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NEWSLETTER 3 - 17.03.2023

Dear Parents/Carers.

As you know we have started running an afterschool club and this alongside other things has encouraged us to move towards using an online payment system which will start after Easter. I know that this is something many of you have been asking for so it should make things easier for everyone and it will certainly reduce Mrs Gozney's trips to the bank!

Letters with details of how to sign up, or link a current Parent Pay account, will be sent out over the next week or so. If you are a separated family and both parents would like an account linked to the same child then please let the office know that you would like two letters - office@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk and they will arrange this. We will then use this system for all payments and the office will no longer be able to take cash.

PARENT GOVERNORS - HELP

Recently a pink letter arrived home - it was saying that "WE NEED YOU". The school is required to have parent governors on the governing body and we currently have two spaces. If you think you could give up approx. 6/7 hours a term then please catch me and ask me more about it. The position is voluntary but the governors are very friendly and you won't be asked to do anything that is difficult or too time consuming.

NAMED ITEMS

As you may be aware it is very frustrating when items of uniform or PE kit get lost. We do our best to help the children to keep their clothing in a pile but it would really help us if you could name the items of school uniform and PE kit.

ASSESSMENTS

Year 2 Assessments will take place in the month of May and the Year 1 Phonics test will take place during week beginning Monday 12th June 2023. These are statutory government assessments which have to take place but we will ensure that they are carried out in a relaxed and happy atmosphere with a drink and a biscuit at the end! **Please do not book holidays during this time**.

STAFFING

We are pleased to tell you that Miss Graseley is expecting a baby, due towards the end of May. She is very excited! To provide continuity and familiar adults for the children when Miss Graseley goes on maternity leave (mid May she thinks!) Mrs Allen will continue in class and Mrs Lynch will move into Willow Class and work alongside Mrs Crabb. Mrs Davy will do an extra day and be in Oak Class all week.

FOOD HUB

Bags remain at £2.50 but Fare Share food remains in short supply so we will continue with families only – it is fine for grandparents to shop if they are picking up and shopping instead of the parent. Opens at 3pm.

DIARY DATES

Week commencing 20th March Baby chicks arriving in school Friday 31st March Break-up for Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April First day back at school after holidays

Reminder: we have some preloved school uniform (lots of trousers, skirts etc) and shoes so please ask at Reception. Uniform does not have to have the school logo on or be new!

Food Hub runs every Fríday ín Term Tíme at 3pm - £2.50 per bag.

If you have any questions or suggestions please catch me on the playground or come to the office. My door is always open.

Mrs Cook Head Teacher