missed our annual sponsored fundraising event in May and therefore we have decided to combine these two events with a sponsored fancy dress fun run. Unfortunately due to Covid we will not be able to invite parents to this event. We will make sure that we tweet lots of photos - do follow us on Twitter @Hallcroft1971. Sponsor forms will be sent out week beginning 28th September. We will split the sponsor money 20% for Macmillan and 80% for school.

ATTENDANCE

As most of you are aware, I am no longer allowed to authorise holidays in term time and these will be recorded as unauthorised. Details are in the attendance booklet (copy available on the website). Please continue to complete a holiday form, it helps with Safeguarding if we know where you are! If your child is going to be absent from school or due to arrive later than 9:00am please let us know, preferably before the start of the school day via a telephone call or answer phone message to the office. You can report your child absent as early in the morning as you like as we have an automated answer service. If we don't hear from you Mrs Bower will need to ring/text you before 9:15am. Your anticipated co-operation is greatly appreciated.

APPOINTMENTS



If you need to make doctors/dentist appointments, please do this at certain times, ie. not at register times, then your child's attendance will remain high. If children miss the register am or pm they are counted as absent for the whole session, however if they register and go at 9:20, for example, they are counted as attending the whole session. The system is strange, I know but we don't choose it.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is vital that you ensure school has up to date contact details for parents/carers, in particular if you change your mobile phone number, please let Mrs Bower know straight away.



ASTHMA/MEDICINES



In line with Government regulations we are not allowed to administer medicines in school, unless it is prescribed as 4 times a day. This is the case for all children unless your child's significant medical needs require an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) that is written in partnership with Health professionals.

If your child has Asthma and needs an inhaler in school, please collect a Parent Consent Form from Mrs Bower in the office and return this to school as soon as possible.

ANNUAL GOVERNORS STATEMENT

The Annual Governors' Budget Statement relating to the financial year 2019-2020 is available to view in the school office on request.

HOLIDAY & INSET DATES 2020/2021

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>First Day of Closure</u>	<u>School Re-opens</u>
INSET DAY	Tuesday 1 st September	Wednesday 2 nd September
Autumn Half-Term	Monday 19 th October 2020	Monday 2 nd November 2020
Christmas 2020	Monday 21 st December	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
INSET DAY	Monday 4 th January 2021	
Spring Half-Term	Monday 15 th February 2021	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Easter Holidays	Friday 2 nd April 2021	Monday 19 th April 2021
May Day	Monday 3 rd May 2021	Tuesday 4 th May 2021
Summer Half-Term	Monday 31 st May 2021	Monday 7 th June 2021
INSET DAY	Monday 26 th July 2021	
INSET DAY	Tuesday 27 th July 2021	
INSET DAY	Wednesday 28 th July 2021	
Summer 2020	Thursday 29 th July 2021	

DIARY DATES

Sports Club starts	Wednesday 9 th September - Year 2 only
After school - Doncaster Rovers	Thursday 10 th September - Year 1 only
MacMillan Sponsored Event	Friday 16 th October
Indian Experience Day	Friday 6 th November
Children in Need	Friday 13 th November

We are looking forward to another busy year and despite the interesting times we're living in please rest assured that we will continue to our very best for your children.

Jo Cook

Joanne Cook
Head Teacher