



Hanslope School NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!

We trust you all had a wonderful Summer break. Whilst the weather was mixed here in the UK, I assume, like the staff, you were just pleased to have a break.

Having spoken to some parents, the time spent with their children was enjoyable and an extended break would have been well received. For some, I also assume that you may possibly have been glad to deposit the children on the playground last Thurs-

day. As a staff, we were delighted to see them all and the wonderful atmosphere of the first few days bodes well for the remainder of the term.

I would like to create a display to show what examples of our activities and destinations over the Summer break, so if you have any post-cards, photos, flight boarding tickets, theme park passes.....anything related to what you did over the holidays, we would love

to see them. Please send them in with your child's name.

Well, the new term is upon us and we are looking forward to lots of learning, lots of hard work and lots of progress. We would like to welcome our new Foundation Stage pupils as well as new pupils from Castlethorpe and other local schools. We also look forward to your support with a view to this year being productive and successful for all its stakeholders.

A new Vision

Last year, staff and Governors spent a lot of time devising a new prospectus for the school; this included a new mission statement, a review of our school

values and a revised Home-School Agreement. The prospectus will be going out to print in the next few weeks and the vision and values will be shortly be

displayed in the main reception. The Home-School Agreement is attached. Please can you sign and return it at your earliest convenience.

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Special points of interest:

- Cross Country training and Choir for KS2 pupils starts soon
- Special Educational Needs Information Day at St Paul's School on Saturday 17th October, 10-3pm
- Lunchtime football club for Year 5 and 6 boys starts this week
- Parent volunteers needed to help maintain the 'veggie patch'
- Ms Wenham's and Mrs Small's café is now open. Hoorah! See separate flyer

Revised Curriculum

KS1 parents will already have received letters about the continuation of the 'Creative Afternoons' on Wednesdays. These have been carefully evaluated and Mrs Carson and her team are looking forward delivering a range of exciting learning opportunities.

In KS2, we have revised the curriculum, reverting to a more 'topic' approach. Class teachers will be issuing you with Curriculum Newsletters in due course. During the course of the

first topic being delivered, we hope your children will tell what they are doing and how the format of our teaching sessions in the afternoons is structured and how, hopefully, they get more from their learning.

To support the delivery of the ICT curriculum we have invested heavily in new hardware; KS1 will have a mini suite located in the Linford building and KS2 will benefit

from 2 laptop trolleys, converting the ICT suite into a dual purpose room. We will be placing an order for the hardware shortly and once installation is complete, you will be more than welcome to view all of our new equipment.

General Administration and Housekeeping

1. The School Profile for 2008-9 and the Disability Equality Scheme are now available. It is available on the website and can also be accessed at <http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk>.

Should you not have access to the internet, you can request a hard copy from the office.

2. Use of the car park- parents/carers who have mobility issues and who used the car park last year will need to request a new permit from the office. Please see Bridgette at your earliest convenience.

3. Absence requests - the DCSF states that parents who wish to request a leave of absence for their children for holidays or for other reasons, make that request to the Headteacher in writing. In previous years this has been recorded in the Home-School Books or discussed in person. In order for me to monitor absences more effectively, I am requesting that parents complete and submit an Absence request form available from the office. Please note that holidays during term time will continue not to be authorized. Please continue to use Home School books for other communication with the classteacher.

4. Uniform — we have been advised this week that MKU, our uniform provider is no longer operating. Thankfully, the majority of you have already completed your uniform purchases. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and are now in the process of seeking an alternative.

5. Home-School Books - Please continue to use these to communicate with classteachers. Please also note the new sections on targets and House points.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 21st Sept: 'Four rules of Number' training session for KS2 parents. To be held in Salcey Hall and led by Mrs Czornjy. 5.00-6.00pm

Tuesday 29th Sept: Phonics training session for KS1 parents led by Mrs Carson. 3.30 - 4.15pm in Larch classroom. A crèche will be available in Maple class during the session.

Thursday 8th Oct: Fund-raising committee event - 'Kids On the Catwalk' Flyer to follow.

Thursday 22nd Oct: Harvest Festival at

St James' Church. 1.30pm

School closes for half term

Friday 23rd Oct: INSET DAY

Monday 2nd Nov: School resumes

Weds 4th Nov: Consultation Evening 3.30—6.00

Thursday 5th Nov: Consultation Evening 5.30 - 8.00pm

Saturday 21st Nov: Fund-raising committee Bing Night

Monday 7th Dec: KS1 Christmas performance 1.30pm

Tuesday 8th Dec: KS1 Christmas concert 10.00a.m.

Tuesday 15th Dec: KS2 Christmas concert in church. Time ?

Tuesday 15th Dec: School Disco

Friday 18th Dec: School closes for Christmas holidays

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