



Houndsfield Headlines

16th July 2019

Thank you and Goodbye

This term has been exceptionally busy and we would like to thank you for your support. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers supporting Sports Days and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and see some of their work at our Open Afternoon.

We are sending our Year 6 children off on the next stage of their education. They have worked exceptionally hard this year and it has been an absolute pleasure to get to know them and to see them achieve in so many ways. We know that they are ready for secondary school and look forward to hearing about their successes in future.

We are saying goodbye to several members of staff this term. Ms Johnson, Ms Crawley, Mr Goulding, Mr Oyenola, Miss Kawafi, Miss Henderson, Ms Altun, Ms Russell and Ms Ali are all leaving our teaching team and moving on to new opportunities. We thank them for all their hard work and commitment to Houndsfield.

We are also saying thank you and goodbye to some of our site and facilities team as we have had to restructure our staff. Ms Austin, Mrs Mann, Ms Brown, Ms Bellikli, Mrs Dalton, Ms Gok, Mrs Illsley, Ms Khatun, Mrs Mohamud, Mrs Papacosta, Mrs Razzak, Mrs Salih, Mrs Smith, Mr Moles and Mr Zorba are all leaving the Houndsfield team.

We wish them all the very best for the future. There are several new members to the staff team who will be introduced in our first newsletter in September.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 4th September:

School Opens

Please see the school website for term dates & **DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME.**
Thank you

Autumn term

Start of the day: the doors will open at 8:45am. Children can wait in the playground from 8:30am but they will need to be supervised by parents until the doors open.

Location of classrooms: the year groups are moving to different locations and will have specific doors to enter the school. There will be signs to help parents and children have practised coming into their new classroom.

Nursery entrance: Door in the Nursery outdoor area

Reception entrance: Door in the Reception outdoor area by the Park Suite gate

Year 1 and Year 2 entrance: Field side of school

Year 3 entrance: Door by the ramp off the main playground

Year 4 entrance: Door next to the stage area on the main playground

Year 5 entrance: Through the small hall at the field side of the school

Year 6 entrance: Park Suite doors

There are several changes to routines in school next term:

End of the day: Classes will be brought outside and will line up on the playground. Teachers will only dismiss children once they are in their designated space. We ask parents and carers to stand behind the red line in the playground so that adults can easily see and make sure that children are dismissed into the care of the correct adults.

THESE CHANGES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

School Dinners

In the new school year, our school meals will be provided by a new company, Herts Catering Services, from September. As part of the change in contract our meal price will drop to £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week and the menu will be different. There will be opportunities for parents to come and taste our meals in the Autumn term but we are delighted that we will be able to offer improved quality food and choice for children. Meals still need to be paid for in advance using ParentPay.

School Uniform

Thank you for placing orders for the new uniform sweatshirts which will be given to children at the beginning of term. Children should wear grey skirts/trousers and white polo shirts on 4th September and their teacher will provide their sweatshirt on that day. Additional items and PE kits are available from Uniform4Schools at Lyons school shop on Hertford Road. Details are available on the website.

Uniform will consist of a navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan with a logo, white polo shirt and grey trousers or skirt.

Breakfast Club and Dinner Money Payments

Please ensure that your ParentPay account is topped up with credit for the new half term as debts may lead to us being unable to provide care or meals.

Nursery and Reception Admissions:

Admissions for Terrific Twos, Nursery and Reception are planned to support children to settle in well. Please see the individual information given to you for details about your child's start dates.

Summer Holiday

As we break up for the holiday we would like to remind you to support your child over the summer by continuing to read every day and practise maths fluency—number bonds and times tables facts. Homework tasks may have been set by individual teachers. There is also the summer reading challenge which is free to join and runs in all Enfield libraries. See <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for more information

Reminders

Children should wear black low-heeled shoes (no boots or open-toed shoes) and no jewellery, except for stud earrings

Hair - No tram lines or patterns in children's hair. Long hair must be tied back for school.

Headscarves should be plain navy, white or black

Water bottles (named) should also be in school.

Children are allowed to bring a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable for break time

SAFEGUARING

If your child has a tablet or phone please ensure the websites and games they are using are age appropriate.

If you are unsure check them out at:

www.net-aware.org.uk

We would like to thank you for making us feel so welcome, it has been a pleasure to get to know and become part of the Houndsfield community this year. We hope you have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you on 4th September.

Mrs Lane & Mr Jenkin

