
HATCH WARREN JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I hope that you had a lovely Summer holiday! I wanted to welcome everyone back to school for the Autumn term, especially our new Year 3 families and new starters across the school. It was lovely to see so many smiley faces yesterday and there was a really settled, happy atmosphere across the school which was fantastic.

At the start of the new school year, we have also welcomed some new staff to our team. We are joined by Miss Harman in Year 4 and Mrs Rose and Mr Barrow are teaching in Year 5. We also have some new learning support assistants, so welcome to Ms Kirby and Ms Barton, who are working in Year 3, and Mrs Barker and Miss Rhodes who are working across Year 5 & 6.

The interim leadership arrangements that were put in place at the end of the Summer term will continue until further notice. Mrs Nicholls (who is headteacher of St John's Primary School in Basingstoke) will continue to be interim headteacher on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Thomas will be acting headteacher on a Thursday and Friday.

As some of you may have noticed, Mr Hunt is no longer working at Hatch Warren Juniors. He secured a new job at Brighton Hill Community School right at the end of last term. We are very sad to see him go but wish him all the best in his new role at BHCS.

Please make sure you have looked at the club's information and booking details that have been sent out with this mailing. We have a range of clubs on offer running from a Monday to a Thursday each week. Unfortunately, we have had to make some alterations to our clubs plans due to Mr Hunt now not being available but we are looking at other outside providers who may be able to offer clubs in the future. We will keep you informed of any updates to this when we have them.

Before school, the gates are usually open from about 8.30am. The circle playground is supervised from just after this time. Children who are making their way to school independently should not be on school site before this time as there is no adult supervision. Doors open at 8.45am. Class teachers are available at the doors from



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this time if you would like to pass on any messages. Please make sure you have any discussions with teachers by 8.50am as they have their class to concentrate on and the registers to complete. The class teachers are your first port of call for any questions that you may have. If you would like a message to be passed on to the class teacher, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Turner or I are always available at the gate.

Thank you to all parents for being so patient at pick-up time at the start of the term. It takes a while for teachers to match children with parents so your patience is really appreciated. The Year 3 children have been leaving just a few minutes early to enable the teachers to get to know faces and so that the path area outside Year 3 is a little less busy before the rest of the school leave. Can we just ask that, if you are waiting for children to come out of classes, please ensure the path area is not blocked so people can still walk past. We understand that it is very busy out there! I would also like to remind you that the gates are locked at 3.45pm and that the play equipment, the playgrounds and the orchard area behind the circle playground hedge are not available for use at the end of school. Thank you for your cooperation with this. When clubs start, the gates will be opened again in time for collection at 4.30pm.

Lastly, just a reminder about uniform. Please check the school website for further information, especially about correct clothing for PE – no logos on clothing and only plain black hoodies/jumpers or a school jumper on PE days. PE starts next week and, as usual, children should come in to school on those days wearing their PE kit. Children should not be wearing any nail varnish or jewellery to school. Stud earrings and watches are permitted - smart watches are not allowed.

We are looking forward to the term ahead as we continue working with our children and their families at Hatch Warren Juniors.

Mrs L Thomas
Acting Headteacher

