

Dear Parents/Carers

Twelve months ago, I wrote an end of school year letter regarding the challenges and hope for a normal September. September 2021 to around April 2022 continued to throw challenges and limitations on school, but I am delighted that the summer term has been the most 'normal' we have seen over the last two and half years in school.

Over the last term, we have been able to provide so many activities and opportunities which, we hope, the children have told you about. Below is just a selection of these:

- Careers Week
- Science Week
- Sports Week
- Year 6 Bikeability and Year 6 Leavers Performance
- Panto School Discos
- Year 1 and 2 Parent visits
- Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
- Swimming
- International Languages Week & Airport Day
- Sports Days
- Cresset Dance Festival
- Year 6 Grafham Water Trip
- Year 4 Residential to Sacrewell
- Year 1 and 2 visit to Peterborough United
- Reception visit to Sacrewell Farm
- Tallington Lakes – Year 5 activity day
- Outdoor Learning Day – Forest School activities – Year 3 & 4

SCIENCE MARK GILT AWARD

I am delighted to inform you that our school has recently received confirmation that we have achieved the Science Quality Mark Gilt Award. The Primary Science Quality Marks are awarded to recognise and celebrate the school's commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning.

SCHOOLS SPORTS GOLD AWARD

We are also proud to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year.

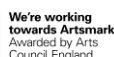
The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

YEAR 2 RUNNERS UP IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Year 2 recently took part in the national Sea Life Sea Savers Plastic Pollution competition where they were asked to create a piece of sea-themed art from plastic that would usually be thrown away. Year 2 collected hundreds of plastic bottle tops and made a wonderful sea themed display in the Year 2/Year 1 courtyard.

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They were awarded 2nd prize for their fabulous efforts and a trip to the Sealife Centre for the year group. This is likely to take place at the start of Year 3.

STAFFING AND ORGANISATION

We said goodbye to Mrs Loutit at the end of the spring term. Miss Allen is leaving us at the end of this term. She is currently on Maternity leave and has decided not to return to work. We wish them all the best and thank them for their hard work.

Mrs Turner has been a TA and HLTA in our school for many years but returns in September as a teacher in Year 3.

We welcomed Miss Dines (HLTA cover role) and Mrs Denny (1:1 TA for SEND) to the staff at the start of June. We now welcome Mrs Angela Evans and Mrs Safia Asim as Teaching Assistants to our school from September.

We currently have several vacancies for midday supervisors.

LOCAL AUTHORITY VISITS – MATHS & READING

Last term we had a whole day visit from the Local Authority to look at what our school is doing for Maths. Last week, we had a day focussed on Reading also from the Local Authority. I am very pleased to report that both visits resulted in highly positive and complimentary feedback on what is happening in our schools. These day visits consist of looking at quality of teaching & learning of all year groups from Reception up to Year 6, as well as looking at the pupil work, talking with pupils and discussions with teachers & teaching assistants. The outcomes of both visits acknowledged the excellent provision in place for all pupils and the progress that they make in lessons as well as over time. The standards of teaching and the opportunities to support and extend pupil learning was also recognised as well as the confidence and enthusiasm demonstrated by our pupils.

END OF TERM ASSESSMENTS AND SATs

The SATs at the end of Year 2 and Year 6, along with assessments for every year group, phonics for Year 1 & Year 2, multiplication times tables check in Year 4 and Reception end of year assessments, all returned this year and have taken place over the last term.

We are really pleased with the hard work, determination and effort of all of our pupils which is clear from the results and progress shown. The information on your child's attainment and progress over the year has been provided within your child's end of year report which you should now have received.

SUMMER FAYRE

We were delighted to be able to hold our Friends Summer Fayre again this year after a 2 year gap! Despite a day of rain (after the day of record highs!) we had a huge number of people attend and spend their money. Many parents commented on how pleased they were to be back at a school event of this size and to be able to get the community back together. We had many non-HHPS people visit as they wanted to see what we were doing in our school!

The Friends did an amazing job planning and preparing for this event. With uncertainty for so much of the first part of the school year, it was great for them to be able to achieve this and raise a huge £3,004 PROFIT!

They have other events planned and new ideas to try over the coming 12 months. We are very grateful for their hard work, determination and commitment to our school and for the additional funds they raise for us.

PARENT PORTAL

We are offering Parent Portal which is online access for parents/carers to update personal information relating to their child and their contact details. For many years this has been a paper exercise which is time consuming and also uses a lot of paper! This will (we hope) help and encourage parents/carers to update their details on new phone numbers, child's medical info etc at the time and avoid school ringing numbers which are no longer accurate.

SITE, BUILDINGS & HEALTH & SAFETY

Despite difficulties with finding contractors over the last 12 months, we have still been able to get much of the planned works completed.

During the last term we have completed:

- Conversion of the reception external store room and toilet / shower room to a Care / Wet room
- Grounds maintenance improvements
- Paxton automated system fitted to internal doors
- Sorting out Site Manager outstanding jobs
- Ongoing maintenance jobs
- Statutory Compliance testing

During the summer break, the planned works include:

- Ongoing maintenance and decoration around school
- Areas for re-carpeting
- Additional electronic security to doors around school including cloakrooms
- PAT Testing across school
- Full fire alarm service
- Thorough deep clean across school
- All external doors to be fitted with Paxton automated system which will complete the whole building
- Reception outdoor area refurbishment
- Grounds maintenance works
- Windows to be replaced in Y4 quad area
- Replacement blinds throughout school

WELCOME MEETINGS

We would like to invite all parents/carers into school on the dates shown below for your child's Welcome Meeting for their new year group. This is an opportunity to hear from the staff from their year group, new information and expectations for the new year group as well as information on homework, trips, etc.

You will receive further emailed information in September and an opportunity to reserve your place for the half hour meeting. The dates and times are as follows:

Reception – Wednesday 14th September (9.00am or 2.15pm)

Year 1 – Wednesday 7th September (3.30pm – 4.00pm)

Year 2 – Thursday 8th September (3.30pm – 4.00pm)

Year 3 – Monday 5th September (3.30pm – 4.00pm)

Year 4 – Monday 12th September (3.30pm – 4.00pm)

Year 5 – Friday 9th September (3.30pm – 4.00pm)

Year 6 – Wednesday 7th September (3.30pm – 4.00pm)

CLASS LESSON VISITS

Please make a note of the key dates which you will find included towards the end of this letter. We are very pleased to be able to offer all parents/carers the opportunity to come into school to participate with you child in a lesson and watch how they learn and interact within the classroom. Before the Covid restrictions, these visits were very well attended, and we look forward to welcoming you back into school again in October. Further details will be sent home nearer the time.

Year 1 – Tuesday 4th October
Year 3 – Monday 10th October
Year 5 – Thursday 6th October

Year 2 – Monday 3rd October
Year 4 – Tuesday 11th October
Year 6 – Friday 7th October

REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

School gates open 8.35am
Cloakroom doors close at 8.45am
Registration 8.45am
End of school day is 3.15pm

Please can we ask all parents/carers to ensure that their child/ren are at school before the doors close at 8.45am. Punctuality has fallen in the last two terms.

Following updated guidance we would like to advise you that during PE lessons children are **NOT** allowed to wear jewellery of any kind. Please ensure jewellery can be removed for PE. **We recommend that if your child is planning to get their ears pierced, that it is done at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow for the adequate healing time and to avoid any interference with their PE sessions.**

PE Kit should include:

- Plain white t-shirt and black shorts
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Tracksuits or sweatshirts may be worn during winter months

CARS/DROPPING OFF/PARKING

Please can we ask and remind parents/carers to not stop at the front of school before or after the school day as this causes delay and build-up of traffic behind you. There have been near misses of children walking out in front of and behind vehicles whilst other vehicles are trying to drive by. Please use the car park opposite school.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The cost of school meals will remain **unchanged** at £2.50 from September.

SWANS BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The cost of places at the Breakfast and After School Clubs will remain **unchanged** for September.

LIBRARY BOOKS

A big thank you goes to The Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA who kindly donated a substantial sum of money that has allowed us to replenish some of our more well-worn books in the library. All the children were asked for their favourite subjects and authors and books were chosen from Usborne Books. Our library is certainly looking an even brighter, inviting space and the children will be able to start borrowing these books from September.



YEAR 6

We say goodbye to our Year 6 children. We have their Leaver Assembly with their parents on the last day of term. They had their Year 6 BBQ Party at the end of last week and their Year 6 Performance the week before that which was a brilliant performance and an opportunity for the children to demonstrate their acting, singing and dancing talents.

I would like to wish all of our Year 6 children the very best for their futures and for starting their new secondary schools in September. After two years of disruption and challenge, we are confident they will move on with their skills, talents and the ability to continue making great progress. Thanks for being a great Year 6 group!

TERM DATES

The term dates for the new school year September 2022 – July 2023 are:

Autumn term

Monday 5th Sept – Friday 21st Oct
(Monday 24th Oct – Friday 28th Oct Half term week)
Monday 31st Oct – Tuesday 20th Dec

Spring term

Thursday 5th Jan – Friday 10th Feb
(Monday 13th Feb – Friday 17th Feb Half term week)
Monday 20th Feb – Friday 31st Mar

Summer term

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May
Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday
(Monday 29th May – Monday 5th June Half term week (Please note – children return on Tue 6th June))
Tuesday 6th June – Wednesday 19th July
(We will provide you with the provisional dates for **2023-2024** by October half term)

DIARY DATES

Diary dates for the next academic year can be found at the end of this letter

CONCLUSION

During this last term following the Easter break, school has been able to be more 'normal' than in the previous two years and we really hope that this continues. The challenges and disruption since March 2020 are not something we want to experience again.

Science Mark Gilt Award, School Sports Gold Award, Year 4 residentials, Maths 'Deep Dive', Reading 'Deep Dive', Phonics results, KS1 & 2 results - all great positives which we are really pleased with and shows the determination and hard work which has gone on despite the challenges and difficulties. I am very pleased and very grateful for the effort and determination from our school and particularly the staff involved.

I would like to thank everyone involved in our school for making so much happen. There have been many challenges and opportunities due to the distractions and complications of the last two years. However, everyone has kept going and worked even harder to make it work; pupils have returned and responded to everything which has been given to them; school staff have done all and more than has been asked of them.

We look forward to September and the start of another school year, hopefully as a totally normal one! I hope you all have a good summer.

Yours sincerely
Andy Lyons
Headteacher

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Please always check the website and your emails for updated dates and times.

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
SEPTEMBER 2022	
Mon 5 th Sept	Children return to school for Autumn Term.
Mon 5 th Sept	Welcome Meetings 3.30-4.00pm – Yr 3 - Old Hall
Wed 7 th Sept	Welcome Meetings 3.30-4.00pm – Yr 1 - Old Hall
Wed 7 th Sept	Welcome Meetings 3.30-4.00pm – Yr 6 – Classrooms
Thurs 8 th Sept	Welcome Meetings 3.30-4.00pm – Yr 2 - Old Hall
Fri 9 th Sept	Welcome Meetings 3.30-4.00pm – Yr 5 - Old Hall Year 2 WOW Super Hero Day
Mon 12 th Sept	Welcome Meetings 3.30-4.00pm – Yr 4 - Old Hall
Mon 12 th Sept	Year 5/6 Harry Potter Studios Trip
Tue 13 th Sept	Roald Dahl Day – non-uniform – ABM Special Lunch Menu
Wed 14 th Sept	Welcome Meeting Reception 9.00 – 10.00am <i>ABM to provide food selection of hot & cakes and menu items</i>
Wed 14 th Sept	Welcome Meeting Reception 2.15pm – 3.15pm <i>ABM to provide food selection of hot & cakes and menu items</i>
Wed 14 th Sept	Year 5/6 Harry Potter Studios Trip
w/b 26 th Sept	Arts Week
Fri 30 th Sept	Jeans for Genes Day – non uniform (date TBC)
OCTOBER 2022	
Mon 3 rd Oct	2RW class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Mon 3 rd Oct	2JG class lesson visit 10.00 – 10.50am
Mon 3 rd Oct	2RK class lesson visit 11.00 – 11.50am
Tue 4 th Oct	1JH class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Tue 4 th Oct	1BT class lesson visit 10.00 – 10.50am
Tue 4 th Oct	1LJ class lesson visit 11.00 – 11.50am
Wed 5 th Oct	Individual pupil photo day
Thurs 6 th Oct	5AC class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Thurs 6 th Oct	5AJ class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Thurs 6 th Oct	5WC class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Fri 7 th Oct	6DM class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Fri 7 th Oct	6LS class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Fri 7 th Oct	6AS class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Mon 10 th Oct	Reception lesson visit
Mon 10 th Oct	3HB class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Mon 10 th Oct	3RR class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Mon 10 th Oct	3GT class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Tue 11 th Oct	4BW class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Tue 11 th Oct	4EW class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Tue 11 th Oct	4EA class lesson visit 9.00 – 9.50am
Wed 12 th Oct	Reception lesson visit
Mon 17 th Oct	Year 5 Netball and Basketball Festival
Tue 18 th Oct	Parent Evening (3.30pm – 7.15pm)
Thurs 20 th Oct	Parent Evening (3.30pm – 5.15pm)
Fri 21 st Oct	Red to Racism Non-Uniform Day
24 th - 28 th Oct	Half term week

NOVEMBER 2022	
Fri 4 th Nov	<i>ABM Bonfire Night Special Lunch Menu</i>
Tue 8 th Nov	Curriculum Evening 6.00 – 7.30pm
Fri 18 th Nov	Children In Need Day – non-uniform
Fri 18 th Nov	Friends Christmas Fete 3.15 – 5.00pm
Mon 21 st Nov	FLU VACCINATIONS – R – Y6
DECEMBER 2022	
Mon 5 th Dec	Reception Christmas Production 9.30am
Mon 5 th Dec	Reception Christmas Production 6.00pm
Wed 7 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Production 9.15am
Wed 7 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Production 6.00pm
Thur 8 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Production 9.15am
Thur 8 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Production 6.00pm
Mon 12 th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Production 9.15am
Mon 12 th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Production 6.00pm
Wed 14 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day – pupils & Christmas Jumper Day 1
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day 2
Tue 20 th Dec	Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Tue 20 th Dec	End of term
SPRING TERM 2023	
JANUARY 2023	
Thurs 5 th Jan	Spring Term starts
Mon 9 th Jan	Conductive Music STEAM Yr4
Tue 10 th Jan	Conductive Music STEAM Yr4
Mon 30 th Jan	Year 2 Multi Skills Festival
FEBRUARY 2023	
Tue 7 th Feb	Parent Evening 3.30 – 5.15pm
Wed 8 th Feb	Parent Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm
13 th – 17 th Feb	Half Term Week
Wed 22 nd Feb	Class Photo day
Mon 27 th Feb	Year 3 Sports Hall Athletics
Tue 28 th Feb	Year 4 Performance 9.15am
Tue 28 th Feb	Year 4 Performance 6.00pm
MARCH 2023	
W/B 20 th Mar	Science Week
Mon 20 th Mar	Year 1 Multi Skills Festival
Tue 28 th Mar	Year 5 Performance 9.15am
Tue 28 th Mar	Year 5 Performance 6.00pm
Fri 31 st Mar	Easter Egg Raffle 9.00am
Fri 31 st Mar	End of term
SUMMER TERM 2023	
APRIL 2023	
Mon 17 th Apr	Summer Term starts

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MAY 2023	
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday
W/B 8 th May	Year 6 SATs week
W/B 15 th May	SPORTS WEEK
W/B 22 nd May	Year 6 Bikeability
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term Week
JUNE 2023	
Tues 6th June	Children start back after half term – Please note this is a Tuesday.
Tue 13 th June	KS2 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.45am
Tue 13 th June	Reception Sports Day 1.50pm – 3.00pm
Wed 14 th June	KS1 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.30am
Wed 14 th – Fri 16 th	Year 4 Residential to Sacrewell Farm – Group 1
Thurs 15 th June	Yr6 Sex Ed lessons
21 st -23 rd June	Year 6 Residential
Wed 21 st June	RESERVE KS1 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.30am
Wed 21 st June	RESERVE Reception Sports Day 1.50pm – 3.00pm
Thur 22 nd June	RESERVE KS2 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.45am
w/b 26 th June	International Languages Week
Wed 28 th – Fri 30 th June	Year 4 Residential to Sacrewell Farm – Group 2
JULY 2023	
Mon 3 rd July	Year 4 Cricket Festival
Wed 5 th July	Move up day TBC
Thur 6 th July	Reports go home
Mon 10 th July	Open Afternoon 3.15 – 5.45pm
Tue 11 th July	Yr6 Performance 6.00pm
Wed 19 th July	Yr6 Leaver Assembly (with parents) 9.00am
Wed 19 th July	End of term