



Hague Bar Primary Newsletter



October 2nd 2020

Covid 19

As you might be aware, schools across the country have actioned risk assessments to help prevent CV19 outbreaks at their setting. We have various procedures in place and one of these is to have the windows and doors open to allow ventilation. This has worked well until very recently when it has become quite cold and windy. There are pros and cons as to whether this precaution should continue during the winter, so on Wednesday evening I put this dilemma to the Governing Body. They have agreed the following:

- The classrooms will be ventilated before the children begin their school day
- Children may wear extra layers under their uniform if they wish (and this is encouraged)
- When the children are inside the classroom doors and windows can remain closed
- Rooms can be ventilated when children have outdoor breaks
- Doors within school will be opened to increase ventilation between rooms (except between adjoining classrooms)
- If more ventilation is decided to be necessary when the children are in the classroom, then the windows may be opened for a short period

We hope this strikes a sensible balance of being responsible during the pandemic whilst providing a comfortable learning environment for children and staff during the winter months. The Governors work so hard and give up many evenings to help run the school. They have been wonderfully supportive but also challenging, as they should be.

Ms Moore

It is with sadness I must let you know that Ms Moore will be saying goodbye to Hague Bar Primary at the end of December. She is setting up an enterprising zero waste shop in New Mills, which I'm sure she'd love you visit.

I will announce Ms Moore's replacement in mid-October once the interview process is completed. We had 12 extremely high-quality applicants and had a tough time short-listing.

New Outdoor Items

Hopefully you will have spotted the further addition to our play equipment this week. My thanks to the volunteers who helped Mr Arnfield lift the car and to the PTA for their donation.



Light Up New Mills

I was amazed at the turn out on Friday evening to see the window illuminations. It was absolutely lovely to chat to parents. We made £50 selling hot-chocolate and sweets; this money will be put towards lovely extras for the children. More thank yous go to Mrs Wagstaff for giving up her Friday night and of-course to the children and staff for their fabulous creations. The windows have been seen by over two thousand people via our school Facebook page!

Special Occasions

Myself and staff will be brainstorming ways to ensure we celebrate special occasions whilst following CV19 guidance. Things may not be the same but we will make the children's experiences special.

NHS Flu Nasal Immunisations

Please visit <http://bit.do/frbeL> if you have not already done so (60% have – thank you). You will need to give your permission or not for your child to have the nasal flu immunisation which should be happening on Wednesday 11th November. Our unique school code is DD112598.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rachel Parry
Headteacher