



## Newsletter 1 - Friday 6th September

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back to school this week. I have been particularly impressed with the positive attitude and resilience the children have shown throughout the week but I am sure they will all be ready for a rest this weekend.

Our new year 3 children have settled into life at New Haw extremely well and have already shown their growing independence by coming into school on their own and confidently finding their way around.

As you may have noticed, the school has had a major re-fit over the Summer holidays with many ceilings and doors replaced to ensure that they meet fire safety standards.

Please excuse the state of the carpets etc as this is a work in progress!

We have started the new academic year with a whole school focus on having a positive attitude and not giving up when we find things difficult. We know that developing these skills will benefit our children throughout their lives and we will be revisiting this theme throughout the year.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend despite the weather!

Kind regards

*Maive Cahill*



### Year 3 parents' coffee morning

Join us on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 8.45am - 9.30am for a cup of tea/coffee. This is an informal opportunity for our new parents to meet the year 3 teachers as well as senior staff in the school.

We look forward to seeing you there.



### Year 5 Art Request

For the Year 5 Still Life unit compositions, we are in need of jugs and vases of different heights. If you have any such items that you no longer want, please send them our way!



### Online Zoom Parent Meetings

Next week, we will be holding our online parent meetings via zoom. This will give you an opportunity to meet the Deputy Head, Mrs Linnegar, the teaching team for your child's year group and hear all about their year ahead. You will also have the chance to ask any questions. Please see below for details:

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 12pm Y6 Parent Meeting Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84827637169?pwd=ZfctEoKEaWA6Aymsxpib5ubr4CiuDI.1>

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 12pm Y5 Parent Meeting Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86458385095?pwd=x5chbVmeKfNd5h0ZRfNDVkJW6u7OyO.1>

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 12pm Y4 Parent Meeting Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88366242019?pwd=y65iPkn8RczRp8sEVADQHTv1Kq1wQy.1>

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 12pm Y3 Parent Meeting Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85662365925?pwd=4NB8iY9KVssvb8ndbUMv167TRHqOkb.1>



### PE kit trial

As you know, in a bid to maximise the learning time for PE and afternoon lessons, we have started the new year with the children coming in their PE kit on their PE days. So many pupils have come in looking so smart!

Just a reminder of what the PE kit entails.

- **Black fleece top**
- Red shorts and **New Haw tee-shirt with school logo**
- Trainers for games lessons
- Plain black tracksuit top and jogging bottoms are permitted in cold weather

**The items shown in bold can be ordered from our suppliers.**

No jewellery may be worn during PE lessons. Please do not have your child's ears pierced during term time, as pierced earrings must be removed before lessons - we suggest removing earrings before school on a PE day.



Your child's PE days are as detailed below:

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday	Monday
Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday	Thursday

**Summer Holiday Photography Competition**

Thank you so much for your summer holiday photos! We have received a huge number.

If you haven't sent them in - it's not too late. Please send by Friday 13th September.

Winners will be announced in the next newsletter on Friday 20th September. Good luck!!



**Homework changes**

Last year, we led a trial with Doodle English and found it very successful. This year it will form part of our homework.

Children will begin receiving homework via Google classroom and Doodle Maths and Doodle English from Monday 9th September. We will cover more on this during the forthcoming zoom meeting.



**Attendance**

You will have received a letter about the updates to attendance this year.

As you know good attendance at school for all pupils is critical for successful pupil achievement .

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes came into effect on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Please see the letter for full details.



### **Extra curricular clubs**

On Monday 9th September we will communicate details of our forthcoming range of before school, lunchtime and after school extra-curricular clubs for the new Autumn term, together with the launch date and booking instructions.

We look forward to welcoming the children to an exciting range of activities. More information to follow!



### **School Diary**

We have a busy summer term ahead. Please see below for key diary dates so far:

Tuesday 10th September	Individual school photos
Tuesday 8th October	Yr 4 trip - Wisley Inspirational Nature
Tuesday 15th October	Yr 3 trip - Butser Ancient Farm
Tuesday 22nd October	Yr 6 trip - Lincolnsfields WW2
Thursday 24th October	School closes 3.25pm
Friday 25th October	Inset Day
Monday 4th November	School resumes