

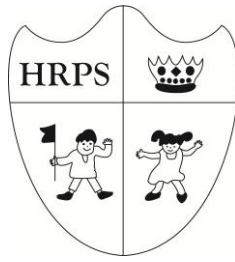
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and an exciting new school year, we all hope you had a relaxing summer and enjoyed lots of family time in the good weather. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families joining us. As you will no doubt have noticed, we have had a few exciting changes at school over the summer. These include:

New boundary fencing and gates ensuring the safety and safeguarding of the children. New fencing has also been installed within the school grounds for children's safer play areas and also to ensure the safety of children whilst they are in our brand new Forest School area for their enriched outdoor learning.

EYFS outdoor learning area is being redesigned and the first part is now complete. This will be extended in future months for nursery area.

School Hall has now been replastered and decorated with new PE apparatus installed.

IT Equipment – New 'Clevertouch' interactive teaching screens have been installed and all classes now have iPads and Chrome Books to further enhance their learning.

Changes to drop off and collection for children. Please see the changes on the reverse of this letter. It is important we adhere to these times so as to continue to keep the children safe not only during the school day but also during the breakfast and after school clubs.

School Uniform

The children all look incredibly smart in their uniforms. Can I please request that it is labelled as everything looks the same and last year we accumulated a huge amount of lost property. Please remember that only smart, sensible school shoes should be worn. Trainers and boots are not permitted. Please can we also ask that you do not put any markings or patterns in children's hair. Nail Varnish is not permitted for school.

Newsletter Parent Views

Last term we asked parents for feedback via an online questionnaire (school website) to ascertain their views on the type of newsletter they would like. Currently 75% of parents have voted for a monthly detailed newsletter rather than a weekly one. The questionnaire will remain on the website until next Friday, we really do appreciate your feedback. Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs B Waite

