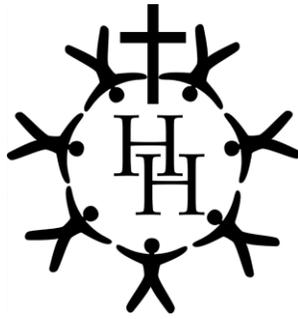


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News sheet

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer.

The children look exceptionally smart in their new uniforms and certainly appear to be 'raring to go' in their new year groups. I am enjoying listening to their summer holiday tales!

Please remember, my door is always open. Should you have any cares, concerns or compliments, do not hesitate to let me know.

Mrs J. Thompson

6th September, 2013

Start of school day

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that the morning bell rings at 8.45. Children should arrive for approximately 8.40 so that they are ready to line up on time.

This week some of our older children have been turning up on their own particularly early. This means that they are in the playground without adult supervision and therefore at some risk. Please ensure that children are here no earlier than 8.35.

School Uniform

Generally, this week the children have come in looking extremely smart in their new school uniforms.

Just a quick reminder. Ideally children should not be wearing jewellery to school. At Hanging Heaton, we allow a watch and one pair of plain, small stud earrings. This week children appear to still be wearing some of their "going out" earrings! I would be grateful if parents could support us in ensuring that earrings are suitable for school.

School Bags

We have very limited space in school and fire regulations stipulate that corridors and doors must be free of any obstacles. Our cloakroom space is predominantly in corridors therefore oversized bags will cause us a problem with space. Book bags are available from the office for £4.50 and these are a reasonable size to fit in children's drawers and carry homework to and from school. Thank you for your cooperation.

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HANGING HEATON CE (VC) JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL**

Dates for your diary:

Remaining class information events (3.05pm in classrooms):-

- Class 3 – Monday 9th September
- Class 4 – Thursday 12th September
- Class 5 – Wednesday 11th September

Reminder:-

Please remember to check your email if you have signed up to our email system!

News sheets will usually be sent out on a Friday and will keep you informed of events in school.

This will be the only letter sent out as a hard copy unless you have requested this.

Leave of Absence Reminder

As per our letter dated 17.6.2013 (available on the “Letters” section of our school website), leave of absence (previously ‘term time holidays’) will not now be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. This is as a result of new Government regulations starting from this academic year and is a cohesive stance taken by our group of local schools.

Attendance headlines 2012/2013 for our school:-

- Overall attendance – 96.55%
- Absence due to family holidays – 0.8%
- A staggering 193.5 days were lost by pupils in our school last year due to family holidays

There is a strong link between attendance and achievement; 73 per cent of pupils who have over 95 per cent attendance achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A* to C. Whilst GCSE examinations may seem a long way away for our children, the Government states that *“The earlier schools address poor attendance patterns [of pupils], the less likely it is that they will become a long term issue.”*

With this in mind, we are working with our group of local schools to develop a robust attendance policy. This will be made available on our school website as soon as possible.

I hope that you respect our position on this matter and appreciate the intention behind this policy is to ensure that each and every one of our children achieves their very best, now and in the future.

PE Provision 2013-2014

You may have heard on the news earlier in the year that a new “Sports Premium” has been issued to primary schools. This is a pot of money that is given to schools in order to improve PE and sports provision. Here at Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J&I School, Governors have decided to spend the money linking with a local sports provider ‘Legacy Sports’ based at Spen Valley Sports College. PE in classes will be planned, delivered and assessed by expert coaches from their company for 30 weeks of this year. They will work alongside our teachers to strengthen our PE curriculum and teaching skills and work with the children to develop their skills. Because of this, it is imperative that children ensure they have correct PE kit (including footwear) in school on the appropriate days.

In addition to this, as well as our usual extra-curricular clubs, we will have an additional 3 sports clubs after school. A letter will be going out for you to choose one of those next week. Children may choose a sport club even if they have already been allocated a school club.

We aim to ensure every child has at least 2 hours of quality PE provision as well as to inspire children to take part in more PE and sports and to improve the teaching skills of our staff to deliver improved quality PE.

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