



WISE UP

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Heads Up

- **Class teachers will be sending out newsletters on Monday next week**

Key Dates

- **Special Mention Assembly at 2.30pm**

Thought of the Week

'T.E.A.M – together everyone achieves more'



Welcome back to a new school year, and a particularly warm welcome to those parents who are new to Hambleton this year. I hope you and your families have had an excellent summer break and enjoyed some fresh air and sun. We're feeling fresh and energised as a team, and delighted that, as of now, Hambleton has its first Deputy Headteacher (Mrs Fogg). We also welcome Ms Jones who will be taking Barn Owls on a Friday and welcome back Mrs Hind who will be taking Little Owls on a Friday. Mrs Shaw will be working from Monday to Thursday in the Office with Mrs Styryn working in there on Thursday and Friday.

There have been a lot of changes in the school over the last two years (in curriculum as well as staffing) and we are looking forward to building on these changes towards even greater consistency and consolidation this year. We know from our improving results, and from external checking, that our Talk for Writing and Mastery Maths strategies are the right ones for our children and, as well as continuing with these, we'll focus more this year on 'softer' areas of RE, PSHE and Values.

We have an exciting curriculum planned out for this year with whole-school 'events' to start and finish Topic learning every term. Miss Middlebrook is busy planning up an Outdoors Week for us this term and these will now take place every term. We're also planning in lots of other events including Maths, Inclusion, Fairtrade, English, Enterprise and of course Sport!

Our Christian Vision

Over last term Mrs Fogg worked with the whole staff team and the School Council to select six key values to establish our School Christian Vision. We learn about a wide range of values in school but these are the six which will underpin our curriculum learning and which we want to be instilled in every child at Hambleton. The children are already learning about the values and our Wise Owls awards on Fridays will now be centred on them.

Our Christian Vision:

We are respectful

We are creative

We are resilient

We are truthful

We work as a team

We are compassionate

Parents Questionnaire

Thanks very much to those of you who responded to our Parent/Carer Questionnaire at the end of last year. The results were overwhelmingly positive and I've picked out some key figures below.

- 100% of respondents said that their child was happy at Hambleton School
- 100% said that their child feels safe at Hambleton School
- 100% said that they would recommend the school to another parent
- Of those of you who raised a concern about your child over last year, a large majority felt that it was dealt with to your satisfaction

83% of you felt that your child receives appropriate homework for their age, 13% didn't know and 4% disagreed. Having changed homework provision in Year Six last year, we will look at it for other year groups, taking into account recent changes to Ofsted criteria on homework.

Some of you expressed concerns over communication last year, primarily with regard to getting advance notice of events. This year we have already planned further ahead and we will aim to get dates and information to you sooner. On Monday next week you will receive **What's Happening** dates for the term, including some further dates for the following terms. We will look more at how much information can be sent digitally and also get Class Newsletters to you earlier (on Monday next week).

Uniform

In the Parent/Carer Questionnaire there were some queries over uniform. I will get back to you in the next two weeks to clarify outdoor footwear. A reminder: all children should have a pair of black plimsolls for classroom use, trousers should be grey, jewellery should be limited to just ear studs and PE kits must be a pair of black shorts and a red t-shirt (tracksuit bottoms or fleeces are acceptable to wear over these for outdoors PE later in the year). Please can we also remind you to label all of your child's belongings as we already have a collection of lost property.

Reminders for the start of term

School Day

Class doors are opened at 8.35am to ensure all children are ready to start school at 8.45am. We remind all parents that our school day begins at 8.45am and ends at 3pm. Please ensure that your child arrives on time to school as latecomers cause disruption in class.

Lost Property

All lost property will be displayed in the entrance porch from next week. Please have a rummage. All items left will be sent to Bags to School.

Sickness

A reminder to all parents that in order to prevent the spread of infections, children must not return to school until at least 48 hours from their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Special Mention Assembly

This will take place Friday weekly at 2.30 pm and will include the presentation of Wise Owls, certificates & team points etc. All parents/carers are welcome to join us for this weekly celebration. Parents of children in Little Owls, please note that Little Owls class do not join in the assembly for the first few weeks.

Water Bottles

All water bottles should be brought into school every day and should contain **WATER ONLY** please. Juice should not be sent to drink.

Healthy snacks

Please remember that ALL snacks should be healthy and should ONLY consist of fresh fruit, vegetables or dried fruit. No frubes, cheese strings, crisps or chocolate etc...please. As part of the School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme, all pupils in Reception to Year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit/vegetable at breaktime. Please may we also remind you that we are a nut free school.

School Meals

A school meal costs £2.30 for all pupils from Year 3 to Year 6. Reception to Year 2 pupils receive a free meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal. Reminder to parents of Year 3 children that school lunches must now

be paid for. All meals should also be paid for in advance using ParentPay. The Autumn menu is on our website.

Contact details

Please may we ask that all parents update the office with any change of contact details to assist us in keeping our school records up to date.

Headlice

There has been an incident of headlice in school. We would appreciate if ALL PARENTS could check your child`s hair, as you should do on a regular basis. If you need any guidance in the detection and treatment of headlice you can contact the School Nurse on 01423 542283.

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