

The Flying Newt



No:02 Week ending 14.09.18

Dear Parents/Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

This is our first full week back at school and Key Stage 1 are doing really well. There is a lovely sense of calm and purpose ☺ Please come to a brief after school meeting on Wednesday 19 September to **'Meet the Teacher'**. Class teachers will go through learning, expectations, routines and useful information so please come (children stay in the hall for the duration of the meeting with me for story time). If you are unable to attend, the class slide shows will be put on the school website. Thank you.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who are reinforcing that super manners, RESPECT, great learning and fantastic behaviour is what we all expect. Staff expect children to come through the gate with a cheery greeting so remind your child of the expectations. Year 2 are having a big focus on improving their cursive handwriting so if this is an area that you can reinforce at home, that too would be very helpful. Thank you.

Year 2 children will soon be stepping up to be welcomers for the new Reception children. All of the Year 2 children are expected to don a sash and to take part as part of their KW+KA and school community citizenship duties. Jobs start on Tuesday! ☺

Postcards celebrating children's superb learning/Kind Words and Kind Actions start this week so please keep an eye out for the post next week ☺ It's really lovely when children and parents/carers **return with a 'thank you'** and if it's in the form of a card, I always pop them up on my door. Thank you ☺

We are already coming across un-named uniform. **Please label everything** including coats and shoes. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a **coat that has a hood**. Children will be going outside in inclement weather so best to be prepared. Thank you.

Nursery and Reception home visits have been very successful (with nearly all families in to receive staff!) and we are busy preparing for when the Early Years children join us. We are looking forward to the children starting so that our school intake is complete ☺ **The school will be become much busier next week as will Normansfield Avenue pavement so please help other by reducing congestion where you can such as moving away from gates when you have dropped off/collected your child(ren).** Thank you

I really **appreciate that Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers** are not calling out to children with 'one last goodbye' or standing outside the Year 1 classes looking to see where their child is! Thank you. We are **building resilience and independence with your children** so welcome your support. Thank you.

This week, EVERYONE has been on time for drop off and collection. Hooray, well done and keep it up! It's made for a very smooth start to our school days and I appreciate the efforts that families are making. **Thank you – please keep it going!** ☺

The Community Diary is attached: please make a note of dates. We will avoid sending out reminders for events so please jot down the relevant dates on you family diary! We have a 'Tidy Up Tuesday' on 25 September and we would appreciate some parent/carer helpers for sprucing up the school grounds, in particular tying in the willow arch and some beautification of the EY and Year 1 outside areas. If you can help, please let your child's class teacher/School Office/me know. Thank you.

We have 2 Supermagic days coming up. The first one on **Friday 21 September is to celebrate class themes** so please ensure that your child brings in some information about their class name. The second day is on **Friday 05 October and is called our Family Tapestry Supermagic Day.** This one celebrates our children's interests, skills, joys and anything that they may be worried about is also addressed. To this end, please may you **complete the Family Tapestry sheet (out on 21/9) and return by 01 October.** Class teachers will read through each of their children's sheets so that get a fuller picture of your child; I will also read each child's sheet and from this, pull out themes which are then incorporated into our special Supermagic Days. **It's lovely to be able to use children's interests to make tweaks to the curriculum** ☺ Thank you in advance for doing the sheets at home!

Helpers meetings are in the diary. Please look to see when you would like to come. If you have helped in previous years, you must still come to a meeting for a refresher on Safeguarding.

Have a super weekend. There are a few conkers left if you still need to go-a-gathering!
Warmest wishes,

HJP
Heidi Johnson Paul, Headteacher

Staffing Updates

We bid a fond farewell to Teaching Assistant Mrs Carmen Berlau who has worked at HWINS for a number of years. Carmen had made a special contribution to the care and development of many children particularly those with whom she has worked 1-1. We wish her well as she moves onto a job where she will be putting to use her multilingual skills!

As you are aware, we have two teachers new to HWINS: Miss Rae Donovan (Reception, Blackbird Class) and Mrs Jillian Blogg (Year 1, Pegasus Class) both of whom are settling in well along with TAs Mrs Pauline Fryer and Miss Sophie Guehioueche

Reception and Nursery Classes

So that everyone is aware (as there will be increased foot traffic outside of the school), Nursery and Reception children start their phased entry next week with Reception classes becoming full time on Monday 24 September.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle each day. **ONLY** water is allowed and nothing else. Thank you.

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit and plimsolls that fit which are kept at school in the school PE bag. Children need their kits EVERY week. Kits will be taken home at half term for a wash. **Thank you.**

School Clubs

Just a reminder that all after school clubs now finish at 4.20pm. Children will be in reception ready for collection at this time.

The Wilderness Café has opened!

HUGE thanks to Don for working his magic and transforming a portacabin used for storage into a thing of beauty – our café! Anna Buset (Estella, Yr 2 and Heidi N) has been fantastic at taking on the setting up and getting the café open and the drinks flowing! Many thanks to Olu Oke (Temi, Yr 2 and Tunde Rec) for designing the signage and to School Council for choosing the name for the café and the signage design. A super team effort. So now we need YOU to use the café as it's there for you! Quality coffee, a selection of teas and yummy cakes/breakfast bars.

Opening times are 8.45am – 10.00am and 2.45pm – 3.45pm.

Please step forward if you can do a spot of baking for the café or run a session. Thank you! 😊

Percy our school dog

Perc has been in this week to say hello and welcome back to KS1. Children were so gentle with him, as he was with them! It was lovely to see children who were a little cautious about stroking Perc coming forward and being brave. He'll be back on a regular basis and looks forward to being part of reading and story times 😊



Lunchtime Supervisor (SMSA)

Start date: 24th September 2018

Hours: 11:35am – 1:00pm

Days: Monday to Friday term time only (38 weeks per year)

Salary: £3,243.70.

Application Closing Date: 9am Monday 17th September 2018

Interview Date: Wednesday 19th September 2018

We are looking for a caring and enthusiastic team member to support our school at lunch time. Candidates will have superb interpersonal skills with the ability to work positively with all facets of the school community. The role involves working in partnership with the other SMSAs and members of the leadership team.

Further details including full job description and how to apply can be found on e-teach.

www.eteach.com/job/midday-supervisor-1000899?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y

Water Aid

We are collecting for Water Aid! Look out for our blue bucket outside the school gates at pick up time and please donate what you can. We would like to help poor children receive clean water to their villages so that they can stop walking many hours a day to collect dirty water and enjoy more time at their schools.

Thank you very much
Nicholas and Gabriel Brown
Year 2



The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe Auditions!

Award-winning youth-production company Dramacube are holding auditions for their Christmas show, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Based on the classic C. S. Lewis' tale of the fabulous land of Narnia, this musical adaptation by Irita Kutchmy which is designed for young people, beautifully captures the mood and drama of the novel's supernatural setting and makes for a wonderful Christmas show for all the family to enjoy.

The production will be staged at the impressive Hampton Hill Theatre in December this year with workshop-auditions for children aged 7-14yrs taking place on Sunday 16th September at Hampton Hill theatre and the Exchange Theatre in Twickenham.

For information regarding auditions please visit www.dramacubeproductions.co.uk or email contact@dramacube.co.uk

Community Diary Dates week beginning 17 September		
17 September 2018	Monday 17	Reception & Nursery Children – phased entry
	Tuesday 18	Reception & Nursery Children – phased entry
	Wednesday 19	Reception & Nursery Children – all in school
		Year 2 school trip to Painshill Park
		3:30pm-4:00pm - Y1 & Y2 Meet the Teacher, Welcome & Class Learning + Routines
	Thursday 20	Existing Helpers' Meeting 8:30am & 3:20pm
	Friday 21	Existing Helpers' Meeting 8:30am & 3:20pm
		Super Magic Day: Class theme - Things that Fly. Children are to wear school uniform
		Family Tapestries out
24 September 2018	Monday 24	Reception Children become full time - 9:00am-3:15pm
	Tuesday 25	Tidy-up Tuesday: Eco Grounds Day: Sweep up, plant up, tidy-up. Parent/carer volunteers welcome
	Wednesday 26	
	Thursday 27	
	Friday 28	8:30am & 3:20pm New Helpers' Meeting
		Reception parents/carers 'Meet the Teacher, Welcome + Learning Information' 9-9:30am or 3:30pm-4:00pm, school hall (please come to one meeting only)
01 October 2018	Monday 1	
	Tuesday 2	Individual School Photographs for Nursery and Reception children (photos will be taken with non-school siblings before school from 8:00am, please call the school office to book your non-school sibling appointment)
	Wednesday 3	9.15am Open Day
	Thursday 4	Individual School Photographs for Yr1 & Yr2 children (photos will be taken with non-school siblings before school from 8:00am, please call the school office to book your non-school sibling appointment)
	Friday 5	Super Magic Day: Family Tapestries – please return completed. Children to wear school uniform
08 October 2018	Monday 8	Consultations appointments are released
		School Meal taster session 3:15pm
	Tuesday 9	
	Wednesday 10	8.30am - New Helpers' Meeting
	Thursday 11	3.30pm Reading workshop for all helpers
	Friday 12	
15 October 2018	Monday 15	3:40pm-7:00pm - Parent/carer Consultations, Nursery, Rec, Yr1 & Yr2
	Tuesday 16	3:40pm-7:00pm - Parent/carer Consultations, Nursery, Rec, Yr1 & Yr2
	Wednesday 17	9:10am-11:20am & 1:00pm-3:00pm - Nursery Consultations
	Thursday 18	
	Friday 19	Whole school Harvest Celebration Assembly – theme: Sharing - children only
22 October 2018		Monday 22 – Friday 26 Half Term