



HINDHAYES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 14

Friday 15th January 2010

Dear Parents

As this is the first newsletter of the new term I would like to wish you all a very happy new year. It has been a difficult start but thank you for your cooperation during the present spell of unpredictable weather. As all teachers travel by car it is only possible to open the school if enough can travel safely and the school grounds provide safe access. School closure information is found on the BBC website, BBC Somerset 95.5 fm and our website. We also work very closely with Elmhurst and they update their website with our information too.

Some classes have enjoyed their health bus activities this week, the rest will take part next week. Activities have been All about me (Reception), My wonderful body (Year 1) and Feelings (Year 2). The teachers have planned additional activities in the classroom linked to these topics. Please make sure you receive your copy of the curriculum letter to let you know what the children will be learning this term. The children like to bring in books, photographs and objects related to their work so if you have anything at home please send it in. We are also looking for parents who would be prepared to hear readers. If anyone can spare an hour teachers would be very grateful.

Doors open at 8.50am for Reception and 8.55am for Years 1 and 2. As a school our big focus this year is on phonics. We have a whole school phonics session at 9.05am which involves the majority of children moving around the school. Please can you ensure that your child is in school on time, it can be quite hard for children who arrive late when others have already started working. It would be appreciated if parents **did not** come into school first thing in the morning to talk to staff unless it is urgent. Children in Years 1 and 2 should all be able to come into school and sort out their things by themselves. The majority of Reception children are already coming into school without their parents and even changing from wellingtons into shoes by themselves!

Diane Sleeman
Headteacher

FMSIS Status

We have, as a school, achieved Financial Management Standard in Schools status. This shows that as an organisation we have proven to be managing the schools money well, we are very proud of achieving this status and would like to thank Hayley and Maria, in the office, for all their hard work.



PTFA

The PTFA are holding a meeting on Monday 25th January at 7pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, please come along and support the school.

After School Clubs

We have spaces in Choir Club on a Monday after school and are offering them to children in Year 1 and French Club on Tuesday lunchtime still has some places left, if you would like your child to join one of these clubs please come to the school office.

Parents Voice

At the end of last term the Parent's Voice Group met to discuss issues that had been raised as concerns. A big issue for many parents is the dangerous parking at the bottom of the lane on the main road and at the side of the Victoria Club. This parking poses risks to all our school community and jeopardises the school's use of the Victoria car park. Please can I ask the few parents who are guilty of this to be more considerate and park in sensible places which will not inconvenience others. The Pupil Voice representatives would like to hear from you.

They are:

Hayley Walker - Cherry class

Natalie Norton-Ashley - Oak class

Sue Guidi - Beech class

Tracey Tilley - Birch class

Tracey Fouracres - Chestnut class

Becky Dalgarno - Hazel class

Tracey Rouse - Sycamore class

Emma Bartlett - Hawthorn class

We also have four parent governors who can be contacted:

Sue Harrison

Rochelle Holmes

Lorna Brimstone

Razeya Mohamedy

Scholastic Leaflet

The current scholastic leaflet is accompanying this newsletter if you would like to place an order please return the form with the money, in a marked envelope, to the post box outside the school office by Friday 5th February.



Trip Money

Please note that all contributions for events and trips **must** go to the class teacher not the office. Each teacher keeps a record of what has been brought in so it is very important that the correct money and permission slip is in a named envelope. Dinner money, book money and payment for clubs can be posted outside the office.



Winter Clothing

Please can you send your child into school with appropriate clothing for the winter weather. They will need to have their school jumpers on and a warm coat for play times. Since more snow has been predicted for next week hats, scarves and gloves would also be an added bonus.



Dates for your Diary*

Monday 25th January

PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 2nd February

Parents Evening

Thursday 4th February

Parents Evening

Thursday 11th February

PTFA Valentines cake sale

Friday 12th February

Finish for half term

Monday 22nd February

INSET day

Tuesday 23rd February

Back to school

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL THESE DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE