



Autumn Term : Newsletter 3 Oct 24th 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! This first half term of the year has gone so quickly. The children have all made a fantastic start to the year and have all settled into their new classes quickly. They have produced some fantastic work between themselves and behaviour in school has been brilliant.

STAFF NEWS

MRS ATHERTON'S RETIREMENT

We say goodbye to a very special person today. Mrs Atherton has worked at Havercroft for the past 38 years, she also attended the school herself when she was younger! She has seen a lot of changes happen during her time at the school and has taught generations of children. We celebrated last night with some of her previous colleagues, it was nice to see so many old members of staff in school. Mrs Atherton has received so many gifts including a water feature for her garden from the staff. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing her all the very best in her retirement, we hope that she won't be a stranger to the school and that she'll pop in and visit us.



BABY NEWS



We would also like to wish Miss Walker all the very best as she starts her maternity leave to get ready for when her baby arrives at the end of January.

NURSERY BAKING SALE

Well done to everyone in Nursery who have recently been busy baking and selling their buns and biscuits to raise money to buy some special dough to do Disco Dough sessions. They made a fantastic £63.00. The children will be able to start running the sessions after the half term. The sessions develop children's fine and gross motor control to prepare the children for writing.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We are aiming to continue to improve our overall attendance and reduce the amount of authorised and unauthorised absences.



This term class attendances are

8th—12th Sept	Year 1	98.26%
15th—19th Sept	Year 1	94.78%
22nd—26th Sept	Year 1	99.13%
29th—3rd Oct	Year 4	99.26%
6th—10th Oct	Year 3	95.77%
13th—17th Oct	Year 6	97.83%
20th—24th Oct	Year 5	96.36%

Well done to the children in the year groups above and a massive well done to Year 1, three weeks in a row is a great achievement.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Just a reminder that this year's school photographs take place on the first Monday back in school after the half term (Monday 3rd October). A small proof will be sent home for you to view on the day. All children will have a photograph taken on the day. If you require a family portrait, please make sure that you inform the school Office. If you have any younger siblings who are not in school, please bring them to school on the morning at 8.30am.

FOOTBALL TRAINING

We will be running a football training session for the children in Years 3,4, 5 & 6. There are a limited 20 places for the sessions, which will take place in either the school hall or weather permitting outside. Please make sure if you child secures a place they have the appropriate kit needed.



Yr 5 & 6 TRIP TO THE SNOWMAN



Letters have gone out today to the children in Years 5 & 6 about a trip that has been arranged for the children to visit Sheffield Lyceum Theatre to see a performance of The Snowman on November 20th.

SCHOOL LETTERS

All letters sent out from the academy are available on the school website, so don't panic if your child doesn't bring home a copy or if you lose or misplace your copy. Visit www.havercroft.wakefield.sch.uk and you will be able to view and print off letters. We also post other news on the website so have a look for the most up-to-date news.

HOMETIME COLLECTION PREFERENCES

We have sent a letter home today regarding your preferences for your child's home time collection. Please can you complete the slip attached on the letter and return it to school when we return. It is an expectation that children in Nursery and Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3 must be collected by a parent, carer or another responsible adult. In years 4, 5 and 6 children go home by themselves, if they are responsible enough, but we need to know what your preferences are. I would be grateful if you could contact the school office if you know that someone else is collecting your child. That person will be given a code to pass on to your child's teacher if they are not known to the school already.

SCHOOL BOOK SALE

We still have a selection of exercise books in school that are for sale for £1. These will still be available after the holidays should you wish to buy any. Please send your money into school with your child and the books will come home on the same day. Thank you to all the parents who have purchased already.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 24th October
Mrs Atherton's Leaving Assembly
School breaks up for the Half Term Holiday

Monday 3rd November
School commences for the Autumn 2 Term
School Photograph Day—More details will follow nearer the time

Wednesday 12th November
Parent Consultation Meetings –3.30-6.00pm
Friday 28th November
Grandparents Day

Tuesday 9th December
Foundation Stage Performance

Wednesday 10th December
KS1 Performance—am

Thursday 11th December
KS2 Performance –pm

Friday 12th December
KS2 Performance –pm

Monday 15th December
Year 1&2 Christmas Party

Tuesday 16th December
Foundation and Nursery Christmas Party

Wednesday 17th December
School Christmas Dinner
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Thursday 18th December
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

Friday 19th December
School Breaks up for Christmas

Exact times will be confirmed nearer the time.