



Friday 20th December 2019

Dear Parents

A busy time in school, so a shorter newsletter than usual!



Morning routines – can I please remind parents that school starts at 8:45am prompt. Children need to be in their appropriate playground waiting for the whistle in plenty of time.

Play equipment should not be used by any child, pre-schoolers or siblings waiting to be taken to their playground. Please work with us to ensure that children enter the classroom on time and ready to learn.

The remaining two Teacher Training Days for this academic year are:

- Monday 6th January 2020
- Friday 10th July 2020

Analysis of attendance figures showed that taking this extended holiday reduced the percentage of holiday taken in term time around this period by a third. With this in mind I have decided to repeat this for the academic year 2020/21.

School will be closed to children from Monday 19th October 2020 for two weeks; children will return to school on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Three Teacher Training Days will be allocated, making the holiday period a full 2 weeks.

Family holidays should be taken during the school holiday periods only.



Family Holidays in Term Time.

Schools have a very full curriculum to follow within the term time given and any absence has a negative effect on a child's learning. Whilst we acknowledge that illness cannot be helped, holidays should be taken during school closure periods. Following Government expectations on attendance, no leave of absence/holiday will be authorised for any child, irrespective of their attendance, except for exceptional circumstances. Any request for leave must be made in writing, addressed to the Headteacher. A response will be returned indicating whether leave is authorised.

Any absence not authorised may be liable to a local authority penalty notice.



Our uniform policy extends to acceptable hairstyles. Please ensure that your child's hair is of a suitable style for school. Fashion trends such as tram lines, 'Peaky Blinders' shaved styles, colouring etc, are not permitted. There are a number of boys who have currently chosen longer styles – please ensure that fringes are short, not impeding their ability to see their work. Many girls wear an acceptable, plain Alice band in school colours or clip to keep their vision clear.

Boys with long hair will be expected to tie their hair for PE as do girls.



Menus are available up to February half term; Please order via Scopay. Orders need to be made by Saturday for the following week.

<https://www.scopay.com/haydonleigh>

Another polite reminder about the front of school. The carpark is for staff and registered disabled badge holders only. We do not operate an in/out drop off and the yellow zigzag lines designate areas where you should not park or drop off.



May I take this opportunity on behalf of all staff at Haydonleigh to wish you a Merry Christmas and to thank you for all your Christmas cards and messages.

School closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December at 1.30pm. I hope that you have an enjoyable Christmas break. School reopens on Tuesday 7th January.

Yours sincerely

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