



June Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final summer half term – time certainly is whizzing by! I hope that you all had a restful break with your loved ones. Apologies in advance for the length of this newsletter, but there is lots to update you on and share. This is going to be a busy end to the year! **Please do take the time to read this as there are important things included.**

SUMMER FAIR

Hopefully you will have seen the previous dojo about the summer fair on 18th July 2023. We are really excited as it has been some time since we have had a fair. Please take note of the **three own clothes days**, where your generous donations to help make the fair a success are greatly appreciated.

OFSTED

You have received a letter from Mr Henderson- Griffith regarding our most recent Ofsted report. As promised, I am holding a meeting to share our plans moving forward and to enable you to ask any questions that you may have. I look forward to chatting with you on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 3:30pm in the school hall. There are **so many positives** in the report and clear next steps to continue to work on to ensure that we are the very best that we can be. I for one am excited to continue our journey together.

PARENTPAY

From September, **we will be a 'cashless' school**. This means that all payments; school trips, charity donations, milk etc will be paid online via the ParentPay app. You will soon be receiving communication about this and I ask that you please act promptly to ensure that your account is set up and ready. We will be trialling some payments before the year is out to ensure we are good to go in September.

SEESAW

We currently use Dojo as our platform to communicate with parents/carers but this will be changing to 'Seesaw' for September. As with ParentPay, we aim to get this set up before we come back in September so that you have access to your new class teacher, class page and the school page. This platform, in my opinion, is **so much better for communication and for sharing the children's work and achievements** with you directly. Although I appreciate changing is a bit of a fuss, I assure you it will be worth it and you will quickly see the benefits (once teachers get the hang of navigating it!). Again, please follow the link when it arrives and sign up as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

ENTRY AND EXIT:

It can be very congested in the morning due to only using the one main gate to enter and exit school. Moving forward, we will be opening the other gate at the bottom of the playground to reduce the traffic. To be clear, **gates will not always be 'manned' by a member of staff**. It is your responsibility as parents and carers to ensure that children get into their classrooms in the morning and leave the premises safely at the end of the day once they are handed over to you by staff.

UNIFORM POLICY UPDATE:

From September 2023 I will be **trailing**, for the year, an updated uniform policy which allows trainers. However, this change comes with strict rules. The **trainers must be COMPLETELY black to be**

acceptable. Even trainers with the smallest white Nike tick for example, will be replaced with school pumps until appropriate footwear can be purchased. I think this will be a welcomed move by parents/carers and children alike, but will only continue if it is followed and supported by all.

NEW WEBSITE:

For your information, we will be getting a new website soon and therefore some aspects on the current site may be out of date. I will update you when the new shiny one is live.

STAFFING UPDATE:

As of September, Mr Ryan and Miss Mullineux will be moving on to new schools for their next adventure. This is an exciting time for them, but they will be missed here at Hilton Lane. We wish you all the best! An advert is out for two new teachers, but due to the two current teacher vacancies, the class allocations will be announced later than usual. I will update you as soon as the positions have been filled. Thank you for your patience.

KEY DATES:

- Tuesday 6th June 2023 - Class photos
- WB 19th June 2023 - SUPER LEARNING WEEK: International week
- Monday 19th June 2023 - Nursery and Reception Meet and Greet – All families and children – 4pm – Main school
- Friday 23rd June 2023 - Y1 Class assembly – parents/carers welcome – 2:45pm
- Tuesday 27th June 2023 - EYFS sports day – more details to follow
- 29th and 30th June 2023 - Y6 transition dates to high school (awaiting details from high schools)
- Thursday 29th June 2023 - Whole school transition morning in school – meet the teacher
- Friday 30th June 2023 - Whole school transition morning in school – meet the teacher
- Friday 30th June 2023 - Own Clothes Day - Bring a bottle for the tombola
- Friday 7th July 2023 - Own Clothes Day - Bring chocolate bars and sweets for the tombola
- Friday 7th July 2023 - School reports sent home
- Monday 10th July 2023 - Y6 school play rehearsal for whole school (not parents/carers)
- Tuesday 11th July 2023 Y6 school play – parents/carers invited. Children in school for 5pm, performance to start at 5:30pm
- Friday 14th July 2023 - Own Clothes Day - Bring a cuddly toy
- Tuesday 18th July 2023 - Summer Fair 3:30pm - 4:30pm Main playground
- Tuesday 18th July 2023 - Y6 Leavers party – School Hall – 5:30-7pm
- Thursday 20th July 2023 - Y6 Final Leavers assembly – 9:15am – Parents/carers invited.
- Thursday 20th July 2023 - Finish for summer!

Staff Shout Out:

This months shout out goes to Miss Jubb! Miss Jubb works exceptionally hard for the children in Year 2 and I am so grateful for her hard work and dedication.

Pupil Shout Out:

To all the breakfast club gang who greet me with a smile every morning – you always start my day off in a bright and cheery way so thank you.

Kindest regards,

Miss Kearsley.