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Timothy Hackworth Primary School



Monday 23rd September, 2024

Parent and Carer Update

CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to a good quality education.

CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term!

Your children have settled back into school incredibly well indeed. When visiting classes, it is as if the children have been back to school a lot longer than a few weeks. This is a real credit to you, and to your child.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – Come and join us!

Come along and join us on Friday 27th September, at the end of school, 2.35 p.m., for coffee and cake in the Children's Centre (just at the bottom of the Staff Car Park), in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. All donations welcome, from pence to a couple of pounds. Come and enjoy some coffee and cake for a very good cause.

Parent and Carer Progress Meetings with Teachers – wb 21st October

Our Parent and Carer Progress Meetings with your child's class teacher, will take place week beginning Monday 21st October. This will give you the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress so far since joining their new class. Meeting times will be issued shortly via Parent Pay.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

If you think that your child is eligible for free school meals, please collect a form from our School Office. It is important that you let us know if you are eligible, or think that you are eligible for Free School Meals, as this means that school receives extra funding for your child. If you need any help with this, or have any questions, please let us know.

Children of Parents and Carers in the Armed Forces

If you are a parent who currently serves in the Armed Forces, or has served in the Armed Forces during the last six years, please let our School Office staff know, as your child may be eligible for additional funding. If you need any help with this, or have any questions, please let us know.

Traffic and Parking

So that we can keep your children safe, and to try and reduce some level of traffic congestion around school, we would greatly appreciate it if parents who drive to school use the voluntary one-way system. This involves drivers turning into Oxford Street, and heading away from school, up Ruskin Avenue. This avoids cars travelling both ways along Ruskin Avenue, where there is often no room to move when cars are passing in the opposite direction. We continue to communicate this also to Durham County Council to request this as a statutory one-way system.

Durham County Road Safety Team will be in and around school in the coming weeks to monitor traffic and parking. Any cars found to be parked on the yellow lines will receive a parking ticket. Please do not park on the yellow lines as you could receive a fine.



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School Uniform

It is wonderful to see so many children wearing the correct school uniform at the start of a new school year.

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform. This includes no trainers, no jewellery, no smartwatches, no jogging bottoms and no hoodies, no leggings, no shorts, no crocs and no false nails.

At Timothy Hackworth, we pride ourselves on how smart your children look in their school uniforms. Let's continue with the excellent standard that we all set out to maintain.

It is important that children understand the importance of school uniform, which helps the children to have an insight into the world of work and the vast range of careers which require specialist uniform. High expectations and aspirations start with the very smallest children in Early Years, right the way through to our Year 6 children.

Thank you for your co-operation and support; it is greatly appreciated.

Water Bottles

Only plain drinking water is allowed in clear plastic bottles. No fizzy drinks or flavoured water please. This is part of school policy and Healthy School governmental guidelines. Clear plastic bottles can be purchased from our School Office.

Bikes on the Middle Yard

To avoid both children and parents being potentially hurt, please ensure that your child does not ride their bike on the Middle Yard. A number of children have almost been knocked over by children riding their bikes around the playground.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

Please contact the School Office should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

Mrs. S. Simpson-May

Deputy Head Teacher



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