



Hambrook Primary School

Newsletter 9 - July 2017

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year. It contains many messages of thanks. I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support; it is one of the things that help to make Hambrook such a special and enjoyable place for the children, providing good foundations for all children to achieve their potential.



Year 6 Production of 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf'

Well done to all the children in Year 6 for their fantastic performance on Tuesday afternoon and evening this week, the children performed brilliantly and they did us all proud. Thanks to all parents for attending, everyone really enjoyed the performance.

Thank you to Miss Cholmondeley (Y6 teacher), Mrs Cessford (Y6 TA) and their team for organising the show; it takes lots of work and preparation to put on a show like this.

We wish our Year 6's every success as they move on to Secondary School.

Goodbye

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Collins this term and we thank her for all her commitment to our Year 2 children. We hope she will return to us for supply cover as she's done before. Miss Green is also leaving us this term, to embark on teacher training. I would like to thank her for her hard work both as a TA and in the running of our Karate club.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing them both all the very best for the future.

Bromley Heath Viaduct works

South Gloucestershire Council have asked us to pass on the following information to you: South Gloucestershire Council is carrying out major maintenance to the Bromley Heath Viaduct on the A4174 ring road between Bromley Heath roundabout and the Hambrook traffic lights.

Major delays are expected on the A4174 and surrounding local roads from 24 July for 33 weeks.

We are working with the council to minimise the impact on pupils, staff and parents. Please consider how you travel and your route to school. If you travel to school by car, please allow double the time your journey normally takes.

Further information and travel advice is available at www.southglos.gov.uk/bhviaduct or email bhviaduct@southglos.gov.uk with any enquiries. Alternatively, please see our dedicated Facebook page on

www.facebook.com/bhviaduct

South Gloucestershire Council apologises for the disruption caused during this essential maintenance.

Bikes at school

Following on from the above, we've had enquiries about children being able to lock bikes at school. We'd like to reassure parents that yes, if your child will be riding their bike to school as a result of the works (or for any other reason!), that we will provide somewhere for them to lock their bike during the day. Please note, a bike lock must be provided.

Winterbourne Library

Please find details of what's on at Winterbourne Library during August at the end of this newsletter.

Inset Days 2017/18

The following Inset days for the 2017/18 school year are confirmed as follows:

Friday 1st September 2017

Friday 20th October 2017

We'll let you know more dates when they are set.

Thank you to parent helpers

We would like to say thank you to all parents/grandparents/carers who have helped in the classrooms, in our library and on school trips through the year. Your help and support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

I'd also like to offer my thanks to Lisa Thomas for her help in improving road safety around the school.

Prospective 2018 Parents

We will be holding an open morning on Friday 29th September. This will give prospective parents a chance to find out about Hambrook School, ask any questions and have a tour round the school.

If you know of any children that will be starting in September 2018 could you please pass this date on to their parents? We will also be holding a Macmillan coffee morning on that day which you are all welcome to come along to - more details to come nearer the date.

Following on from this, we would be very grateful for donations of cakes for this event, in order that we may raise as much money as possible for a worthy cause.

Many thanks.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Dates for your diary!

We will be holding our Parent Consultation evenings on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November. We are giving you lots of notice as parents have previously told us they need time to arrange time off work. Please put the dates on your calendar and we will let you know when you are able to book your slot to see your child's teacher.

Class Arrangements for 2016-17

I am now in a position to confirm teachers/classes for next year. Most will remain unchanged from this year, please see table below:

Reception	Mrs Yeo & Mrs Cobbett
Year 1	Mrs Bassett-Lowe (*see note below)
Year 2	Miss Dover
Year 3	Miss Hunt
Year 4	Mr Thompson
Year 5	Mr Feltham
Year 6	Miss Cholmondeley

*Miss Thomas remains on maternity leave. Until she returns, Mrs Bassett-Lowe will be in the classroom for 3.5 days per week and the remaining days will be covered by Miss Lynn (previously known as Mrs Dunningham). You will know her as a TA in Reception class here at Hambrook but she is also a qualified teacher.



Music Lessons

This week we had the last of our Woodwind/Brass/Guitar music lessons for this academic year.

All children that have requested to start instrument lessons from September will be offered them.

We will be in touch to let you know when lessons will commence in September. It won't be for the first week or two.

Whole School Trip

We had a wonderful day at Woodfield Park on 26th June, thank you to the parents and school governors who came along, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The sun shone, the children played and learned, and a fantastic time was had by all!

Cyber Bullying

Please see our website under 'Parent's Zone/e-Safety', where we have posted some information for Parents about cyber bullying.

School books

Please note; we will be sending most of the children's school exercise books home at the end of this term. We need to hold on to some for assessment purposes for a while, and after this the children will bring them home (for current Y6 children, we will keep the books here for you to collect if you wish, until 31st January at which point we will dispose of unclaimed books). Thank you.

After-School Sports clubs

We have a change in our provision for sports clubs in 2017-18. From the second week of Term 1, we will have Bristol Sport in school and this will not only give us access to various sporting activities within the curriculum, but they will also provide a variety of fun after-school clubs, including sports such as football, basketball, gymnastics, cricket, TAG rugby and more! Full details will be given in September and you will be able to sign up during the first week of term. **These after school clubs will be run on Thursdays with one club for KS1 and another for KS2 (both on Thursday).**

Sports Heroes will still run for Key Stage 1 on Mondays, but the Friday Football club (run by Professional Sport & Fitness) will not be continuing. There will also be an Irish Dance club (leaflets were given out this week), for years 2-6.

No rucksacks please!

If you are buying your child a new school bag during the holidays ready for September, please buy them a 'bookbag' style rather than a rucksack. Rucksacks are very bulky and they take up lots of precious space in our corridors and classrooms, plus the children don't have to carry enough items to/from school to warrant big bags. The only exception to this is if you child needs to bring an additional sports kit for an after school club. Thank you for your co-operation.

Pencil cases

Please note, children do not need pencil cases/stationery bought for them to bring to school. We find that they become quite a distraction as children are interested in who has the latest trend. We do have enough stationery in school for them to use, so please don't feel

pressured to supplement them as pencil cases will no longer be allowed.

School Uniform

We accept that at the end of the school year things can 'slip' in terms of uniform as children grow out of their clothes/shoes just before the end of term!

Please note that from September children will be expected to come to school in full uniform including school shoes (not trainers). Please note that larger accessories such as dangly earrings, 'Jojo' style hair bows etc are not permitted. Children will also be expected to bring a full P.E. kit consisting of an 'animal team' t-shirt, shorts and daps/sports trainers (not fashion trainers) with them in the first week back at school, and parents will be contacted if this is not provided.

Roald Dahl day

Wednesday 13th September is Roald Dahl day. It's the anniversary of his birthday, so to celebrate we'll be having a Dress Up Day, and all children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character!

School Meal Prices

The Local Authority have informed us that school meal prices will increase by 10 pence with effect from 1st September. Please see costs below:

Weekly Cost

1 meal per week	£2.10
2 meals per week	£4.20
3 meals per week	£6.30
4 meals per week	£8.40
5 meals per week	£10.50

Following on from this, as you are already aware, school dinners are free for all Key Stage 1 children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes). If you are in receipt of certain benefits and entitled to claim Free School Meals for your child/children, please continue to make your claim in the normal way, irrespective of which class they are in. If you are unsure please speak to the school office.

If your child will be starting Year 3 in September, you will need to start paying for dinners. We use the SIMS Agora online system for payments, and we will send letters out in the

first week of term to all Year 3 parents to tell them how to register and pay.
If your child buys fruit tuck from the school canteen at breaktime, this will remain at 15p per day.

Thank you to the PTA

We would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in organising the many enjoyable events through the year.
A very special thank you goes to Caroline Long for her commitment over the past two years. We welcome all new PTA committee members and wish them every success in the coming year.
Please see the next item of this newsletter for the final PTA update of this year.

PTA Summer update

The PTA committee has officially handed over!
The new committee is as follows:

Chair: Vikki Orchard

Vice Chair: Debbie Lugton

Treasurer: Zoe Richardson

Secretary: Sasha Griffiths

Class reps so far are:

Reception: Amandeep Derry

Year 1: Laura Rogers & Stacey Rees

Year 2: Sarah Edwards

Year 3: Jo Baigent & Faye Spours

Year 4: Kelly Daly & Beth Gibson Stubbs

Year 5: Kerry Ward & Zaheena Koodabux

Year 6: Renata van Mazyk & Angela Griffiths

Please keep a note of these names, you'll need them over the coming year...!

Now for the thank yous...

Firstly, to the parents and friends of Hambrook School, thank you very much for supporting the PTA in our fundraising efforts.

Thank you to Mrs Dent, Mrs Lewis (office) and the staff for the help and support they have given.

An enormous thank you to the fantastic committee I have worked with, it has been a pleasure!

I would like to wish Vikki and the new committee very best wishes as they take over the PTA.

Wishing you all a great Summer holiday,
Caroline Long (outgoing Chair)

All that remains is for me to wish all of you an enjoyable summer break!

Kind regards

Jo Dent

Head Teacher



Dates for diaries

Full calendar to be updated on our website early in September!

We want to try to keep the focus of the newsletter on things happening in our school or that will benefit the children e.g. encouraging them to go to the local library, or join a local sports club, or preparing for transition to secondary school.

At times we will advertise events, clubs etc in the local community. This does not mean we are advocating or recommending them, we are purely sharing information.

August at Winterbourne Library

Monday: closed
Tuesday: 9.30am - 7.00pm
Wednesday: 9.30am - 5.00pm
Thursday: closed
Friday: 9.30am - 7.00pm
Saturday: 9.30am - 5.00pm
Sunday: closed

Please note that Winterbourne Library
will be closed for essential works from
Thursday 3 August to Wednesday 16 August
Normal opening hours will resume on **Friday 18 August**.

Rhymetime: Rhymes and songs for parents and babies/toddlers to enjoy together
every Tuesday morning 9.30 – 10.00am



Join the awesome Animal Agents sleuthing their way to a library near you this summer

Animal Agents, Summer Reading Challenge 2017 has now begun in all South Gloucestershire Libraries and runs until **16 September**. It's not too late to join up for this **FREE** reading adventure! Sign up at your local library and receive a collector folder to start, then read six library books to get a medal and certificate, picking up some stinky stickers, and other great incentives along the way. There are free activities at all libraries. Come along to Winterbourne library for 2 fun filled events...

Undercover Animals Wednesday 2 August 10.00 – 11.30am: Use your powers of observation to find the animals in disguise in a dastardly detective treasure hunt. Plus crafty chameleons and other mystery animal makes.

I Spy Wednesday 23 August 10.00 – 11.30am: Make your own detective deerstalker hat and solve the mystery code-word treasure hunt.


Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/childrenslibrary or drop in to your local library to find out more. Like us on www.facebook.com/sqgloslibraries and follow us on @southgloslibs to get the latest on all our activities for children.

The Craft Group meets on:
Saturday 19 & 26 August 10.00am – 12.00noon.
New members will always be made welcome by this friendly group.
Share tips and ideas for your knitting, sewing or crochet projects.

Computer Classes for Beginners Starting in September

Sign up now for our popular beginners' computer class run by South Gloucestershire and Stroud College and completely **FREE OF CHARGE**. This will be an eighteen week course with sessions on a Monday morning 9.30am -12.30pm and will include: word processing, emailing, using the internet and online shopping. If you are interested please speak to a member of staff - places are limited.

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