



# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome Back!

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break and we are delighted to welcome the children back for another busy half term.

For your information, newsletters regarding your child's current learning in the classroom can be found on our website.

Further information about the work of our Trust, Hope Sentamu Learning Trust can be found on the website at

<https://hslt.academy>

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## Good Behaviour Policy

We are delighted with the behaviour of all of our pupils. You are very welcome to look at the good behaviour policy—or any other school policies. All policies are available from the school office. You will also find a number of policies on our website.



## Attendance

We are delighted that the children have attended so well at the beginning of this term. A good attendance record has a very positive impact on children's achievement, their ability to socialise and their emotional well being. Please remember that we are unable to authorise any absence due to holidays taken during term time and that penalty notices may be issued to parents of children who are absent due to a holiday (£60 per parent, per child). Holidays during term time can seriously disrupt children's learning. Not only do they miss the teaching provided on the days they are away, they are also less prepared for the lessons building on this learning after their return. As a result, your child's progress will be seriously slowed and there may also be a future risk of underachievement.

## Punctuality

It is also essential that children arrive at school **on time** to ensure they do not miss out on any of their learning or cause disruption to the learning of others. Children should not be on the school site before 8.40 am unless they are attending the breakfast club. Classrooms are open from **8:45am and registration is at 8:55am**. Any child arriving after 8:55 am should report to the school office. This will be reflected in a late mark that will impact on your child's attendance record.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open daily for working parents from 7.45am and costs £1.50 per child per day. Please remember that this must be booked prior to attendance and children can arrive at breakfast club up to 8:20am.

## Safeguarding/SEN/First Aiders:

Miss Strickland is our Child Protection Co-ordinator/ Safeguarding Lead. Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Moore and Mrs Hunter.

Our SENCo is Mrs Moore.

Our first aiders are:

Mr Jowett, Miss Brown, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Emerson, Mrs Drury, Miss Richardson, Mrs Ledger, Mr Wigley, Mrs Allison, Mrs Calvert and Miss Hinds.

## Do you know how to keep your child safe at home when they are using a mobile phone, tablet or similar electronic device?

Although we teach the children on a termly basis about keeping themselves safe whilst online, we are still hearing concerning stories from some of our parents about unsuitable material or conversations their children have accessed (often quite by accident because settings on devices did not protect them). Many parents and staff are surprised and alarmed by the extent that some people will go to, to gain access to children online.

Information on how to keep your child safe online can be found on the school website.



## School Uniform

We are delighted with the appearance of all the children in school, they look extremely smart in their white t-shirts/shirts, red jumpers and grey trousers or skirts. Thank you for your support of our school uniform policy.

Please remember to ensure that your child wears **plain black school shoes**. Sandshoes should be worn inside school. Please write your child's name in their uniform, this prevents any upset if items are misplaced.

## PE Kit

Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit at school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt and plain red shorts. As many PE lessons this term will take place outside, children may need to wear trainers for these lessons. Please remember that our outdoor kit consists of plain black sweatshirt and plain black jogging bottoms.

If you need to order any items of school uniform, please contact the school office and they will be able to help you with this.

## Outdoor Clothing

Please make sure your child brings a coat to school for playtimes and lunchtimes.



## Keeping Safe on the Playground Before and After School

Adults or children riding bikes or scooters on the playground before or after school presents a health and safety risk for other children and adults. Please make sure that your child does **not** ride his/her bike or scooter on the playground at the beginning or end of the school day.

For health and safety reasons it is essential that no children climb on the play equipment on the playground or field before or after school.



## After School Club

We are continuing to trial our After School Club up to Christmas, when this will be reviewed to see if this is financially viable to continue long term. The provision is open to pupils from Reception to Year 6 and children will need to be collected from the main school office. Children will be provided with a drink of juice and a biscuit after school – allergy information will be checked and followed.

Children staying between 3.15pm – 4.15pm will be charged at £3.00 per night while children staying beyond 4.15pm – 5.00pm will be charged at £5.00 per night. Children will need to be booked and paid for (either through the Parent-Mail App or at the school office) on the Friday before the following week for children to be able to attend the After School provision.

## Car Parking:

It is imperative that no parents or taxis use the school drive to turn round, drop off or to park. For the sake of the safety of all of the children please do not come onto the school site in your car to drop off or collect your children. This applies before school, at lunchtime and at the end of the day, including following after school clubs.



## Important Information about Funding — Please help us to help your children:

We are trying to get additional funding into school to enable us to again begin taking the children on subsidised visits out of school to support their learning. If at any time you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:-

**Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit (with an annual income of not more than £16,190 as assessed by the Inland Revenue), Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance or an Asylum Seeker**

and you have not completed a form since receiving these benefits, please pop into the office and we will help you to complete a simple form that will ensure your child gets free school meals when they are in key stage 2 and helps us to get additional money into school.

This is called pupil premium. Please speak to Mrs Todd our Administration Officer if you require more information.

## No dogs on the school site

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school site, even if being carried.



## No smoking and vaping

We are a non-smoking site, this includes the use of vapes/e-cigarettes.

## Jewellery

We don't consider it is necessary for your child to wear any jewellery whilst at school. However, if you feel that this is essential, please make sure that this is limited to one **small** pair of stud earrings in the lower lobe area and one watch; these must be removed for health and safety reasons when taking part in P.E. lessons.

## Music provision

We are delighted that every child in Year 4 will now learn to play the violin this year. In addition, we will be having a specialist percussion teacher in school this term working with our Year 6 children during their music lessons.



## School Security and lunchtimes

The entrance gates to the school field remain locked throughout the day between 9:00 am and 3:10 pm. If your child goes home at lunch time please arrange to meet them at the main door into the school (school office entrance). Children should return into school via this route on their return after lunch for KS1—1.00pm and KS2—1.15pm.

## Dates for the year, including Holidays

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some dates for your diary. There will be additional dates to follow and letters will be sent home regarding any visits etc we are able to organise nearer the time.

DATE	EVENT
WB 13th November	Anti-Bullying & Road Safety Week
Friday 17th November	Children In Need
Friday 24th November	Hope Sentamu Learning Trust whole staff training day— school closed to pupils
Thursday 30th November	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 13th December	Y4 Class Assembly
Friday 22nd December	1.40pm—Christmas Service at St. James' Church 3:15 pm - School closes for the Christmas holidays
Monday 8th January	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9th January	Children return to school
Friday 9th February	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 19th February	Children return to school
Friday 22nd March	3:15 pm - School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 8th April	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9th April	Children return to school
Monday 6th May	School closed—Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 24th May	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school
Friday 19th July	3:15 pm - School closes for the summer holiday