



**NEWSLETTER
SPRING TERM 2016**



Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back after your break.

We would like to officially welcome Mrs Boothroyd back off of her maternity leave; she is back with us 3 days a week and will be covering classes in the morning and providing very valuable intervention sessions in the afternoon.

I would like to talk about the snacks parents are providing for their children, we have noticed a variety of biscuits being provided as a snack. We are a healthy eating school and do promote this so we ask parents to stick with our policy and only provide a healthy snack for break time. We all know that sugar can cause children to have a lack of attention and focus in class. As a school we provide fruit every day for all children, so parents can take advantage of this and not send in any snack items for the morning break. We have also noticed a lot of rubbish from snack times is being thrown on the playground; we will be talking to the children in assembly about caring for our environment, if all parents can follow this up at home as well please.

As you will have all seen we have spent a lot of money on updating and developing the key stage 1 playground area, with the new line markings and grassed areas, that we hope the children will enjoy playing on. You will see over the coming weeks new huts arriving for children to play in and the friends of Heronshaw have agreed to provide a new seating area for the children.

Parents evenings were a big success last week and were very well attended, we hope that you were able to see the value in receiving a written report prior to your meeting so that you could discuss any points with the class teacher. We will be sending you another report just before the Easter break, this will be in a slightly different format, and we hope then to gather your opinions on which you all prefer, going forward.

Also last week had our literacy and Maths workshops, the feedback from parents has been very positive and they feel more confident helping children at home. Look out for the coming up workshops next term.

Next week is eSafety week in school. The children will be exploring further about how to stay safe on the internet. Please do talk to them about this at home as well. We will be running our annual eSafety meeting for parents, look out for the dates.

As our chosen charity this year is Hula, voted by the children, a representative from Hula will be coming in to talk with the children about what their money is funding and how important the charity is.

As you all know reading is so important and is what ensures children do well, so please make sure you listen to your child read at least 5 times a week and change their books regularly in the mornings.

To support reading we open our library to children and parents every Wednesday after school from the end of school, the library is located to the side of foundation and can be accessed through the foundation playground, everyone is welcome.

Attendance is very important to us. So that we ensure we provide all children with the best start we ask that parents take children's schooling seriously and don't book holidays during term time, or take any time off that would be unauthorised (see attendance policy for clarification). Any unauthorised holiday that meets 5 days either in succession or in accumulation will result in

a fine. We are here to support any parents who are struggling to get their children to school daily and on time.

As many of you are aware we offer a huge range of clubs every half term, and this terms clubs are now underway, so we ask if you have taken a place on a club please ensure that you make full use of it because it does mean someone else has not been able to have the place. See the website to look at the range available. Please ensure all clubs are paid for by the end of next week. We have a clubs board in the entrance way that gives you dates and times of clubs for parents to look at if they need any extra information.

We continue to operate an open door policy, and are always happy to discuss any concerns you have on a daily basis, so please feel free to come in and talk to teachers and all staff. We want to make your child's schooling a positive experience.

Don't forget to follow us on the Heronshaw Twitter page: @HeronshawSchool,. With the spread of communication, between the website, texts, emails, newsletters and now twitter, parents can feel they have access to updates about the school. Please feel free to let us know anything else we can do to improve this.

Mrs Saunders-Short
Head Teacher

Notices

Term dates are available on the school website and hard copies can be picked up from the office.

Breakfast Club: children will need to book with Mrs Kibby if they require a place in Breakfast club

	Child 1	Siblings
7.45-8.40	£3.00	£2.00
8.00-8.40	£2.00	£1.50
8.15-8.40	£1.00	£1.00