

# Heswall Primary School

*'Better Never Stops'*



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Dear Parents,

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## Welcome Back

The summer holidays have passed in a flash and it's time to welcome all the children back for a new school year. A special welcome to all our new children and their families as they start Heswall Primary for the first time. School opens at 8.50am and ends at 3.25pm each day. Pre-school operates from 9.00am to 3.00pm each day. To avoid a long wait, we allow any pre-school children with older siblings to remain in the classroom until 3.15pm. It is important that these children are collected by this time as staff need to get to Beehive (Wrap around) in time for the end of the day.

## EYFS Works

We have made another major investment into our pre-school in order to try and cope with the current demand for nursery aged places. Over the summer, the pre-school has been extended to give the children and staff more space. This has had an impact of the Foundation 2 classroom and on some of the Key Stage One classes. We anticipate that this is the first phase of our redevelopment of the Key Stage One side of the school and we are hopeful that phase 2 will be following soon (it will not happen until at least next summer).

## New Roof and impact on the car park

We are part way through a major upgrade to the school roof which is being completely replaced. Although the work started just as we finished for the summer, we expect it to carry on during the first half term. There are two compounds on site that the roofers are using. One is taking up part of the Key Stage 2 playground and the other takes up the lower end of the staff car-park. Very few staff will be able to park on site and we expect the parking situation around school to be more difficult over the coming weeks. If you can walk, please try to do so as we predict congestion around the school at drop off and pick up times. Children can still access the Key Stage 2 playground but please keep them away from all fences for their own safety.

## Resourced Provision

We are starting our own resourced provision this term and we were hoping to be able to move into a brand new classroom that was to be sited down at the end of the EYFS area. Unfortunately, this project was delayed due to circumstances beyond our control. The work has now started but we are not expecting to be able to use the new classroom until week 3. We will ensure that the children are given opportunities to become familiar with it before officially moving in. For the time being, the children in the resourced provision will continue to access our hub classroom as used last year. Although there is some scaffold sited in this area, the scaffold will be covered in foam so that the children can play and no work above will happen whilst the children are there.

## New Staff

We welcome our new staff to the school. Mrs Reese joins as our new Deputy Headteacher; Miss Davies will take Y3, Mrs G Jones joins pre-school and will be teaching some afternoons in Key Stage 1. We also welcome Mrs Coull as a HLTA to work with Mrs Reese in Y4. Mrs K Jones, Miss Dodd and Mrs Perrett will all be providing support in Key Stage One.

## Class e-mail

Every year we provide a class e-mail address so that you can contact your child's class teacher directly. The staff will check these emails when they can but for their own wellbeing, I have asked them only to look at them during the time they are at school and I don't expect them to respond during the time they are at home or during holidays etc. They will likely see these before or after school and will respond when they can. If your email is a more general enquiry, please contact the school office and we will assist you. If have any worries though, please

e-mail and we will get back to as soon as we can.

The e-mail address for each class is:

Foundation 2/Reception - [foundation2@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:foundation2@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk)

Y1 – [yearone2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:yearone2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk)

Y2 – [yeartwo2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:yeartwo2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk)

Y3 – [yearthree2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:yearthree2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk)

Y4- [yearfour2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:yearfour2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk)

Y5- [yearfive2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:yearfive2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk)

Y6 – [yearsix2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:yearsix2425@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk)

### Happy News

Miss Dodwell got married during the summer and will now be known as Mrs Lewis. Mr Darwent also got married during the holidays. Congratulations on behalf of the school to both of our teachers.

### Mental Health

Mrs Martin has created a mental health and wellbeing survey so that we can identify any children that may need a little extra support with the return to school. Please consider completing this short form and we can use the information to help identify children that need the support. [Wellbeing Survey September 2024](#)

### PE Days

We expect children to come dressed for their PE days in their black tracksuits. The tracksuits should be completely black (no graphics/labels etc.) although you can decide if you want them to have the school logo printed. We ask the children to wear a white t-shirt under their PE jumper. We are happy if children prefer to wear black leggings for PE but we ask that they must be black and plain. Suitable trainers can be worn with their tracksuits. For warmer days, we are happy for children to wear our red PE shorts. Please note, it is important that children wear the appropriate colours in order to keep a uniformed approach. We have found over the years that, just like when wearing a school uniform, our children tend to work better when they are dressed similar. PE days are: Monday –Y4, Wednesday -Y3, Thursday Y5, Friday Y6 & Y2. F2 and Y1 will contact their classes directly for their days.

### Attendance

You may have heard in the news about parents in England are now facing bigger fines for removing children from school during term times. The Educational Penalty Notices are now £80 per parent, per child and can rise up to £160 if not paid within 21 days. During the last 12 months, we faced a higher than acceptable rate of absence with many children being defined as 'persistently absent' (attendance rate lower than 90%). We do not want our families to face Educational Penalty Notices but please note that we can only authorise time off school when the circumstances are exceptional and are unavoidable. Holidays are not considered exceptional and we cannot authorise them. With regards to illness, we know some absence will happen but your child should be okay to attend school with minor coughs and colds with them only missing school if they have a high temperature. If you think your child needs some relief, if you take it to the office, we can administer paracetamol or ibuprofen during the school day. We can also administer antibiotics which we can also keep cold in the fridge. Please note, we can only accept unopened bottles. There is some useful advice on the [Boots website](#).

We hope your child has a lovely school year and, as, always, please get in contact if you need any help or support.

Kind regards,



Mr J Lawrenson, Headteacher

