



28th January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

NEWSLETTER 28th JANUARY 2022

As I stated in my last letter, the past two weeks have been incredibly busy at HCPS. Similar to many other organisations, we have experienced high levels of staff absence which has affected every area of our school. However, I would like to publicly thank each and every member of staff for going above and beyond in such busy times and continuing to provide a consistent and quality education to all of our pupils. I am also pleased that the level of absence appears to be on a gradual decline so I hope we are back to a full complement very soon.

COVID-19

Despite the recent lifting of restrictions in schools this week by government, we have continued with our most recent measures, aligned to our outbreak management plan. We will continue with these until our cases amongst the school community as a whole are lower.

Symptoms within children that we are seeing at school are mostly vomiting and headache. Please be vigilant and continue to take notice of all symptoms of illness that your child may display.

PARKING

Please may I remind you to be considerate of where you park your car outside the school gates. We are aware that space is limited and that it can become busy at times. However, vehicles should not be parked on the double yellow lines at any times and neither should any vehicles park on the grass verge. Residents local to our school have to pay a contribution to the fee of the upkeep to the grass areas in our estate. I politely ask that you consider this when parking your vehicles.

In addition, every Wednesday afternoon, our children arrive back from swimming at approximately 3pm. The coach **needs** to be able to navigate the roads in and out of our school, including being able to park directly outside, for the safety of our children alighting. **Please refrain from parking at either end of the road parallel to our school to allow the space for the coach to turn.**

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK - 7th to 11th FEBRUARY 2022

Unlike physical health, you cannot always see when someone's mental health needs help or support. Because sometimes, how they look and how they present themselves to the outside world is not really how they are feeling. Our mental health is just as important as our physical health.

Throughout the week 7th- 11th February 2022, we will be participating in a number of activities as part of Northamptonshire Mental Health Awareness Day. Activities will include mindfulness, self-care plans and access to one of our barns, where an adult will be available for the children to speak to.



The theme of this year's Mental Health Awareness Day is '**It's the inside that matters.**' To show our support and remind people that it is important to consider how somebody is feeling on the inside, **Friday 11th February will be a MUFTI day**, where we would like everybody to wear something inside out – it could be a sock, a jumper, trousers or even a full outfit! There will not be a monetary collection.

Please can children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 also bring a teddy to school with them on Friday.

PARENTS EVENING

Please remember to book your parents evening appointment with your child's class teacher using the online system by Sunday evening.

This appointment will be a chance for you to ask any questions that you may have from the fairly recent reports that were shared before Christmas. Teachers will give you a brief update on your child's continued education and attitude to learning but there will be no further assessments to share with you at this point.

YEAR 3 HISTORY VISITOR

On the first day back to school after half term (21st February), Year 3 have their Ancient Egypt experience day in school. Quick reminder that we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as an Ancient Egyptian! No need for extravagant and costly costumes, just a plain white t-shirt, belt and some bottoms would do the job just as well!

DATA CHECKING SHEETS

Our admin staff are gradually working through the year groups and sending out data collection forms in order that we can ensure we hold the correct information on file for each child. When your child brings their form home, **please complete the sections labelled 'on file'** and add any missing data that we do not currently hold. The 'on file' tag informs you that we hold this information on our system but we need you to confirm the information so we can check it for accuracy. For data protection reasons, the forms you will receive do not show all of the information that we hold.

PLAYGROUND AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please may we ask that your children do not play with any equipment on the playground at the end of the school day. At this time, the playground is a busy place and we do not want to cause accident or injury. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr. S Dainty
Headteacher