



Harestanes Primary Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

I can hardly believe how quickly this term is flying by! The **Primary 1 children and children new to our ELR are now well settled** into their classes and are enjoying being part of the larger Harestanes Family!

Thank you to all of the parents who continue to support our new arrangements **by not coming into the school playground** and instead waiting – socially distanced – at the school gates for pick up. We feel that we are **all working together** to keep our school a safe environment. The children are all now well settled into our routines and have a **greater understanding** of why our measures must be in place and strictly adhered to.



Many things continue to be altered from a 'normal school day' **but** we continue to do our very best to find an alternative way of doing things so that the children don't miss out. As we can't meet as a whole school together, our weekly Assembly continue as a '**Virtual Assembly**' where we present **online to all of the individual classes** and celebrate individual achievement as we have always done. It doesn't always work out perfectly but we are demonstrating the **school value of**

perseverance and we are getting better every week! Our monthly Golden Tea event where we celebrated children who displayed our school values has now become a '**Golden Tea Takeaway**' with a juice and cake in a bag to **take home!**

As Autumn fast approaches can I ask you to ensure that your child is wearing a **suitable jacket to protect against rain?** Children much prefer to be **outside at breaktimes** and we only keep them indoors if the weather is **extreme**. Our children play very happily in the rain when they have the appropriate clothing on and we promote and recognise outdoor learning opportunities where we can.



On very wet mornings your child should aim to arrive as close to their entry time as possible.

P1, P2, P3, P3/4 – 8.50am to 2.50pm

P4/5, P5/6, P6, P7 – 9.00am to 3.00pm

(ELR Children should arrive for 9am and be collected at 3pm)

I hope you enjoyed our weekend **‘Sharing the Learning’** event last week where we sent the children’s jotters home for you to celebrate their ‘flagged learning’. The response from parents was very positive indeed and we value all opportunities to work together. This is a new venture and we will be repeating this once per term. Our first **Parents Night is scheduled for Thursday 18th November 2021** but at this point it would appear that teachers may be **telephoning parents via an appointment system during that week**. I will send out more information nearer the time. In the meantime, please contact school if you would like to discuss a **specific aspect of your child’s learning** and a return call from the class teacher will be arranged.



Twitter Many parents particularly enjoy keeping up to date with the very latest news via Twitter and tell us that they **like** the regular updates and photos in our **Tweets**. Please do come and join us by asking to ‘follow’ us **@HarestanesPS** (*This is a protected and locked site and not available to the general public*)

Finally, as always, please do not hesitate to speak with us about any aspect of your child’s experience at school by phoning or emailing the school office or speaking with either Mrs Grant, Ms Sutherland, Mrs Hudson or myself when we are at the school gates.

Best Regards,

Ms. Jackie Gillespie

Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

October 8th – Staff In-service Day – NO SCHOOL FOR PUPILS

OCTOBER 11th – Friday 15th (inclusive) OCTOBER HOLIDAY