

HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

6th January 2017



HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope that you all had a great Christmas break and enjoyed seeing in 2017 with family and friends. It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm of the children returning to school. We know that several families were struck by chicken pox, which is still doing the rounds, but we look forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as possible.

There is plenty to look forward to again this term including the end of term Spring Concert - more details to follow. I am also reminded that I promised to put on a 'Hatherleigh has Talent' competition ...the School Council and I have met to start planning and will be putting posters up the week after next.

With growing evidence of our expectant mums on the school staff there will inevitably be some staff changes as the term progresses; the Governors and I will keep you informed as soon as final decisions are taken.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are now trialling electronic registration in each class. Please remember that children should be in school **by 8.50 am**. This gives the children time to take out their reading book, homework, drinks bottles etc. **ready to start class at 8.55.**

Dinner tickets may only be purchased on Mondays and Fridays but online at any time. Please do not rely on the red ticket system. We have been very flexible in the past but this has been abused a little and used as the norm rather than the exception. This will not continue as it takes up too much admin time.

From now on, in an effort to improve punctuality and school site security, the cloakroom side door will be closed at 8.50am and late arrivals must enter through the main reception as visitors must do during the school day. No one should be on site even if they are dropping off PE kits, for example, without going to the main office first. The children are now well and truly settled into their classes so there should be no need for most parents of children in Year 1 to 6 to be regularly going into class in the morning. We want to encourage the children to be independent and to enable the teachers and teaching assistants to concentrate on the children. We hope that you understand that we are trying to get the best start to the day for all the children. Staff are more than happy to see parents at the end of the day.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs will start week beginning 16th January.

SWIMMING

Just a reminder that swimming lessons start on Monday for Years 3 & 4.

TUCK SHOP

The school tuck shop will be open on Friday break time selling flapjack for 40p. Please can children bring in the correct money.

YOUTH CLUB

We have been advised to let you know that Youth Club is on tonight.

This Week's Learners of the Week

Lucas Farley
Luke Chappell
Rory Hopkins
Demelza Brook
Annabelle Trenaman
Xander Farley
Kai Tooley
Jayden Reed

COULD YOUR CHILD BE ENTITLED TO SUBSIDY TOWARDS RESIDENTIALS AND UP TO £50 PER YEAR FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS FREE MEALS IN KEY STAGE 2?

If you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

your child could be entitled to a subsidy towards the cost of residential or a contribution towards extra-curricular activities up to a maximum of £50 per year as well as free school meals (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). Alternatively, this funding could be used to pay for school swimming lessons.

Please apply even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives a meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. As well as financially benefiting as described above, your child may receive additional learning support where appropriate because of the additional funding that school receives from Government for known free school meals pupils. Your child will also be entitled to free milk.

It is very easy to apply! Just ring 0345 155 1019 giving your name, date of birth and national insurance number and they will give you a decision over the phone or complete and return an application form (available from the school office). If you have any problems, just speak to a member of the administration team.

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