



October Newsletter 2021

A warm welcome as the days get colder

As the days get colder and darker and we head towards autumn, I hope you and your child have settled into the new school year.

It is great to be able to say what a good start to the year they have all made. They are following all of the measures we have in place to stay COVID safe and I am pleased to be able to say since September no one has contracted COVID from being in school. Our book bags have just arrived so over the next weeks reading books will be coming home and we hope that you enjoy hearing your child read to you.

Videos from your child's teacher

Our teachers have been busy creating videos for the parents and carers of the children in their new class. The videos give you information about what your child's classroom looks like, what they are learning in class over the next few weeks and what you can do at home to help them. To watch please click: <https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk/welcome-back.html>

Future events for the diary

While it is still too soon to have parents and carers in school to see a traditional Harvest festival, we will be collecting food for our local food bank between the **10th and 15th October**. If you have any spare food such as tins of soup, beans, packets of rice, pasta and cartons of long-life milk, *please send your kind donations with your child in a carrier bag.* With your help we can make a big difference this harvest time to those in need.

Autumn Parties

The children's class Autumn Parties will be held on **Friday, 5th November**. More information will be sent closer to the time but it will be an opportunity for the children to wear warm autumn clothes or Halloween fancy dress outfits.

School Places

I know they have only just started Year 6 but if you have a child in Year 6, the deadline for applications for Secondary School is **31st October**. You can apply by clicking this link <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/before-you-apply>.

We also have places in our school Nursery (either 15 or 30 hours depending on your eligibility) and Reception. If you have children in these year groups, and would like a place, please contact the office.

Parent/Carer Governor Vacancy

The Governing Board has a vacancy for a Parent/Carer Governor. Governors play a key role in helping the school improve and giving children the best start in life. If you are interested in becoming a Governor, and would like to know more about the role, please speak to Mr Lumb either by email, phone or on the gate at the start and end of each day.

Considerate Parking around school

We have received a number of complaints from our school's neighbours regarding inconsiderate, and often illegal, parking by parents and carers accessing the school in the morning and afternoons. This including parking on the zig-zag lines outside the school and parking across private driveways around the school. If you need to drive to drop off or collect your child, please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking on the zig-zag lines at any time of the day is illegal.

Smoke & Vape-Free zone

Please can I remind everyone that the areas around school and in our playground are smoke & vape-free zones. Therefore, we ask parent/carer to avoid smoking/vaping when dropping and collecting their children from school.

School closes for half term on **Friday, 23rd Oct** and will re-open on **Monday, 1st Nov**.



Twitter

For more information, and to see photos of how the children are settling back into school life, follow us on Twitter [@HCPSLeeds](#) or the Twitter feed at [hunsletcarr.co.uk](https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk)

Facebook

This month, we will be launching the school's official Facebook Page. Mrs Boyce is busy creating the page and adding the correct links ready for our launch day. Looking out for more information coming soon, including a letter asking you for permission to post photos on our Facebook page that might include your child.

Questions

If you have any questions or need further information about items on this newsletter, please ask your class teacher or me, and we will be happy to help.

Kind Regards

Mr Martin Lumb

Headteacher

Governors' News

I hope you enjoyed spending time with your children over the summer break, and made the most of the more relaxed Covid rules.

We have already had our first governors meeting of the new term. Among other things, we reviewed what is being done to help children catch up with their learning after the disruption caused by COVID, and what precautions are still in place to help keep the children and staff safe.

I am aware of a number of schools in the local area that have already had class or bubble closures this term due to several children or staff having tested positive. I suspect that many of you are, like me, are tired of all the precautions and freedoms we have had to give up, but it is important to keep doing what we can to avoid COVID causing lost learning time.

As part of this, governors are continuing to have meetings using Zoom to reduce the risk of contracting the virus.

Finally, we have a vacancy for a parent/carer governor and we'd love to hear from any parent or carer who felt they could help move the school forward by contributing in governors' meetings. I know Mr Lumb and his leadership team are always on the playground before or after school and would be happy to speak to you about the position.

Kind Regards

Jon Hairsine

Chair of Governors

School Council

This month classes from Year 1 to 5, have selected their class representatives.

On the School Council's first agenda we need to elect the new Head Boy and Head Girl. As a school council we will be working to support children in Year 6 to write their speeches and record them ready to try to earn people's votes.

Keep your eye on the school website for the speeches and results! Good luck to each candidate!

Julia Earnshaw

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