



Hasland Junior School

Headteacher's Newsletter

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Welcome back!

We hope that you and your children enjoyed a lovely summer break!

New Term

We have had a great first couple of days back at school and all the children have settled in really well to their new classes. I particularly want to say a huge well done to the new Y3 children who have been fantastic!

A Final Message From Mr Stringer

Mr Stringer has asked me to deliver the following message to last year's children:
"I just wanted to thank you all for the cards, messages and gifts you gave me before I left. I'm sorry I couldn't open them at school but I enjoyed many happy hours opening them when I got home. Thank you also for your generous donations which I used to buy some wonderful gifts such as cordless headphones, a superb camera and a very flash laptop...and I LOVE my hammock. I hope you all had a great holiday and wish you happiness for the future."

Newsletters

You will begin to receive newsletters this year. I hope that they keep you up-to-date with school information and events as well help you share in our successes as they arise, so please make sure you take the time to read them.

School Staffing

I would like you all to welcome two new members of staff who started with us this week. Miss Piggott is a part time teaching assistant and joins our Y3 team and Miss Baxter is our new part time Family Resource Worker.

Holidays & Absence

Please be reminded that we cannot authorise absences from school unless in **exceptional circumstances**. In most cases an absence linked to a holiday will not be authorised. If your child will be absent through illness, please let the office know as soon as possible otherwise we will need to phone to clarify where your child is.

Jewellery, PE & School Uniform

I'd like to take this opportunity just to remind parents that jewellery is not allowed during PE and must be removed by your child before the lesson begins or at home before the start of the school day if your child is unable to do this by themselves. Tape over earrings is discouraged but if necessary, must be applied preferably before school, or by your child in school, as teachers cannot do this for your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Communication

Communication is very important to us. We would much prefer to hear if you have any concerns as soon as they arise in order to best support you. Please feel welcome to contact school should you wish to speak to someone. Please also feel welcome to chat to me at the school gate if appropriate.

Allergies

Please be advised that we do have children in school with severe nut allergies. For these children, simply coming into contact with someone who has eaten a product containing nuts can be harmful. I would therefore ask that no products containing nuts are brought into school, including Nutella. Please also check any cereal bars for nut-based products. Thank you for your cooperation.

Break Time Snacks

A polite reminder that all snacks should be either fruit or a healthy alternative. This should not be chocolate. Please help to support us in being a healthy school by providing your child with an appropriate snack.

Playground

As many of you will already be aware, the playground has gone through a transformation over the summer holidays. We hope that this will resolve the issues regarding surface water. Although the surfacing is complete for the children to play on, not all the equipment scheduled to be installed has been yet. This will take place over the coming days to complete the playground renovations.

Morning Routine

School staff are on duty in the playground from 8:45am. Children should therefore not be arriving before this time unless attending breakfast club. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.