



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HARESIDE?

Remembering Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



As you are aware, Monday is a bank holiday and there will be no school. We hope you take time with your children to remember Her Majesty fondly and we look forward to all children being back in school on Tuesday ready to start at 8:40am.

Uniform – lost property and free to those in need



Unfortunately, we have a large amount of lost property in school. As per our recent correspondence, we have requested parents/carers come into school to check if any belongs to their children. Any uniform unclaimed by the end of next week will be offered free to any homes that may need them. These are challenging times financially for us all and we feel some families may benefit from free uniform or coats etc. In order to allow families some privacy, we have organised to display the uniform in the Quiet Room at the Cramlington Hub. For those of you who have not been to the Hub, it is next to Concordia and looks like a library from the main windows. Enter the hub and go to the 2nd floor where you will see the quiet room and a member of staff with the uniform. Items will be free and we hope this will go some way to helping families in need discreetly.

Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th September 2:00pm – 2:45pm

Drop Off and Collection

We have had super feedback from parents regarding the new drop off and collection arrangements. We are delighted it is working well for everyone. Please do ensure that your children are in class for 8:40am every day. Gates open at 8:30 and will close at 8:45am. This allows staff time to get back to class and begin teaching and learning tasks rather than waiting on the gates for late arrivals. Anyone arriving after this time should go to the main office, giving a reason for lateness and ordering lunches for children if required.



Breakfast Bagels



We can see how much the children are enjoying and benefitting from the free bagel system. If you find yourself in need of help with breakfast please just complete this form to access free bagels every morning:

<https://forms.gle/uJ6Bx9jpt6JhJuDu6>

Jewellery – Earrings are not permitted in school for health and safety reasons. Please remove all earrings. We have concerns about plastic retainers too as a child had to have an operation to remove one last year and request children have nothing in their ears. This rule applies to both boys and girls and is one that is in operation when the children attend Secondary school also.



School Choir and music lessons



This year we are delighted that Katie is continuing as our music specialist. She is going to start a school choir, open to all children in years 3,4,5 and 6 which will happen on Wednesdays between 3:00pm and 3:30pm. This will mean parents will need to wait for any children taking part to finish unless they are year 5 and 6 with permission to walk home alone. We are certain Katie will make the choir just as engaging as her music lessons are.

Katie will also be offering keyboard lessons on a Friday. These will be in small groups and there will be a charge for parents. At this stage we would like to gauge interest prior to calculating the cost and to ascertain how many groups Katie will have. We will try and keep the cost down as much as possible. If you are interested please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/P9Sjn2G7QcQVWQtLA>

Parent Information Evenings

At the start of every year, we invite parents into school to meet their child's teacher and hear all about life in their new class. This is in the form of an information evening and provides important information about their learning. It is vital that as many parents as possible attend these. A google form will be sent out by the class teachers in order to work out numbers attending and offer 3 different times for you all to attend. We hope you find this interesting and valuable and are keen to hear feedback from you after the event.

This year you will receive information about your child's progress in the following ways:

5th October 2022 Parent Information evening (how to support your child to be successful in their learning this year – children should not attend this evening if possible)

23rd November 2022 Show and Tell 3:15pm until 5pm (You are invited to come with your child and they will share their work and progress with you in their classroom)

w/c 6th February 2023 Parent information report (this is a short report which will offer key information about your child's progress in Reading, Writing, and Maths)

15th February 2023 Show and Tell (You are invited to come with your child and they will share their work and progress with you in their classroom)

8th March 2023 Parents Evening online from 3:30pm – 6:30pm (this will be an online event in order to support parent/carer working patterns and to avoid long waiting times. Time in appointment will be increased by a few minutes, taking account of parent and staff feedback)

24th May 2023 Show and Tell (You are invited to come with your child and they will share their work and progress with you in their classroom)

w/c 10th July 2023 School Report (this will be a full written report, printed and shared with all parents/carers)

We hope you feel our progress information is easy to understand, regular and relevant. If you have any ideas or comments on how we share information about our children please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.



Parent and carer Parking

Unfortunately, it is vital for me to remind parents and carers, once again, that parking is not permitted in the areas closest to school due to the parking restrictions unless you have a disabled badge or an email with permission from myself. Please park at the park and stride locations and walk into the school grounds with your child or children. Parking will be randomly monitored by the community police and warnings or actions will be used to address any issues. We ask that, if you do have permission to park close to school, you park appropriately and without blocking driveways or access to homes please. Thank you to the many parents and carers who always park and stride.



Ford Castle

We are looking forward to taking our Year 6s to Ford Castle next week. Please don't worry we really will treat them with care and ensure they have a fantastic time! Photos and updates will be shared on Seesaw with parents. Please do not share any photos received on social media as this could breach child protection measures in place for some. If your child is nervous (or you are...) please let them know we will be in touch with families regularly, we won't go to bed until every child is sleeping comfortably and we will make sure they get food to eat that they like. It will honestly be an amazing experience for them and one which prepares them so well for High School!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



We encourage all families to visit our website regularly and have worked hard to ensure it is mobile phone friendly and easy to access. We have put all of this term's dates into the website calendar and you can access them by clicking the "Quick Links" tab at the side of the website online or at the top of the mobile version. You will also find instructions to help you add it to your mobile phone or computer calendar. If you need any assistance please ask at the school office.

USEFUL DATES THIS TERM

Most Fridays at 8:45am- 9:30am

Most Fridays (some omitted due to holidays) we will be holding a whole school celebration assembly. On the day before the school office will contact you if your child is being given an award. You will be invited to attend (maximum 2 people please). After the assembly we invite you to stay with your child in our studio and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee (juice for children) to celebrate with them (finish time 9:30am or at latest 9:45am). We ask that you do not tell their child if they have won as the surprise on their faces when they spot you in the hall really is wonderful to see. Please do not take photographs as some of our children are under child protection orders.



Ford Castle Residential

September 20th to 23rd Year 6 pupils

We really would love all children to go so please get in touch if you have any worries. Children remaining in school will receive full curriculum with a different class teacher.

Parent Information Evening – 5th October

Please come to find out all about your child's new teacher and class. We ask you **not to bring children if possible please**. If you need to bring your child please let the class teacher know via Seesaw or Tapestry. There will be 3 sessions (each is a repeat of the first) in order to allow those with more than one child to attend each class. **Sessions commence at 3:45pm, 4:30pm and 5:00pm.**

School meal fun trial day! Thursday 6th October 2022

Try school meals for £1 (free if your child is entitled to free school meals or is in Reception, Year 1 or 2). Encourage your child to have a hot tasty meal (4 options every day to choose from) in a fun way (more details nearer the time!) for only £1!

Please note: Teacher Training Day 21st October 2022 so children break for school holiday on Thursday 20th October and return to school on Monday 31st October.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support. You really do make such a difference and we feel very lucky to have such involved and caring families.

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