

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

Welcome to the new school year. To help communication, school newsletters will be sent out every two weeks to inform parents of school news and keep you up to date on forthcoming events. These newsletters will be sent out by email and will be available on our website. We will also send them via our new school app – see below for details. Class newsletters will be sent out at the start of every half term to let you know what is planned in your child's classroom.

Staff News

We welcome Miss Orriell (Year 1 teacher), Miss Parkes (Year 6 teacher) and Mrs Lang (Year 4 teacher) to our staff team this year. We also welcome back Mrs Bainbridge and Mrs Moore from maternity leave.

Contact Details

Please make sure you have returned your data collection form to the office with your up to date contact details. If you require a new copy of the form, or if any details have changed over the Summer, please contact the office. It is important that we have the correct contact numbers if children are ill or if there is an emergency.

E-Schools Mobile App

Our website address is www.thackleyschool.com Our provider is eSchools and they also give school various ways to communicate with parents including email, text messages, and a new mobile app. Through the app you can see your child's attendance, see letters we send home, book appointments for parents evening and see the school calendar. We encourage you to download the app, as messages sent to parents via this are free so will reduce the school's costs. Search 'eSchools' to find the free app in either the Apple App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android). You should have received a letter from the office detailing your unique login details. Please contact the office if you need any help with this.

Start of the School Day

School officially starts at 8.45am. However to ease congestion, doors will be open from 8.30am. Staff will be available to supervise the children in their classrooms from this time. All pupils must be in school for 8.45am when registration begins.

Can we remind all parents to be considerate to our neighbours when parking at the start and end of the school day. Please take care to park safely and legally.

Picking Up Your Child at the End of the School Day

If you change arrangements for picking up your child at the end of the school day please ensure you inform us by speaking to the class teacher or by telephoning the school office.

Year 6 Key Stage 2 Assessments Monday 14th – Friday 18th May 2018.

It is vital that children in Year 6 are not absent for this week.

Make up and Jewellery

Jewellery, make up and nail varnish should not be worn in school by children. For safety reasons, children with pierced ears may only wear studs, which must be removed during PE. If children are unable to remove or replace their studs themselves, they should not be worn to school on PE day. They will not be allowed to participate in PE if wearing earrings. Children are allowed to wear watches and consideration is given to religious and cultural beliefs. Long hair should be tied back but hair accessories should be kept to a minimum and we ask that children do not wear Jo-Jo style bows.

Mobile Phones

We do not encourage the use of mobile phones by pupils in school. In exceptional circumstances there may be no alternative, but they **must be switched off** on entering the school grounds and then handed to the school office before 8.45am for safe keeping during the day. Pupils must not use them inside the school grounds.

School Uniform

The children have made a great start to the year and looked very smart in their new school uniforms. What a child wears to school reflects his/her attitude to learning; it portrays the school's ethos and shared values. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who support us by adhering to our school uniform policy, this includes PE kit. All children from Y1 to Y6 now have both an indoor AND outdoor PE session, with the exception of Y4 who have an indoor lesson and a swimming lesson.

Please ensure that everything is clearly labelled with your child's name including coats and lunch boxes.

Early Years and KS1

Black skirt, pinafore or trousers
White polo shirt
Purple round neck sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
Black or white socks or black tights

Key Stage 2

Black skirt, pinafore or trousers
White shirt
School tie
Purple V neck sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
Black or white socks or black tights

PE Kit

Black shorts
White t-shirt
Black tracksuit (from Year 1)
Black pumps or trainers

Black shoes (not trainers) must be worn by all children. In bad weather conditions, children may come to school in boots or wellingtons but must change into black school shoes on arrival.

Could we please encourage parents to ensure girls' skirts are of an appropriate length.

After School Clubs

We are pleased to offer a wide range of before school, lunchtime and after school clubs. Clubs will be running from next week, as stated in the letter you should have received this week. Details of how much the clubs will cost are also in the letter. Contact the school office if you have not received a copy.

Diary Dates

More information about these events will be sent in further letters

Jeans for Genes Day	Friday 22 nd September
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	Friday 29 th September
Y6 SATs & Robinwood Information Evening for Parents	Tuesday 10 th October 6.00pm
Thackley Week Exhibition for Parents	Thursday 12 th October
Open Session for Parents to view children's books	Thursday 12 th October
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 17 th October 3.30-6.00pm & Thursday 19 th October 3.30-6.30pm
Pumpkin Competition	Monday 30 th October
PTA Spooky Disco	Wednesday 1 st November
School Closes	Thursday 19 th October
School Re-opens	Monday 30 th October

Yours sincerely

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