



September Newsletter 2020

Welcome Back

It is great to have everyone back at school. Even though the last few months have been really hard for our community, I hope that your children coming back to school can be the start of something approaching normal. Here at school, we are all looking forward to the new school year and helping the children feel safe while they learn.

If you look on our Twitter feed, @HCPSLeeds, you can see the children enjoying their first week and some of the things we have introduced to keep them safe. While we might not get things right the first time, we want the best for your children, so will always listen and try to change things for the better.

I hope you and your child enjoy their time at school and look forward to working with you all over the course of this year.

New Staff

I want to take this chance to welcome Alannah Fawbert and Elle Whiteley to our school. Alannah and Elle will be teaching in Years 5 and 3 and I am sure you will make them feel welcome and part of our team.

As well as this, Donna Bedlow has been promoted and is now our Special Needs Coordinator. Joanna Roberts has also been promoted and is our KS1 Assistant Headteacher.

Entrance to the playground before and after school

We all want our children to come to school in a safe environment. To help protect our children and respect our neighbours, especially since we are staggering our start and end times, would you please help us by not parking on the zig zags or on the pavements around the school gates?

I would also ask for your help again to make the pavements around school a safe and healthy environment for children and adults by not smoking here during the staggered drop-offs and pick-ups. While we are queuing up, it is important for our children that they see school as a Smoke-Free environment.

School Uniform

Standing in the school hall this week, looking at all the children it is so amazing to see them all in their school uniform looking so smart. I want to remind all parents that you should make sure you write their name on the label of their clothes.

As part of our measures to keep the children safe, on the days when your child has PE, they should come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kit. Your child's teacher will send home a Class Newsletter that will let you know which day they do PE.

Reception and Nursery Start Dates

Due to COVID-19 we are taking more time than normal to introduce the children into school. Miss Whitfield posted out individual information packs to your home over the summer holidays. If you are still not sure what date your child starts, please contact the school office.

Parents and Carers are still not allowed to come into school

The governments guidelines state that parents and carers are not allowed into school. If you need to pass on a message or have a question, please contact the school office on the phone number above. If you need to drop off something at school for example, medicine or a packed lunch, there is a drop-box in the school's porch.



School Photos

On **Wednesday 23rd September**, the school photographer will be in school to take individual and family group photos of the children. These photos will then be available to buy from the photo company. The photographers will be wearing protective equipment and will take their photos from a socially distanced place in the school hall. Parents and carers will not be allowed into school to help with the family group photos like they have in the past. The oldest child in your family group will collect all of their siblings from around the school ready for their photo.

On **Thursday 24th September**, the photographer will be returning to take the class photos that are displayed in the school's reception area which will also be available to buy.

Questions and Information

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

Kind Regards, Mr Martin Lumb, Headteacher

Governors' News

Welcome to the part of the newsletter where the Governors of the school let you know about the work we do to support and challenge the leaders of our school.

Normally, the summer holidays are a quiet time for the Governing Body but this year nothing is normal. Mr Lumb and his leadership team have been in constant contact with us to ensure we had the best possible plans for our September reopening.

As well as preparing to reopen, major building work was carried out in the school to bring the school up to the new fire safety standards that were put in place after the Grenfell Fire. Over 50 new fire doors have been fitted and the school's walls have been filled with fire retardant materials.

This term we will be meeting on Tuesday 30th to set the goals for the school and to discuss how as governors we can help Mr Lumb and his team achieve them.

If you would like to know more about the Governing Body, you can find us at hunsletcarr.co.uk and search for **School Governors** on the **Our School** tab.

Jon Hairsine, Chair of the Governing Body

We Are Looking for A New Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on the Governing Body, which is open to all parents and carers of children in this school. Being a governor will afford you the opportunity to help shape and guide the progress of Hunslet Carr Primary School.

According to our last Ofsted Report, we are a school that requires improvement and since that time we have worked hard to make the necessary changes for our children. These could not be achieved without the on-going active engagement of parents and carers. We are especially looking for people with any of the following skills; financial, ICT, human resources, school curriculum, statistical or strategic planning.

We would really welcome your involvement and would be very open to discussing how you might be able to add to our efforts. Please feel free to contact me through the school or email me on martin.lumb@hunsletcarr.co.uk.

If you wish to stand as a candidate for this rewarding and challenging position, please look out for a separate letter detailing all the information you will need to put yourself forward.