



JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Thanks and Best Wishes

I'm sure you will agree that this academic year has been an unusual one. Everyone has had to face challenges never experienced before. The COVID 19 pandemic has meant that we have not seen many families since the end of March. We have been impressed by the many pupils who have accessed the home learning and have been interested to hear about the activities pupils have been taking part in via Lockdown Legends. We have really missed every pupil and are excited about seeing everyone back in school in September. Although teaching and learning will be back to normal in September there will be a number of changes to the school day all of which are outlined in a separate letter. We understand that children and families will have had different experiences during the last few months and we therefore want to reassure you that we have planned a number of transition activities for September. We will continue to support our families in a range of ways so please get in touch if you think we can help you.

Moving On

We always have very mixed feelings at this time of year as we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We are very proud of every single pupil and I know that they will go on to work hard and achieve well in their new schools. Thank you to all the parents who will no longer have a connection with our school - we really do appreciate all you have done over the past years and wish you and your child every success for the future. Unfortunately we have not been able to say goodbye to Year 6 pupils in the usual way and activities that normally scheduled in the last few weeks of their time at Headlands have not been able to take place. However a number of activities have been arranged to support the Year 6 pupils as they move onto High School. All Year 6 pupils were invited into school for a 1:1 meeting with their Year 6 class teacher during the last week of term. It was lovely to see them at this time. All were provided with a Year 6 Leavers Year Book with photos and memories of each child. We also managed to organise a Year 6 leavers dance video which all pupils were invited to contribute to. The dance DVD, Year Book and pupils' work books were presented to Year 6 pupils at their individual meetings this week. Year 6 pupils in school have also composed and recorded a song called Corona Karumba which provides an insight into their experiences during lockdown. Copies of the Year Book, the Y6 dance video and Corona Karumba song can be found on our main school website - please take the time to have a look. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Friends of Headlands who made a donation to cover the cost of producing the Year Books.

Staffing Update

Miss Scott continues her maternity leave in September and her role will be covered in the Autumn term by Miss Wilson. Mrs Davidson retires at the end of the Summer term and we wish her all the best as she begins this new chapter in her life. Mr Bailey and Miss Tibbot are getting married during the holidays. Miss Tibbott will be called Mrs Chappelhow after the Summer holiday.

2020-21 Staffing Arrangements

Class/Role	Name of Teacher
Headteacher	Mrs P Cocker
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs L Drummond
Nursery (Blossoms)	Miss J Scott/Miss Wilson (whilst Miss Scott is on MAT leave)
Reception (Acorns)	Mrs S H Chappelhow (EYFS Manager)
Reception (Catkins)	Miss M Carter
1 Cherry	Miss H O'Malley
1 Hawthorn	Miss L Rimmer
2 Beech	Miss T Davis (Assistant Headteacher)
2 Laurel	Mrs H Smith/Mrs C Burns
3 Willow	Miss Z Cray
3 Pine	Miss S Ewart
4 Birch	Miss J Dyson
4 Ash	Miss C Hull
5 Sycamore	Miss R Manning
5 Maple	Mrs C Lewis
6 Cedar	Miss D Anthony
6 Oak	Mrs F Rihane (Assistant Headteacher)
Inclusion Manager	Mrs C Cowling (Assistant Headteacher - Inclusion)
PPA/Management Release	Mrs E Pearson – HLTA Mrs R Murphy – HLTA Mrs L Wood – HLTA Mrs C Bradley – Specialist Music Teacher

Attendance and Punctuality

We are very fortunate that parents recognise how important it is that children attend school regularly. Many thanks to all parents who support the school in ensuring that our overall attendance is good. We work closely with our Attendance and Pupil Support Officer who monitors attendance and meets with parents when a concern arises. He regularly checks registers to look for patterns of none attendance and persistent lateness. During the next academic year we will continue to focus our attention on children whose attendance falls below 90%. Attendance that falls below 90% is regarded by the government as 'persistent absenteeism'. Please can I also remind parents that pupils should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time. Government guidelines mean that these are only authorised in very exceptional circumstances and parents are often asked to provide supporting evidence (e.g. from employers). Penalty notices have been issued when holidays have gone ahead without authorisation. We also ask that parents make appointments for children out of school time. When parents collect children early or within the school day it means that children are missing valuable learning time. Please expect that the office staff will ask parents to provide evidence of appointments should parents arrive to pick children up during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School Uniform

We ask that all parents ensure that children wear the correct school uniform including the wearing of sensible dark coloured school shoes, details of which are given below.

Boys Uniform

Grey trousers/shorts/track bottoms
Royal blue sweatshirt/sweater
White, navy, royal blue polo shirt/shirt

Girls Uniform

Navy, grey skirt/pinafore/trousers
Royal blue sweatshirt/sweater/cardigan
White, navy, royal blue polo shirt/shirt
Summer dress (optional)

Both boys and girls are expected to wear dark coloured sensible shoes for school. Obviously shoes should be of a type that are safe to run about in at playtime and therefore high heels and open-toed sandals are not allowed. Although children are not required to change into indoor shoes each day, a change of footwear, eg pumps, should be kept in bags in case outdoor shoes become dirty in inclement weather.

During last winter some children were seen wearing wellington boots and Ugg type boots in the school building. Of course you may wish your child to wear these on the journey to and from school, particularly in bad weather, but children will be expected to change into indoor shoes/pumps whilst in lessons. Some boys have been seen wearing brightly coloured football boots around school and again these do not form part of Headlands school uniform. Pupils need to wear shoes that are a dark colour, preferably black. They should not have white or coloured markings decorating them ie stripes or sport symbols (eg Nike). Please ensure that you comply with the Headlands school uniform policy when purchasing uniform and shoes over the Summer holiday.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school to be used for PE lessons and Golden Time activities. It should contain a plain white/royal blue t-shirt and royal blue/navy/black shorts and black pumps/trainers. Tracksuits, jogging suits and t-shirts (ie warm clothes) are suitable clothing when PE takes place outside when the weather becomes colder. It is important that children get changed for PE and we ask that parents ensure children have appropriate kit in school in September. Most supermarkets sell inexpensive shorts, t-shirts and pumps/trainers suitable for PE prior to the start of the new term. Children are not allowed to wear football shirts and other designer kit for PE lessons in school. It is very important that children change clothes and footwear for all PE sessions to ensure their safety and well-being and we ask that parents support us in this matter.

Jewellery and Watches

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery with the exception of watches. Children wearing watches are responsible for keeping them safe. Pierced earrings should be limited to studs. Pupils are expected to remove their own studs for PE and swimming lessons. If your child is not able to do this themselves then these should be removed before coming to school. It is important that all children take part in PE lessons. If your child wishes to have pierced ears then the best time for this to occur is at the start of the summer holidays giving sufficient time for the piercing to be established prior returning to school for the start of the new term in September.

School Dinners

From September school dinners will cost £2.30 each day making the cost for the whole week of £11.50

Water Bottles

From September, please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school so they can have a drink of water whilst in class. These must be of the non-spill type to avoid work being spoiled through accidental spills. Please encourage your child to take these home daily so they can be washed and kept clean. We have a number of water fountains in school so that children are able to refill their bottle once it is empty.

Holidays

May I take this opportunity to thank all families for their continued support of the school. We hope you all enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you again at the start of the Autumn term which begins for pupils on Tuesday 8 September 2020.

Yours sincerely



Mrs P.Cocker