

Back to School NEWSLETTER

East Herrington Primary

Welcome Back

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our parents as we embark on another fabulous academic year together! This first week has been truly amazing; it's heartening to see how well the children have settled into their new routines and classes. It is a privilege to wander around the school, witnessing the lovely interactions between our children and dedicated staff.

I will share via Class Dojo the term dates for a very busy Autumn Term and as always these may be subject to change but we hope we can stick to them as much as possible. We have added most of the Christmas dates to give everyone plenty of notice.

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff, who bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our school community. Mrs. Graham joins us as Assistant Headteacher and Year 2 teacher. Mrs. Reay, KS2 leader and Year 4 teacher alongside Miss Mulholland, our new Reception teacher. Additionally, Miss Howard joins us as a Learning Support Assistant in KS1 with Miss Dixon joining our after-school club as a Play Assistant. I would like to welcome them to our fantastic team.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few other changes in staffing: Mrs Naile starting her new role as Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Douthwaite as SENDCo, Mrs Allcroft as a Learning Support Assistant in KS1 and Mrs Campbell as the Out of School Club Manager.

Thank you for your support with school uniforms. The children look very smart in their school uniforms – If you have any queries about uniform please check the website for the uniform policy and a gentle reminder that PE kit must be worn on PE days only.

Finally, we will continue to work in close partnership with all families for the best possible attendance for all pupils. We will be looking at our rewards for attendance and will be in touch to let you know about these within the next weeks.



NOTEBOOK

Music Lessons



Music lessons will start the week beginning Monday 15th September. All children will continue with their lessons unless they have notified the office of any changes. There will be spaces for children in KS2 in harp, violin, piano/ keyboard, guitar and drums. Please contact ehpa@balmorallearningtrust.co.uk if your child is in KS2 and would like to be considered for any of the above instruments. Y2 children can put their name down via the same email for Violin.

We will also be starting a Rock Band for our older children in KS2 and this will take place on Wednesday evening from 3:15 – 4:00pm – children will need to be able to play a little bit of guitar, keyboards, drums or even take the leading role of singer! Once again – please contact ehpa@balmorallearningtrust.co.uk if you are interested in joining this group. The cost will be £2.50 per session. Choir will start this week during lunchtimes and I will be in touch with dates for performances.

Clubs

There will also be the offer of other clubs as the term moves forward : KS2 Football, KS1 and KS2 Multi – skills, Art club, Active Life club, Karate and Dance club. Please keep an eye on School Story for more information.

The children may have mentioned some of the work completed in school during the summer holidays. We have refreshed all of the KS2 classrooms with new ceilings, lights and freshly painted walls to improve the working environments for all of the children. Reception has also been refreshed and we have lovely new climbing equipment for our nursery children. A very busy summer indeed – but definitely worth it!

Dates for your Diary

- Macmillan Coffee Event Fri 26th Sept
- Parent-Teacher Meetings Wk beg Mon 20th Oct
- Y6 SATS week Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May

Timings of the day.

Timings of the school day.

Gates/ doors open to welcome children into school at 8:40 am and close promptly at 8:55 am
Lessons start promptly at 8:55am – please arrive as close to 8:40 am as possible to enjoy the start to the day and be ready to start lessons at 8:55am.

At the end of the school day, doors open at 3:15 pm.

Reception and Nursery have slightly different times – please follow what has been shared with you.