

Newsletter

Welcome Back!



Colder weather and Ventilation in the Classrooms

The government's advice is to keep rooms as well ventilated as possible to stop the spread of the virus. We have already been doing this but as the weather becomes increasingly colder we are aware that it would be safer and more practical if children were able to wear more clothes to school. In the first instance we would like to ensure that **all children have a school colour top layer of jumper, fleece, cardigan or tank top available in school at all times. If your child is particularly susceptible to cold weather than a base layer of thermals, vest, or t- shirt might be suitable.** Whilst the heating will be on to warm the building before the day starts, the need for constant ventilation of classrooms means that the effectiveness of the heating system throughout the day is compromised. If the temperatures drop further coats are often too bulky to move around in comfortably in the classroom, so an extra black jumper or layer / body warmers or gilets might be a helpful further layer. As ever, we ask that all items of clothing are clearly named.

School Timings as of Monday 9th November 2020 until further notice

As we start the second lockdown this week, we will not be asking children to stay for the additional catch up half hour at the end of the day. This means that you will need to collect your child at the times stipulated below. Please keep your distance from other adults when collecting your child and wear a face mask unless you have a health reason that prevents you from doing so.

Year Six	3.00pm	Year Two	3.20pm
Year Five	3.05pm	Year One	3.25pm
Year Four	3.10pm	Foundation	3.30pm
Year Three	3.15pm		

Parent /Teacher Conversations

I hope the quick telephone meeting with the class teacher this week and next for some year groups is helpful and we are sorry it's not our usual autumn term conversation. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher via the school office.

Attendance is UP!

We are bucking the national trend – THANKYOU! Our attendance is 94% across the school, this is fantastic and thank you to all our families for sending their children into school on time every day!

Attendance Expectations during Lockdown

As of writing this newsletter, schools are expected to remain open for the next national lockdown starting on Thursday 5th November 2020. This means that children need to attend school unless they are ill or isolating as part of the Covid requirements. Please continue to ring in if your child is unwell. We will be providing work online for those children who are having to isolate as a result of a positive test result in the family bubble. I understand this is a very anxious time for everyone but the children need their education not to be disrupted again and are so happy to be back in school with their friends. If you are concerned about sending your child into school, please call and speak with me in the first instance. We are here to help.

Vacancy for a Parent Governor

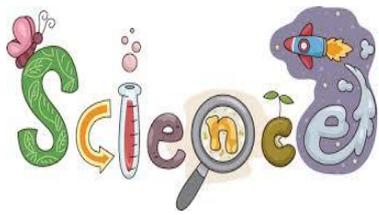
Do you want to make a difference in your child's school, and develop your own professional skills?
By volunteering as a school Governor, you can do both.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are hoping one of our super parents would like to become more involved in the strategic direction of the school and join the governing body. The board meet once a term, 4-6pm at school or via Microsoft teams at the moment! If you would like more information about this fantastic voluntary role, please speak to myself or Miss Cooper.

Individual Photos

The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 11th November** to take individual photos, we are sorry no family groups can be taken this year.



Creative Super Investigators – autumn term 2 – What are we learning this term?

Each class will be starting their new CSI learning this term. Each class has a science focus.

Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
CONCEPT: Plants and animals, Including humans. I can name a variety of animals. I can sort animals into categories and say why.	CONCEPT: Living things and their habitats I can identify and name Plants and Animals Inc. humans in a range of habitats. I can match living things to their habitat	CONCEPT: Light I can describe what dark is (the absence of light). I can explain that light is needed in order to see	CONCEPT: Sound & Working scientifically I can describe how sound is made. I can explain how sound travels from a source to our ears. I can explain the place of vibration in hearing.	CONCEPT: Earth & Space and Forces I can describe and explain the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun. I can describe and explain the movement of the moon relative to the Earth	CONCEPT: Electricity I can explain how the number & voltage of cells in a circuit links to the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer. I can compare and give reasons for why components work and do not work in a circuit. I can draw circuit diagrams using correct symbols.

Can you help William?

<https://youtube/62Od1bjz-vg>

Please watch the video and if you would like to help with this appeal, please let me know, it is UNUSED toys only but I am sure many of our families may have something like that sitting in a cupboard.

And finally...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting the school and working with us in these difficult times. As you know the information we are receiving is changing all the time and we will continue to update you.

The children have returned to school and are very settled. It is full steam ahead here at Hogarth!

Can you please all continue to stay safe and practice social distancing onsite? This is now more important than ever.

Take care

Sarah Lee

Headteacher
