



**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

**Welcome back to a new school year. Hope you had a fun-filled, action packed summer holidays and are ready to embrace the new school year with energy and enthusiasm!**

#### **New starters**

A warm welcome to our new starters in Reception: Jessie, Lilly, Charlie, Harris, George, Rhys, Bertie, Isla and Effie. Mrs Dodd has taken first day photographs of all year groups which can be found on our website.



#### **LETTER CHECK-CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 TO 4**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BOOK BAG TODAY-please return the completed forms by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

- Website/Photographs permission (return to Office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September)
- Going Home Arrangements (return to Office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September)
- Local visits and trips permission (return to Office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September)
- Sports club letter and permission slip (return to Office ASAP)
- Zumba Dance club letter and permission slip (return to Office ASAP)
- Acceptable ICT Use Policy (return to Office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September)
- Term dates
- Information about Free School meals
- Breakfast club poster

#### **HEALTHY SNACK**

The School Fruit scheme will begin again shortly for children in Key Stage 1 only. If you are able, please provide a healthy snack for your child to eat during morning playtime. School can provide breadsticks and crackers if required.

#### **PE KITS**

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

We will be doing PE outside in the autumn term, so please make sure your child has a suitable PE kit in school and trainers that he/she can fasten independently.

Kits will be sent home each holiday to be washed and returned to school. Due to limited space, please ensure bags are the drawstring type rather than large rucksacks.

If your child will be attending Sports club, they will go home in their PE kits which will need to be returned to school in time for the next lesson.

#### **MILK**

Mrs Dodd has sent an email to all parents today regarding milk. Please respond as soon as possible if your child would like milk.

### **Breakfast club**

Mrs Phillips and her team continue to run Breakfast club every morning from 8-8.50am. Please contact Mrs Dodd in the office if you have not already indicated that your child will require a place.

### **FOREST SCHOOL**

Forest School will start again this **FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** and will be led by Miss Osborne and Mrs Phillips, with support from our amazing team of volunteers. This is a rich and stimulating curriculum experience for the children and the intention is to go up to Humshaugh woods every week, whatever the weather.

**On Fridays**, children in **YEARS 1 to 4** will need to wear practical outdoor trousers/leggings rather than ordinary school uniform. **We still would like children to wear their Humshaugh First School sweatshirt or cardigan.**

**If possible, please provide your child with a clearly labelled pair of wellies, waterproof coat and trousers that can be kept at school.** If anybody has difficulty providing these please let us know.

### **ILLNESS**

We understand that parents may be wary of sending children into school who are displaying cold/flu like symptoms. Please ring school if you need support to make a decision about whether your child should attend. In the coming months, coughs and snotty noses will be a regular occurrence but not necessarily symptoms for Covid-19.

We would prefer that your child have a dose of paracetamol and come into school unless they have a high temperature. There are regular handwashing and sanitizing points through the day and tissues in every room. If staff were concerned, parents would be contacted for the child to be collected.

### **SWIMMING**

THE CHILDREN **WILL NOT** BE SWIMMING DURING THIS HALF TERM.

### **CLUBS**

Sports club starts on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 3.05pm-4.15pm

Zumba Dance club starts on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 3.05pm-4.15pm.

PARENTS TO PICK UP THEIR CHILD FROM THE FRONT DOOR PLEASE.

### **Birthday cakes**

Due to the Coronavirus and an increase in the number pupils with dietary needs, we are now requesting that parents DO NOT send in birthday cakes to school.

### **Routines**

The children (and Staff!) managed really well with the new routines in school today. We are acting quickly to adapt any routines that need improving especially around handwashing. Although we have tried to stagger lunchtimes, it is likely that we will return to all children eating at 12.00pm then zoning the playground for both bubbles.

Please can we remind parents to follow social distancing guidelines and avoid congregating in the yard when dropping off or picking up their child(ren).

### **Dates**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sep: School starts

4<sup>th</sup> Sep: Forest School starts

14<sup>th</sup> Sep: Sports club starts

17<sup>th</sup> Sep: Zumba starts

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Harvest Festival-in school in bubbles (children only)

4<sup>th</sup> Oct: St. Peter's Harvest Festival at church

Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> October: Parent consultations-letters to be sent out soon

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Last Day of term

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Teacher Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> term starts

4<sup>th</sup> Nov: Shutterbugz Photography

11<sup>th</sup> Dec: Save the Children Christmas jumper day

17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas party p.m.

18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Break for Christmas

