



Haresfield C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't actually believe where the time is going! We are soon heading into a very bust term for the children – I have included as many dates as I have on the back of this newsletter but there may be more dates to add.

SAT's Tests (Y6)

Over the next few weeks year 6 children will be taking Statutory Assessment Tests along with all other Y6 pupils in the country. As all children are individuals and need different strategies to enable them to achieve their best we will endeavour to keep this time as stress free as possible, whilst maintaining the security and integrity of the tests.

We recognise that a simple test on a certain day tells others very little about the true nature and character of the children in our school. It does not show that some of our children are fantastic sports men and women, or that they may love to sing or draw. It does not show their natural talent for dancing, gymnastics or playing a musical instrument; that their friends can count on them to be there for them, or that their smiles and laughter can brighten up the classroom. They do not show that the children at Haresfield School are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day they try to be the best they can and that they Aim High. We are very proud of the values that our children show every day...not just for a test.

Concert for Parents

On Friday 23rd May there will be a celebration in the school hall to showcase some of the exciting things that have been going on in school. Mr Andrew's Choir will be performing a few songs for us with several children performing solo's, country dance club will perform a couple of dances and the winner of the 'Look Who's Talking' oracy competition will be giving his speech to the school. We would very much like you to attend if your child is performing in any of the sections of our concert.

PTFA

The PTFA are busy organising lots of events and activities for the children over the summer term. We will be having a summer fayre this year and we will be asking for tombola prizes, teddies for the teddy tombola and raffle prizes. One stall we are hoping to set up will be jars full of different goodies to sell. We will be making a few examples to send out but if you have any great ideas, please let us know. Also, if you have any contacts that would like a stall at the summer fayre or if your business would like to donate a raffle prize please let us know so that we can get things organised in plenty of time. Dates on the end page.



Clubs

Most teacher led clubs will start again straight after half term, we will be sending out the offer before the end of this term. I have organised gymnastics but that starts week two and I have also organised horse riding for Y3 – Y6 but this has limited numbers. The cost for horse riding is £15 each session for five sessions (£75 to be paid up front). If your child would be interested please let me know and I will send out the information forms.

Christian Value



This term, our school value is **Friendship**, and we are learning how to be kind, caring, and supportive friends to one another. Friendship means including others in our games, listening when someone is feeling sad, and celebrating each other's successes. We are practicing how to work together as a team, use kind words, and show respect to everyone in our school community. By being good friends, we help make our school a happy and welcoming place for all.

We feel this really benefits our school community and develops our school Christian distinctiveness.

Woodland Classroom

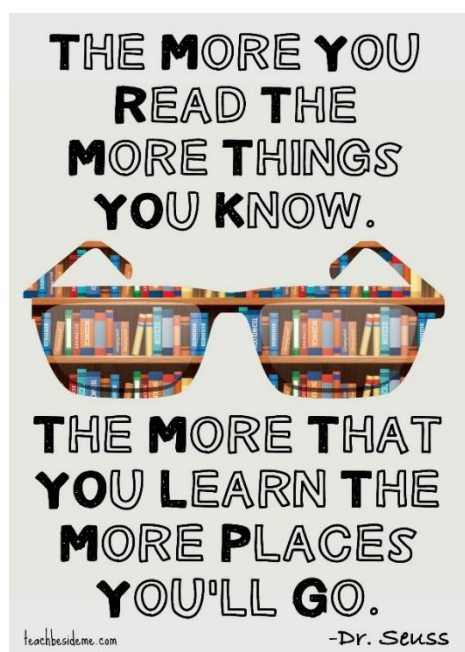
Just a reminder -

If your child is going to the woodland classroom in the morning, they will need to wear jogging trousers with their school jumper/ cardigan at the top and they will need a waterproof coat with a hood. Please send spare trousers or a skirt and socks in a carrier bag for them to change into when they return to school.

If your child's class is going to the woodland classroom in the afternoon your child will need to come to school in their school uniform but have spare joggers to change into before they leave. They must also have a waterproof coat with a hood as we will be going even if it is raining.

Uniform

Mrs Buckle will be putting in an order for uniform in the next few weeks for September. The company always have a large backlog of orders so we are hoping to get the order in sooner so that the uniform comes into school before the end of the summer term. If you think you will need to order new uniform for September please email Mrs Buckle on admin@haresfield.gloucs.sch.uk to ask for an order form.



The importance of reading

Reading to young children is crucial for their development, and the benefits extend far beyond simply learning to read.

Reading exposes children to new words and ways of using language. It also helps them learn about the world, making it easier for them to grasp new subjects.

Books help children build empathy and learn how to manage challenging feelings. During reading time, parents can discuss emotions and coping strategies. For example, you might ask, "Have you ever felt as angry as the character in this book?"

What would you do if you did?" These conversations foster emotional intelligence and connection.

Remember, even a few minutes of reading each day can make a significant difference in your child's development. Please remember to write in the reading record book as the children earn rewards for the number of signatures they get through the year.

For Parents - Wellbeing Apps for Kids

With wellbeing increasingly hot on the agenda, helping children manage their health and wellbeing is a top priority. Nothing can beat getting out in the fresh air, meeting friends, and having fun, but some children may find apps useful for things such as learning about emotions, managing anxiety etc. There are thousands of these types of apps, but to cut through the fog Internet Matters have put together a list which gives details such as: suitable ages, purpose, how the app works and (where applicable) the cost. You can find the list of apps [HERE](#).

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

Monday 12th May	SAT's week for Year 6
Friday 16th May	St Peter's Family Worship 9:05am All welcome
Friday 16th May	PTFA ice cream sale
Monday 19th May	KNEX finals
Monday 19th May	Key stage 2 handball
Wednesday 21st May	KS2 mountain biking event (Stratford Park)
Friday 23rd May	End of term
Half Term	
Monday 2nd June	All return to School
Wednesday 4th June	KS2 rounders
Thursday 5th June	Class 4 trip to SkillsZone
Monday 9th June	Horse riding and gymnastics club starts
Monday 9th June	Year 4 Multiplication check all week
Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonics screening check all week
Tuesday 10th June	KS1 Dodgeball event
Wednesday 11th June	Y6 leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
Friday 13th June	KS2 Dodgeball events
Wednesday 18th June	KS1 and KS2 Shonk ball competition
Wednesday 18th June	New to reception parents evening 6pm
Monday 23rd June	School Sports Day (All children morning KS2 races afternoon)
Wednesday 25th June	Y3 / Y4 Quad Kids
Friday 27th June	St Peter's Family Worship 9:05 am all welcome.

Friday 27th June	New Reception Children visit 1:30 – 3:00 visit one
Friday 27th June	PTFA School Disco
Monday 30th June	Sports day reserve date
Thursday 3rd July	Rags to Riches collection
Thursday 3rd July	New Reception Children visit 1:30 – 3:00 visit two
Thursday 10th July	New Reception Children visit 1:30 – 3:00 visit three
Thursday 10th July	PTFA Summer Fayre 3:30 – 5:30pm
Monday 14th July	No Clubs this week
Friday 18th July	Leavers service + End of Term 2:30
Summer Holidays	

