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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a wonderful summer – It has been a pleasure seeing all the children in their uniforms, new school shoes and amazing smiles, I am sure they have all grown so much during the 6-week holiday! Welcome to our new families, it is such an exciting time getting to know your peers. If you need help or advice, please do not hesitate to pop in to see myself or Mrs Buckle.

New Classes

You are very welcome to come and chat to the teachers or to Mrs Bacon after school any day, if however the teacher has a club that evening, please come and book an appointment at the office for a more convenient time.

Attendance

I am sure you all have heard that the government are getting tough over attendance following the relax of rules after Covid. At school we have to follow the Gloucestershire guidelines for attendance. I just wanted to make you all aware that they are bringing in much tougher rules about fines, which we as a school do not control.

Hot School Lunches

Children in Hedgehogs Class and Foxes Class are entitled to a free school lunch and children in Squirrels and Badgers classes need to pay for meals online. The children have a choice of three main meals and can choose on the day what they would like. Copies of the menu have added to the school website. Please encourage your child to take a school meal.

Breakfast Club

The school gates are opened at 7:45 to allow children and parents in. Can I please ask you to remind your children of the rules of breakfast club: -

- Eat your food whilst sitting at a table – play after you have eaten
- Be respectful of adults –
- No running, stay calm – save excitable play for the playground or field

Lunchtime Supervisor required

We are looking for a full-time lunchtime supervisor, hours worked are 11:45 – 1:15. If you are interested or know anyone who would be interested, please email Mrs Buckle and make an appointment to come in and chat about the role and responsibilities.

INSET DAY

We have a training day booked for staff just after half term on **Wednesday 5th November**. I am sorry that it is midweek but it is the only training day that the governors could book with the outside agency. The school will not be open for the whole day as staff will be off site.

Phonics Meeting

There will be a short meeting for Reception and Year 1 parents regarding phonics and spellings for the children in the coming year. The meeting will be Friday 19th September at 3:00 for 15 minutes. You will have an opportunity to see some of the resources we will be using during their lessons and giving you some ideas on how to support your child with phonics and spellings. There will also be an opportunity to see what the Year One Phonics test looks like for the end of the year.

Thank you PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA who have donated new book bags to all our new reception children. This is such a lovely way to welcome our new starters. We also will be raising money this year to buy new equipment for school, subsidise trips and hopefully organise a wow day for the children. Please support us in any way you can. I know there will be lots of things that you and your families will be invited to this year – dates to follow.

Coffee Morning

You are invited to join us on Friday September 26th for a Macmillan Coffee afternoon at 2:15 pm to raise money for charity. Some children will be making biscuits and cakes to help support this in school. It would be great to have your support at this worthwhile event, please let us know if you can come and we will get tables and coffee ready. If you would like to donate cakes for the charity event please bring into school on Thursday 25th September.

Allergies

If your child has an allergy please remember to ask Mrs Buckle for a form to fill in so that we are all aware of any need, please can you also check the date on existing inhalers so that the most recent one is in school in case it is needed.

Uniform

It is such a pleasure seeing all of the children look so smart at the beginning of term. Thank you. Mrs Buckle has some uniform in her office that has previously been ordered, but also if you would like to order some please pop in to see her either at drop off or pick up times, or email if that is easier. The PTFA have plenty of pre-loved uniform which they will sell after school at the next cake sale.

I would like to remind you that tattoos and nail varnish and jewellery are not allowed at school and if a child has earrings, they should be small studs only. If your child cannot remove their earrings for PE please can you put a small roll of micro pore tape into their bag so that we can cover their studs. Shoulder length hair must be tied up.

After school clubs

We will be sending home clubs letters next week to start clubs after school week beginning 15th September. We are hoping to provide a variety of clubs through the year and would appreciate any support from willing parents who may be able to help run a club with staff. I know there are many talented and enthusiastic parents here and I would love to be able to tap into your skills and expertise. (sewing, Table tennis, skipping club – you tell us your superpower and we will harness it!) There will be an opportunity for some junior children to go to horse riding lessons again on a Monday after school starting in a few weeks. This is organised through Cotswold Trail riding. We do not have the transport to the venue so the children will need to be transported to the venue. If you are interested in riding lessons for your child, please speak to Mrs Bacon over the next few days.

Parent Helpers

We always need more help in school to listen to readers, join in with games. If any of you can spare some time, we would be incredibly grateful. Please come and speak to one of the teachers for more information. We always ask parents to work in a different class from the one their child is in.

New to Reception September 2026

If you have a child due to start school next September or if you know anyone who has a child that is due to start then, you are invited to come into school to meet the staff and find out more information just before Half term. The dates are on the back page. Please can you pass the message onto other families that maybe interested in coming to Haresfield. Thank you.

School Photographs

We have booked the photographer to come into school on Tuesday September 30th. If you would like younger siblings for a family photo we will start with them at 8:40 at the end of breakfast club.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – more information about events will follow when needed.

There will be other dates added to the diary over the term, particularly from the PTFA – I will keep you up to date as soon as I have them.

FRIDAY 12TH SEPT	NHS nurses in school - Nasal Flu Spray
FRIDAY 12TH SEPT	Woodland classroom starts
MONDAY 15th SEPTEMBER	Clubs start in school during this week
FRIDAY 19TH SEPT	Little Wandle phonics meeting for Reception and Year 1 parents 3:00
MONDAY 22nd SEPT	Whole School SCARF Day (Visit from Outside agency)
MONDAY 22ND SEPT	Horse riding Club begins
FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2:15 pm
TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER	School Photos – 8:40 for younger siblings
THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER	9:15 a.m. Harvest Festival @ St Peter's Church
TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER	Parents evening meetings 3:30 – 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER	Parents evening meetings 3:30 – 5:30
FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER	9:15 Family worship at St Peter's Church – all welcome
MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER	HALF TERM WEEK
MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	All back in school
WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER	INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY
THURSDAY 6TH NOV	Open afternoon – visits for new reception Sept 2026
MONDAY 10TH NOV	Anti bullying week – Odd Sock Day

TUESDAY 11th NOV	Open morning – visits for new reception Sept 2026
WEDNESDAY 19th NOV	Open morning – visits for new reception Sept 2026
TUESDAY 25TH NOV	Open afternoon – visits for new reception Sept 2026
FRIDAY 28th NOV	Open morning – visits for new reception Sept 2026
MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER	Open morning – visits for new reception Sept 2026
TUESDAY 9TH DEC	INFANT NATIVITY 1:45 PM
WEDNESDAY 10TH DEC	Open morning – visits for new reception Sept 2026
THURSDAY 11TH DEC	INFANT NATIVITY 1:45 PM + 5:30
FRIDAY 12TH DEC	Christmas jumper day
TUESDAY 16TH DEC	Christingle at St Peter's Church 6pm
WEDNESDAY 17TH DEC	Christmas lunch in school
FRIDAY 19TH DEC	Carols in the hall 1:30 pm
FRIDAY 19TH DEC	End of term
MONDAY 5TH JANUARY	INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY
TUESDAY 6TH JAN	All back in school