

8th September 2017

# HKSJ News

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new parents and children who have joined the Hurst Knoll St James family. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed the few days of sunshine we had! Welcome to three new teachers to our school, Miss Donnollon in Year 2 Mrs Hargreaves in Year 3 and Miss Bold in Year 4. Also Miss Boyle got married over the summer and is now Mrs Burke.

We have had an eventful summer of renovation in the school. The corridor between KS1 and KS2 has been painted and the Year 3 classroom has been replastered and painted which now looks fantastic with new display boards to ensure learning is maximised. The renovation does not stop there with more work planned throughout the year as we continue to improve the learning environment.

## PARENTS EVENING

We have our first parents consultation evening of the school year coming up on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. There will be some school dinner tasting sessions provided by Mrs Kenyon, our school cook and our Breakfast Club team will be sharing samples of the breakfast they serve every morning. Mrs Smith will be sharing information about healthy packed lunches including what is and isn't appropriate for a school packed lunch.

Letters went out yesterday and you will have also received our Home-School Agreement to read. This will have been discussed with your child in class and it is an important document that ensures we work in partnership for the best outcomes for your child. You will be asked to sign that you have read it when you meet the class teacher at parents evening. It also follows a code of conduct that we expect from adults on the school premises and is in line with our Parent Behaviour Policy.



**We have a vacancy for a parent to join the governing body this year. If you are interested and would like to be involved in key decisions about your school then please contact the Headteacher either by email, phone or in person.**

[admin@hurstknollschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@hurstknollschool.org.uk),

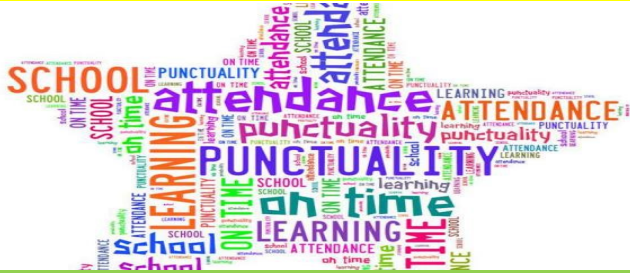
0161 330 4049.

**We also need your help in finding community governors for the school. If you work in the local community and would be interested in becoming a co-opted governor or know someone who works in the local area who might be interested then please contact**

**school  
lunch**

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017, the price of a standard, two course, fully inclusive meal will be **£2.18** per pupil, £10.90 for a school week. This is for pupils in Nursery and Years 3-6. Universal free school meals still apply to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. Please apply for free school meals if you think you are eligible.

We ask that you give us a minimum of 2 weeks notice if you wish your child to change from packed lunch to school dinners or from school dinners to packed lunch so Mrs Kenyon knows how many children she is catering for.



A reminder that we are expecting attendance to be above 97% this year. Anything below 97% is a cause for concern and you can expect to be contacted if this is the case.

Our Learning Mentor, Mrs Browe is always available to discuss any questions you may have around your child's attendance.

100%	Excellent
97-99%	Good
93-96%	Cause for Concern
90-92%	Poor
<90%	Unacceptable (Persistent Absence)

## Children walking home from school and mobile phone policy.

A reminder that if any parent wants an older sibling to collect a pupil from school they must complete a form requesting this which is in the walking home policy. This will be allowed or refused by the Headteacher depending on the circumstances of the arrangement.

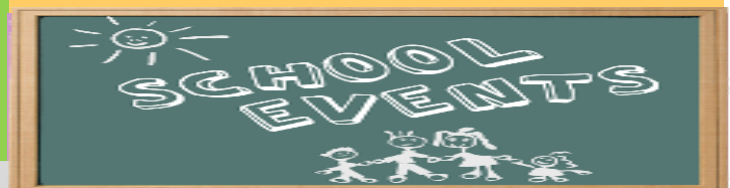
Also a reminder to Year 6 parents that if you want your child to have a mobile phone in school you must sign the letter in the mobile phone policy to agree to the terms.

Paul Anderson  
Headteacher

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We are asking for donations of tins and dried foods from every child to create class hampers that we can present at church on Monday 2nd October as part of our Harvest Festival. We are also asking for monetary donations which the Parish of the Good Shepherd will put to good use in the community. Both donations can be brought in from Monday and handed to the class teacher. We thank you for your support.



### September

Friday 15th	Storytelling Showcase 1.30pm EY/KS1 2.15pm KS2
Monday 18th	Parent Consultation 3.30-7pm
Tuesday 19th	Parent Consultation 3.30-5pm
Tuesday 26th	International Languages Day
Wednesday 27th	Betty Bus (Yr5/6)
Thursday 28th	Poetry Day
Friday 29th	SEND Family Time

### October

Monday 2nd	Harvest Festival, St James 9.45am
Wednesday 4th	Collaborative Learning Day
Monday 9th	Safe Squad (Yr6)
Monday 16th	Restart a heart assembly KS2
Fri 27th	End of Autumn 1st half

### November

Tuesday 7th	Autumn 2nd half
Monday 13th	Anti Bullying Week

### December

Mon 4th	Computing Week
Monday 18th	Christmas Service, St James 9.45am
Monday 18th	KS1 Christmas Carol Service 2.15pm
Tuesday 19th	Early Years Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 20th	Christmas Parties (EY-Yr6)
Wednesday 20th	End of Autumn term