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WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR



We are looking forward to the new events, activities and learning that are planned for your children during their new school year. The children have settled very quickly which is lovely and the school is very calm. Thank you for your continued support. It is always very much appreciated. If there are any issues or concerns, then please do come into school to talk with the class teachers.



We welcome Miss Beardsley to our staff. She is teaching in year 3/4 and is delighted to join our school team. We also welcome Ms Ip (Mrs Ellis) back to our staff. She is sharing the teaching of 3/4G working with Mrs Knowles. We are so pleased that she has returned to our school.

UNIFORM

The school uniform for our children is navy blue sweatshirt, light blue polo shirt, black or grey trousers or skirt and **black shoes**.

Our P.E. Uniform consists of a white t-shirt, black or dark blue shorts, **black pumps and trainers for the outside PE. The PE hoody or the blue school sweat shirt is worn on PE days too. Please do not send your child in various other coloured tops for PE - we still have a uniform for PE days.**

Your child does need to wear the **correct colours** but they do not have to have the logo on their uniforms. The uniforms can be bought from the supermarkets. As a reminder, we also have some clean, good quality pre-loved uniform in school. Please let us know if you have any worries about uniform.

IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY The government have issued some new guidelines to improve attendance for each child. We sent out the new information by email on Friday. We will be following the new guidelines as it is so important that your child attends school, is happy and makes as much progress as possible. **One week's absence is the same as missing 25 lessons.** It is **essential** that your child is in school as many days as possible. **If your child is absent, please telephone the school office before 9:30am to inform us of the reason why. We will no longer be accepting emails with reasons for pupil absence.**



The children also miss so much learning if they are late arriving at school. They cannot get this learning back. A member of staff is on duty at all gates in the mornings to welcome your children. All of the school gates will be **closed promptly at 8:50 for reception, 8:50 for year 1 and 2 and 8:55 for years 3 to 6.**

All children arriving after that time must be accompanied by an adult to the main office where they must be signed in and a valid reason for lateness must be recorded. Please see the email sent to parents/carers about starting and leaving times. The **nursery doors** will be shut **at 8:40** and any **nursery children who arrive after 8:40** must be signed in by an adult at the main school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

19th September: Taster Day at Heanor Gate School for year 6. The children will go to Heanor Gate from school with their teachers for the day. More information will follow.

Parents' evenings - Tuesday 15th October & Thursday 17th October, more information will follow.

Year 5 Harvest Breakfast: 10th October 2024. Parents and carers of the year 5 children will be invited

Half term - 28th October to 1st November 2024

Year 6 SATs 12th to 15th May 2025

The year 5 children will take their SATs 11th-14th MAY 2026