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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HARESIDE?

### WELCOME BACK

We hope both you and your children have had a great first week back at school! Sadly the weather has not been kind to us and we are fully aware that there have been some teething problems with collection too. Hopefully you understand that we are doing our best to recognise and get to know parents or carers quickly but it does take some time. To improve communication this year newsletters will be weekly.

### Sad News



Today we have come together to remember our queen, Queen Elizabeth II, who sadly passed away yesterday. We have talked about the wonderful and inspirational person she was, demonstrating all of our school values and so much more. Your children were deeply respectful and we felt very proud of their questions, care and compassion.

Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this sad time.

### Our new king



We have also shared our hopes for the beginning of a new era with our new king, King Charles III. We are certain he aspires to be just as devoted and successful as his mother was.

We send him our best wishes and continued support in his new role.

### Drop Off and Collection

Thank you for your understanding and support with the new arrangements this term. We feel the mornings are working really well and look forward to the Reception children being in for full days next week. Watch out – they may be tired!

We appreciate your feedback regarding the afternoon collection points. As a staff, we have discussed this at length and feel some adaptation is required. This will hopefully be all the adjustment required but we will keep it under review and adapt if necessary.



New arrangements as follows:

**Reception** : Please collect from the large tarmac yard in front of the nursery and reception classrooms. Please do not enter the reception play area with the wooden fence.

**Year 1 and 2**: Please collect from their classroom doors. The children will remain indoors and be released to you individually. For safeguarding reasons please do not call your child to you but await the teacher's instructions.

**Year 3 and 4**: Please collect from the double doors by the nursery entrance. The children will remain indoors and be released to you individually. Please wait in the area inside the main gates in front of the doors, leaving space for the teachers and children to spot specific parents.



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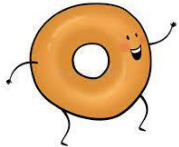
**Year 5 and 6:** Please collect from the double doors near the yurt and Forest School area. Please do not forget you must complete the permission form if you wish them to walk home alone. Link below:

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Please note all gates will open at 8:30am and be closed at 8:50am. Registration closes at 8:50am and any children arriving after this time must enter via the main office with an adult to explain their lateness. All children should be in their classes by 8:40am.

**Consideration for others:** our school values are so important to us and we hope parents and carers will always model them. When awaiting school to start or for children to come out, **please supervise your children carefully and expect them to behave appropriately at all times.** Some of our very young children are very nervous and need a calm, quiet environment without worrying about getting hurt. **Parking is only available for those with disability badges or permission emails.** Please park and stride, offering your children a healthy option for life.

### Breakfast Bagels



Please take your child to the Hop In for a free breakfast bagel every morning if you have completed the form (link below) or if your child is entitled to free school meals. We want every child to start school in the best way possible and are keen to support anyone who needs it.

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As you know, it is so important for every child to be in school every day on time in order to give them the very best chances not only in school but also in life. We will do everything we can to support you and your family but communication is key. Please get in touch with myself (see details at end of newsletter) or with Mrs Purvis if you are struggling to get your child into school. We can really only help if we know and understand the difficulties you are experiencing.

### **Holidays in term time...**

Please do not take your child out of school during term time. I really am not able to authorise holidays and new government guidance (which will become statutory next year) will result in even fewer circumstances being considered appropriate. Some children last year missed key events, important assessments and vital learning. If your child is regularly late they will miss lessons that are hard to repeat and we want to do everything to avoid this happening.

Please support us and help all children have a fantastic start to their day and access to every opportunity.



We have listened carefully to your feedback regarding communication around events and giving plenty of notice. Last year we gave out a parent planner at the beginning of the year but we feel this didn't work for everyone and some changes had to be made due to unforeseen circumstances and staffing issues which impacted some families.

This year we would like to try using the website. We want to 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.

### Safeguarding

With the rising cost of living we are keen to support and safeguard our children and families. If you or someone you know of is struggling please get in touch with us confidentially. There are often many ways we can support or direct people to the right care without judgement and strict confidentiality. Times are hard and due to get harder... please find your voice and let us help where we can.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022



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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 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 so children break for school holiday on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October and return to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

Every child has been truly fantastic this week and we look forward to working together with you all to ensure they have a brilliant year! Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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