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THE HALE HERALD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR HALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome Back!

I am delighted to be welcoming you back to Hale Church of England Primary school to what I hope is a more normal school year.

A special welcome to our new Reception children and their families along with the other new children that have joined us across the school. We hope you enjoy your time here with us!

The children all look incredibly smart as they have returned and all have correct footwear! We have received a number of complaints from parents about our current uniform suppliers. As result of this we have moved forward with the plans to make some uniform and supplier adjustments, we hope to have these ready for the Spring term although the changes will not become compulsory until next September. We will keep you updated.

Please regularly check our school website and twitter page as we continue to build and share information about the "Hale Curriculum".

I hope all of the children have had an enjoyable first week and are looking forward to the year ahead.

As always if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.


Mrs Fenton



Be Ready Be Respectful Be Responsible 

We have introduced 3 school rules that will be consistent across all classes and at all times of the school day. Alongside this each class has a simple recognition system in place, the group with the most recognition from each class at the end of the week will take part in "Hot Chocolate Friday". The children in Reception will be working as a collective group to earn their recognition.

We have a simple stepped approach to warn and support (when required) those children who do not/are not following a rule.

The children have responded positively this week to our focus on "Be Ready". 

Christian Values

This school year we will as a whole school community focus on one of our selected Christian Values each half term.

Friendship
Hope
Peace
Thankfulness
Truthfulness
Courage

Throughout the year the children will all have the opportunity to be a Worship Ambassador for a half term.

During this time they will help to prepare for Collective Worship in their classrooms weekly at an age appropriate level. At the end of your child's half term as a Worship Ambassador you will be invited into the classroom to join in a class worship that they help to lead.

Throughout the year we will be looking at how we "live out" our selected values.

This half term we will be focusing on "Friendship". Look out for your child coming home with a round green sticker indicating that we have spotted them "living out" our current focus value of "Friendship".

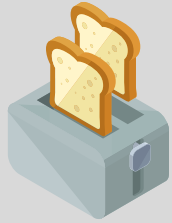


Snack

The school kitchen will be providing toast for morning snack from Monday 13th. The toast will be delivered to the classrooms to prevent the children having to spend their playtimes queuing up!

Toast needs to be ordered and paid for at the start of a week (for a whole week) via the Gateway App. The cost is £1.25 a week and due to the way the kitchen needs to place its orders a full week has to be booked and paid for by 9am on a Monday.

For those children who do not purchase the school toast they may bring fruit or vegetables only from home.



School App

Please ensure you have downloaded the Gateway App in order to book/ pay for school dinners, after school clubs, snack, trips and to receive letters. School no longer has the facilities to take cash payments. If you are experiencing any problems please contact the school office.



Homework

For the remainder of September homework across the school will have a focus on basic skills. This will vary from class to class. From October we will add additional weekly Maths and/or English tasks linked to current learning.

As a minimum every child needs to read every school night. For children in Key stage 1 this needs to be one or both of their reading books. In KS2 this should be a mixture of their reading book and Reading Plus. Children in Reception will be given a book to share at home initially.



War Time Themed Coffee Morning

On Friday 24th September we will be hosting a Parents and Carers Coffee morning to raise money for Macmillian Cancer Support. Two adults per family are invited into school for coffee and cake (for a donation) and visit the children's classrooms to see their work related to our WW2 topic.

The children are invited to dress as they might have done if they were attending school during WW2. This will only require some simple adjustments to their uniform (please do not go to any expense).



Books for Africa

During our summer clear out and reorganisation we have collected together a range of books and teaching resources that are no longer required to support our curriculum, however they are still in good condition and can be of benefit to others.

We would like to be able to cover the cost of the collection, shipping and distribution of the books and resources to schools in Africa using the "Books to Africa" project.

We are aiming to raise £80 by simply asking families and the local community to donate any small change they may have that they can spare. Small change can be sent into school in an envelope or small bag.



Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid,
do not be discouraged,
for the
Lord your God
will be with you
wherever you go.

Joshua 19