



# HUNNYHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

*WHERE ALL THE PIECES COME TOGETHER*



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Dear Families of Hunnyhill

Welcome back to a new school year, and a warm welcome to our new pupils who have joined us this week.

There is such an energetic and happy learning buzz coming from our classrooms, I have been in and out of all classrooms this week and all our staff have really embraced that 'Every child matters and every moment counts.'

You will have noticed that some building work has been carried out over the summer. We now have a new school roof to keep us dry on wet days and a new boiler to keep us warm! We have had internal upgrading and alteration works in our Rainbow Room which officially opens on Monday and will support our pupils and their families at Hunnyhill; whilst also supporting some other Island pupils. The Rainbow room is a pilot specialist provision, funded by the local authority to support pupils with Social Emotional and Mental Health needs on the IOW. We are the first provision to open on the Island. I will be offering tours of the provision in the next few weeks, if you would like to come in and see our new facilities and have a play in our sensory room please do come along!

A few reminders you may find useful:-

Please remember that classroom doors open at 8:45, registration is at 8:55 and school finishes at 3:00pm. (Reception classes finish at 2:50pm) Breakfast and After School club are available from Jigsaw Childcare, who can be contacted on 716841.

Mrs Davies runs an 'Early Birds' library club every morning from 8:15am. This is free to come along for pupils in years 1 to year 6. Parents are welcome to come along too and share a book or play a game.

To support our year 6 pupils to become secondary ready we open our ICT suite to year 6 from 8:15am for them to complete homework, research class topics or practice their IT skills. Pupils must sign in at the main office if they would like to use this facility.

I will be holding whole school assemblies on a Monday afternoon and teachers will take class assemblies in their classrooms. Whole school (Years 1-6) 'Celebration' assemblies will be every fortnight on a Friday at 2:20pm, where pupils from each class will be celebrated. If your child is being celebrated then you will receive notification via Dojo at the beginning of that week and we would love to see someone from your family join us.

Please sign up to Class Dojo (years 1-6) and Tapestry if your child is in our Reception classes as this will be our main form of communication from class teachers and myself. If you need support with this please see your child's teacher. Letters and messages can also be found on our website, Facebook and Twitter. Using these methods of communication cuts down on our huge paper usage and will save on our school budget. This money saved can then be spent on learning resources for the benefit of all pupils.

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Healthy snacks only please, (fruit, cheese etc.) Reception, years 1 and 2 will be offered a piece of fruit as part of the government scheme. Please remember water bottles must be brought into school for children to drink from during the day.

Thank you again to everybody who has followed our school uniform policy, the children look very smart. Please note that trainers are not school uniform. Junior backpacks are available from the Big White T-shirt Company for pupils in years Reception to 4 as an alternative to book bags.

For children in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) dinner money should be paid in advance and not arrears, we will not allow arrears to go above £10. The cost of a school dinner is £1.95 per day and should be paid to the school office on a Monday. Please remember to put the money in an envelope with your child's name and class.

If you think your child (year 3-6) may be entitled to free school meals please ask at the school office where we can support you to complete the necessary application forms.

All children in Reception and years 1 and 2 are entitled to a Free School Meal. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to have a Free School Meal. The autumn term menu is available from the school office and our website.

I am looking into systems that will enable parents to pay for school dinners, trips etc. via an online payment system, and will keep you informed.

It is always lovely to see the children taking part in class assemblies. The negative side is that teachers take time out of the curriculum to plan and prepare assemblies and feedback from parents is that many could not make assemblies due to other commitments. Therefore year we are trialling an alternative to class assemblies. Every half term throughout the year there will be dates set that you can come in to class at 2:40pm for you to sit with your child and share their books and work. This will give you an opportunity to spend time in their classroom, and share their learning journeys. There is no expectation that you have to attend all sessions, this is for you as a family to decide. All we ask is that each child has no more than 2 adults in 1 session. You might like to invite grandparents, aunties and uncles to sessions that you cannot make.

All dates for 2018 and 2019 will be set in the coming weeks and I will share these with you so you can organise your diaries accordingly.

Thank you so much for the support you have already shown to me personally and also to the school and staff as a whole.

We look forward to an exciting year filled with lots of fun and engaging learning.

Kind regards

Mrs Steedman

Headteacher