



Hague Bar Primary Newsletter



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Playground

I am thrilled with the installation of the trim trail and artificial grass which was completed last week. The children are playing on the new equipment today and I can hear their squeals of joy from the office, which is just a wonderful sound. Thank you to the PTA and Governors who have supported my playground improvement ideas by allocating funding.



Car Accident

Once again I give my thanks to parents and grandparents who walk and cycle to school or drive and park sensibly. As there was a car accident near school on Sunday Sept 13th, it seems a suitable time to put a safety reminder out: pedestrians do need to be able to walk on the pavements (possibly with pushchairs etc) and travelling cars need to be able to have a good view of the road. Last week I reported that that Becky Day is trying to re-establish the Walking Bus, so I am hopeful this will ease some of the driving/parking needs. Please contact her to discuss arrangements and volunteering for one journey.

School Dinners & Breakfast Club

The new ParentPay system is now successfully being used by 70% of parents and I suspect the 30% who aren't using yet don't need to – so very well done. Thank you for adopting this new process. If you need another copy of the activation letter let us know. Mrs Wagstaff would like to remind parents that Breakfast Club and School Dinners need to be paid **prior** to the week ahead. If your child subsequently does not need a lunch/place due to illness/change of plan, then that credit will remain in your account. It will also mean Mrs Wagstaff won't need to send individual reminder texts out each day.

Artis, Forest School, UKSports & Music Lessons

Almost all external providers are now up and running beautifully. The exception to this is some music provision, which is a sudden change of policy by DCC. This means the music lessons (arranged for Hartington class) and private peripatetic brass lessons are postponed until further notice. Piano lessons on a Friday are continuing as normal.

Covid-19 Procedures

Our bubble and hygiene system is working well. As I write, we have no symptomatic children or adults in our school, although several children are off with non-CV19 illnesses. Do keep us informed if you suspect a member of your household has symptoms – this is confidential and names will not be shared, even if there is a positive case. We will contact all parents only if and when necessary; closing a bubble or the school will be the absolute last resort. Please refer to the flow chart to decide what to do if your child is not feeling well at home.

Assessment & Catch-Up

All children have been informally and formally assessed within school to judge their current attainment. Next, myself and the class teachers will be examining this information to decide whether any children need and qualify for the Catch-Up programme. We will certainly be accessing everything we can to support as many children's progress as possible. So many children and parents clearly worked very hard at home and followed the ideas and lessons provided by each class teacher. Thank you all.

Light Up New Mills

This week the children will be involved in creating a class window display. On September 25th, 26th and 27th, as part of the local festival, we will illuminate these displays for your viewing. Additionally, on the Friday only, the PTA will be selling refreshments outside school (whilst adhering to and encouraging distancing rules) to help generate funds for lovely experiences and resources for our children. Why not have a Friday night-walk and get a hot drink at school?

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel Parry