

Mrs Marriott's July Newsletter

Hello everyone!

I am so delighted to be writing the final newsletter of the school year and would like to sum it up with just a few brief words. I am so incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of such an amazing school, from performances to all the little moments of success.

As the year six children begin the next chapter of their learning journey we wish them all the success and happiness.

School Events

Thank you to everyone who has attended school events.

We raised £348.50 at Handmade in Hemingford which will go towards outside funding.

Coffee Mornings have enabled lots of books to be purchased. As reading will be a focus next year, we look forward to inviting you to more of these successful events.

Water Bottles

Previously, we have provided water bottles in school. Based on feedback, we won't provide these moving forward. To ensure your child/ren has fresh water in a clean bottle, from September, please send your child/ren to school each day with a named bottle of water. Any style of bottle is accepted, but names are essential. Squash and juice cannot be accepted due to increased risk of dental decay; please only send water.

Staffing Update

A few more updates on staffing for September:

~ A replacement for Mr Wilcox's Inclusion role has been appointed - Mrs McMahon will take on the role of Pastoral Mentor. Whilst she will continue with her other responsibilities in school, she will work Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30 to 1.30 as well as at lunchtime on Tuesday and Thursday. This means she will be available in the mornings if parents/carers need to drop into the office for a chat or catch her on the playground. She will also be able to offer group and individual support on three mornings and support with the important social interactions that occur at lunchtimes. We are delighted with Mrs McMahon's appointment and all the experience that she brings to the role.

~ Mrs Mallol has worked with us for 7 years and now leaves us to pursue different career options. We wish her every success and thank her for all her hard work over the years.

~ Sadly the time has come to say farewell to Mr Mepham and Mr Wilcox as they relocate around the UK. We will miss you both! Miss Hampton ends her maternity cover; we thank her for the time she has spent with us.

Volunteers

Thank you to all volunteers who give up time on a regular basis to hear children read, prepare resources and keep our gardens weed free and growing beautifully.

We are grateful to our dedicated team of ladies who fundraise for the school by selling ice-creams each week without fail. I know the children and staff appreciate it!

A special thank you to Mrs Cope who sold her home grown produce at our recent event and kindly donated all money raised back to the school.

We are always keen for volunteers in any capacity that can be offered. If you would like to help from September, please contact the office, so that a DBS and induction can be arranged.

Sporty Start

With fingers crossed for sunshine... on **Friday 13th September** we would like to invite parents and carers to join us at 2pm for a fun and sporty start. We will be running races in house teams to begin the year with a real team spirit. Winners come in all shapes and sizes and we will be giving house points for any children demonstrating the 6Rs!

For those who need a refreshing treat at the end of the afternoon, the kind volunteers will be running one last Ice-cream Friday! We hope you can join us for what will be an opportunity to come together as a community to begin the new academic year.

Year 5/6 Production

Finding ourselves still singing the classic songs from our show-stopping Oliver performance, I want to congratulate all the children who shone. They should all feel incredibly proud of their commitment, confidence and enthusiasm as they united as a phase to deliver such a professional production. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for coming to support your child/ren.

Hemingford Grey PTA

A recent poll has been sent out to gather parent and carer views in relation to a future PTA. We are pleased to see there are a number of people in our school community who are keen to become involved in what is an exciting prospect.

Dates Reminder

Wishing you all a happy holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Wednesday 4th September**

Hilltop Meeting for Parents 6th September 6pm

Races Afternoon - Friday 13th September 2pm

Year 6 Hilltop Residential - Wednesday 18th September

A full list of Autumn term dates will be sent out to you in September.

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." Aristotle