



September Newsletter 2024

Welcome Back

I want to welcome everyone back to the start of a new school year. I hope you and your family enjoyed the summer break, and are starting to settle back into school.

Last week, the teachers and children got to know each other and this week they will begin to learn about their Autumn Term topic. Each year group will be sending their own newsletter by Friday letting you know what your children are learning about between now and Christmas and other key information.

Our School Rules

During the first week back all the children were looking at our school rules:

- Be Ready
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

The children and teachers looked at what each rule means and talked about how they could make things right if they have broken one of the rules.

Anti-Bullying

We have also been working with children and staff on making sure every child feels safe in school (and at home on social media). We have signs around school that make it clear what we consider bullying. Whenever someone feels bullied, all the staff will now ask themselves three questions:

- Was the incident intentional? – did the person mean to hurt someone?
- Do the incidents keep happening? – was this the 1st time it happened?
- Was there an imbalance of power?

An imbalance of power happens in lots of situations. Maybe there were two or more children saying things to one child. Maybe the children were older, taller or stronger than the child being hurt. Maybe the child being hurt didn't speak English.

If the answer to all three questions is, "Yes" then we would class that as bullying and deal with it accordingly. If the answer to one of the questions was no, but a child was hurt or still upset we would deal with it using our Relationship Policy.

Starting the Year with fantastic experiences and opportunities

Every year we want to try and make small changes that make the school the best place it can be for you and your children. One of those small changes that I hope will make a big difference is starting the school year with exciting experiences and opportunities for all our children, regardless of their family's circumstances.

We are taking:

Yr 6 to Kingswood for a 2-night residential trip the first 3 days of their time in Year 6

Yr 5 to Green Moon Farm for a 1-night camping trip in their second week at school

Yr 4 to Chester for a 2-night residential to become a Roman soldier & visit Chester Zoo

Yr 3 will join the Yr 4's in Chester when they become a Roman and visit the Zoo

Yr 2 and Yr 1 will visit Skelton Grange and spend a whole day doing outdoor activities

And the best thing for us as a school is that all of these trips are free to our parents and carers, so as many children as possible can take part and have these opportunities.



New Staff

I want to welcome Gary Lumb back to our school. Gary took some time away from teaching while his daughter was very young but is now back in the Year 5 classroom.

We also welcome back Hayley Kenworthy and Emma Gibbins after their maternity leave. Both families are happy and healthy, and the two teachers are looking forward to being back with the children at school.

Elsewhere, we also welcome Abbie Farley and Laura McCulloch who will be working as teaching assistants in Reception and Year 3/4 this year. Tracy Hezlewood also returns to us as our fantastic premises manager, keeping the building ship shape.

We had two weddings this summer. Congratulations to both Julie Roberts and Lauren Passey. Julia is keeping her last name and Miss Passey is now Mrs Davidson.

Finally, over the summer Hayley Stewart was successful in securing a job in the village where she lives. We want to thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best.

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, would you please help us by not parking on the zigzags or the pavements around the school gates?

We would also ask that you do not smoke or vape close to the school entrances and on the school playground.

School Uniform

Standing in the hall this week, it was amazing to see the children in their school uniforms looking so smart. I want to remind all parents/carers that if you don't want their uniform to go missing, you should make sure you write their name on the label.

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 PE kit.

PE Days

Year Group	Days they have PE
Reception - Apple	Wednesday
Reception - Pear	Tuesday
Year 1 – Beech	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 1 – Cherry	Monday & Wednesday
Year 2 – Willow	Monday & Thursday
Year 2 – Hazel	Thursday & Friday
Year 3 – Chestnut	Wednesday & Friday
Year 3/4 – Palm	Tuesday & Friday
Year 4 – Maple	Monday & Friday
Year 5 – Cedar	Tuesday & Friday
Year 5 – Spruce	Monday & Thursday
Year 6 - Ash	Monday & Thursday
Year 6 - Oak	Tuesday & Thursday

After School Clubs

Mrs Gibbins has once again been working hard to arrange after-school clubs and a letter regarding which clubs are available will be sent to parents and carers ASAP.

Meet your child's new Teacher for Parents and Carers

On **Wednesday, September 11th** we are staying open after school so you can meet your child's new teacher. It is a great way for you to find out the types of things your child will be learning this year. Don't worry if you have two children at school, there are two time slots. A letter with more details will be coming out today.



School Photos

On **Thursday, September 26th** the photographer will be in school to take individual and family photos of the children. These photos will then be available to buy. When the family photos are being taken, we will help the oldest child in each family collect their brothers/sisters from around the school ready for their photo.

On **Friday, September 27th** the photographer will return to take the class photos that are displayed in the school's reception area, which will also be available to buy.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools



We have signed up to the ASDA Cashpot for Schools scheme. If you are shopping in ASDA or online, you can open up the ASDA app, nominate our school and a % of your spend will be donated to the school. So far there over £75 has been donated to us.

Questions and Information

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

Kind Regards,
Mr Martin Lumb,
Headteacher

Governors' News

I hope you enjoyed the summer break with your family and friends and are refreshed and ready for the new school year. This is the Governor part of the newsletter where, each month, I will let you know the work we are doing to make the school the best place for your children.

As you can see, the school has lots of things happening in the first few weeks back and there will be much more planned for the rest of the term, I'm sure.

We have our first Governors' meeting on the 3rd of October, where we'll be setting goals for the school and discussing how we can help the teachers achieve them.

If want 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.

Sarah Gardner, Chair of the Governing Body

School Council News

Welcome to the School Council section of the newsletter. We are the new Head Boy and Head Girl, Ryan and Ella. This is our first newsletter! We are looking forward to adding to our section every month.

We hope you had a great summer holiday and you are raring to go!

We've just come back from our residential at Kingswood. The best thing we did was the leap of faith. We felt so nervous before doing it; Ella's legs were shaking before she did it! We all proved that impossible is nothing and we are so proud of ourselves.

We are currently waiting to find out who is going to be joining us on the School Council this year. In the next newsletter we will let you know who it is.

Thank you,
Ella M and Ryan. Head Girl and Head Boy