



AUTUMN 1 TERM

NEWSLETTER Week 1 : September 4th 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

MESSAGE FROM MRS BUTEL Regional Director of Primary Academies

I was delighted to visit the academy this week at the start of the new school year. It was lovely to see the children settled so well into their new classes, they all looked so smart and were clearly enjoying being with their new teachers. I was particularly impressed with the behaviour in assembly and the good manners and polite greetings shown to the visitors to the academy - Well done!

I would also like to thank Mrs Wakefield and the staff who gave up their time in the holidays to prepare the classrooms ready for the children. It is much appreciated.

Thank you to all the parents / carers for your continued support to the academy.

STAFF NEWS

A very warm Havercroft welcome to our new teacher Mrs Jayne Stacey who will be working in Year 5. I'm sure you will join us in making her feel settled and happy.

Baby News—We are delighted to announce that Miss Thornton is expecting her first baby. She will continue to work in Year 4 as well as supporting Year 1 & 2 with PPA cover until she goes on maternity leave around Christmas.



We would also like to welcome Kate Philpott in her new role as Cleaner in school.

We have also appointed a new Premises Manager. Paul Fenn will be starting with us on the 21st September.

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Could all parents please make sure that their child comes to school with the correct equipment for the day. We will not be able to take forgotten items round to the classes for your child/ren. (ie water bottles and book bags etc)

Also all parents need to drop off and collect their child/ren at the correct doors in school. Children will not be allowed to come into school via the office doors unless all other doors have already closed. Thank You.



PARENTMAIL

Over the Summer holidays we have moved onto the Parentmail PMX system. By now you should have had an email or text asking you to register onto parentmail pmx. You can download an app for your convenience. We are hoping to start using the system as soon as possible, so would be grateful if you registered for the service. Parentmail 1 which is the service that we currently use will be switched off next Friday (11th).

All parents need to be registered for the new system by then. If you have any problems then please contact Mrs Breedon in the office and she will be able to help you. As we can send letters directly to your email account with the service, if you have got an email address then please check the pupil contact information update form and let us know it. Until everything is 100% up and running we will continue to send letters home. You can also check the website for recent information which will be added each week. www.havercroftacademy.org

The new system offers lots of new and improved services to you which will make home/school liaison better.

PE DATES FOR CLASSES

Year 1	Tuesday & Friday
Year 2	Monday & Thursday
Year 3	Monday & Thursday
Year 4	Thursday & Friday
Year 5	Wednesday & Friday
Year 6	Wednesday & Thursday

The days shown include both indoor and outdoor PE days. Can full kit be brought on both days please. Indoor— white t-shirt and black shorts. Outdoor— black tracksuit and trainers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This week would like to wish
Grace Harrison
a very happy birthday



Government Target for Attendance in schools is 95% and above. Please help us improve our figure for last year which was below government guidelines.



HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Please note, following Government regulations, **all holidays will be classed as unauthorised; we will not grant any leave of absence during term time.** If you go ahead with the holiday when unauthorised, you may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice issued through the Local Authority, per child, this will be £60 if paid within 21 days; payment after this time but within 28 days is £120. The July newsletter that was sent out from school had a copy of this years holiday dates on the back. Should you require an additional copy, please call into the school office.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We are aiming to continue to improve our overall attendance and reduce the amount of authorised and unauthorised absences. In order to help us do so, can you please:

- Try to ensure medical appointments, if non-emergencies are made out of school time. If this is not possible, bring your child to school before and after their appointment.
- Ensure your child is punctual; the school doors open at **8:40am**.
- Allow them to return to school after a bout of sickness when you feel they are ready, advice has changed and it does not now need to be 48 hours.
- Do not allow your child occasional days off ie for birthday treats.

If your child is to be absent, please can you ensure that you let school know on the first morning by contacting **01226 722484** so that it can be authorised if appropriate.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

This year we will be a change to Celebration Assembly. We won't be having the weekly assembly on a Friday afternoon, instead we aim to have specific assemblies that parents / carers will be invited to. Watch out for letters soon.

CROSSING PATROL

Mrs Spittle our school crossing patrol lady has hurt her back after falling down her stairs. We won't have a crossing lady for at least 4 weeks. We are trying to get a relief and will let you know if we succeed as soon as we know. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 10th September
Music Interaction Visit for EYFS and Year 1

Tuesday 15th September
Year 3 & 4 trip to Nostell Priory

Thursday 17th September
School Photograph Day

Friday 16th October
Harvest Festival

Thursday 22nd October
Halloween Disco

Friday 23rd October
Break up for October Half term

Monday 2nd November
School re-opens for Autumn 2 term

Thursday 5th November
Parents Consultation Meetings

Friday 4th December
Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 9th December
FS & KSI Concert 9.30am
KS2 Concert 2.15pm

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Monday 14th December
Foundation Christmas Party

Tuesday 15th December
Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

Friday 18th December
Break up for Christmas Holiday

Monday 4th January 2016
School re-opens for Spring 1 Term