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NEWSLETTER 01 - 1st September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow (unless you are new to Nursery - you will have a start date from Mrs Babenko). Please see below for reminders/information about school routines:

NEW TERM PLANS

We will continue to use a "soft start" to our school days. This means that you will be able to drop off between 8:40 am and 8:50 am maintaining the same one-way system we used last year. Pick up times will be between 3:15 pm and 3:25 pm. **It is no longer an expectation that you wear masks but please feel free to do so if this makes you feel more comfortable.** We would appreciate it if you would continue to do the following:

- Support your child to sanitise their hands prior to entry into school
- Continue to be mindful of the Covid symptoms and take your child for a PCR test if you are in any doubt

CONTACT E-MAILS

One of the benefits from the pandemic has been our increased use of e-mails to contact staff, please continue to use these where appropriate. If you need to contact your child's class teacher, e-mails are as follows:-

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| • Nursery/Mrs Babenko | nursery@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk |
| • Oak/Miss Tyrrell | oak@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk |
| • Willow/Miss Parsons/Mrs Davy | willow@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk |
| • Rowan/Miss Fisher | rowan@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk |
| • Office | office@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk |

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will be open from Thursday 2nd September, the cost will be £3.00 per pupil from 8:00 am onwards. Please pay a week in advance with the correct cash/cheque in a sealed envelope. Please e-mail office@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk to book your Breakfast Club places in advance.

WATER BOTTLES & PE KITS

All children in Rowan, Willow and Oak 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.**

SCHOOL DINNERS

Nottinghamshire Catering are now able to offer a "choice" menu - please see the attached menu, please note the menu starts at week 2. Children in Rowan, Willow and Oak classes are all entitled to a school dinner which is paid for by the Government (Universal Infant Free School Meal). We have a new Head Chef and she is really keen to support children to try school dinners. We will let you know if your child is not eating enough dinner and we will support them to choose food they like - please give dinners a go, after all it saves you making packed lunch!

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 7th 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.

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.

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.



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.

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
Dance Club	Tuesday (starting 7 th Sept)	Free	3:20 - 4:30 pm	Year 1	25 spaces
Sports Club	Wednesday (starting 8 th Sept)	£3.00	3:20-4:30 pm	All year groups	30 spaces
Doncaster Rovers - Football	Thursday (starting 9 th Sept)	Free	3:20-4:30 pm	Year 2	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 Dance, Sports Club & Doncaster Rovers Football - you must send your child with a separate sports kit and trainers.**

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENTS

You are invited to come and join your child at the time below when they will start by singing some songs for you.

Class	Time	Date
Willow	9:00 - 9:30 am	Wednesday 22 nd September
Morning Nursery	11:00 - 11:30 am	Wednesday 22 nd September
Afternoon Nursery & 30 hour children	2:45 - 3:15 pm	Wednesday 22 nd September
Rowan	2:45 - 3:15 pm	Friday 24 th September
Oak	9:00 - 9:30 am	Friday 24 th September

The children will be singing songs and will then be allowed to join you to eat cake!! It will take approximately 20 minutes. We will have coffee and cakes, it would be great if you could come and support this worthy cause. **Please bring cake donations to the school office on the day of your child's coffee event.**

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 2020-2021 is available to view in the school office on request.

DIARY DATES

Dance Club starts	Tuesday 7 th September - Year 1 only
Sports Club starts	Wednesday 8 th September - open to Rowan, Willow & Oak
After school - Doncaster Rovers	Thursday 9 th September - Year 2 only
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 11 th November - Rowan, Willow & Oak
Indian Experience Day	Friday 12 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