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September 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you all back for the new school year and to offer a very special welcome to our new year 3 children and parents and to any other families who have joined the school this term. We hope you will all be very happy here.

**Dates for your diary**

As I'm sure you are all aware, schools are very busy places and we already have many provisional dates for your diary. Please note that the date for some events have not yet been finalised.

(You will of course, receive more information about all events nearer to the time.)

Autumn 1 / 2

Swimming starts. Y4	Friday September 21st
INSET Day	Monday September 24th
Individual School Photographs Family photos from 7.30am	Friday October 12 <sup>th</sup>
Parents evening	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
INSET Day	Friday October 26 <sup>th</sup>
Y5 visit to Lea Green	Tuesday November 7 <sup>th</sup> - Friday November 9 <sup>th</sup>
Flu Vaccination Y3, Y4, Y5	Thursday November 15th
Children In Need. Optional fancy dress ....free choice of theme.	Friday November 16 <sup>th</sup>
Y5 Christmas performance at the Methodist Church	Tuesday December 11 <sup>th</sup> : 1.30pm and 6.30pm Thursday December 13 <sup>th</sup> : 6.30pm
Y3 Christmas performance. Dress rehearsal	Monday December 10th.
Y3 Christmas performance for parents. 1.30pm / 6.30pm	Wednesday December 12 <sup>th</sup> .



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Y4 party	Tuesday December 11 <sup>th</sup> .
Y5 party	Thursday December 13 <sup>th</sup>
Y6 Party	Friday December 14 <sup>th</sup> .
Y3 party	Monday December 17 <sup>th</sup> .

Spring 1 / 2

Y3 Visit to Cresswell Crags	Tuesday February 26 <sup>th</sup>
Parents evenings	Tuesday April 2 <sup>nd</sup> / Wednesday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Y4 Easter Service for parents. 1.30 and 6.30pm	Wednesday April 10 <sup>th</sup>

Summer 1 / 2

Y6 SATs	Monday May 13 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday May 16 <sup>th</sup> .
Y6 visit Hartington	Wednesday June 5 <sup>th</sup> - Friday June 7 <sup>th</sup> .
Y6 visit France ....Joint with Hady Primary	Monday June 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday June 21 <sup>st</sup> .
INSET Day	Friday June 21 <sup>st</sup>
Sports day Y3 / 4.	Tuesday June 25 <sup>th</sup>
Sports day. Y5 / 6	Wednesday June 26 <sup>th</sup>
Reports out	Friday July 5 <sup>th</sup> .
INSET Day	Monday July 22 <sup>nd</sup>

Published term dates for 2018 / 2019. (not provisional)

	School opens for children	School closes
Autumn 1	Tuesday September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday October 25 <sup>th</sup>
Autumn 2	Monday November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday December 21 <sup>st</sup>
Spring 1	Monday January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday February 15 <sup>th</sup>
Spring 2	Monday February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday April 12 <sup>th</sup>
Summer 1	Monday April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friday May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Summer 2	Monday June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday July 19 <sup>th</sup>

\*May Day : Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>.



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Dates for INSET days.

Monday September 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Monday September 24 <sup>th</sup>
Friday October 26 <sup>th</sup>
Friday June 21 <sup>st</sup>
Monday July 22 <sup>nd</sup>

### Absence

As I'm sure you are all aware, schools are required to closely monitor children's absence. To help us record accurate information, could we ask all parents to **inform the main office by telephone** on the first day of absence if your child will not be in school. This also enables us to know exactly where all children are and therefore helps us to ensure their safety. If for some reason this phone call is not made, the office will require a letter on your child's return giving reasons for the absence. Where no phone call is made and where no letter is received, absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

### Authorisation of leave of absence.

Please be aware that we only authorise leave of absence during term time in 'exceptional circumstances'.

'Exceptional circumstances' includes :

- Family weddings.
- Family Funerals
- Prison visits.

It would not include 'normal' holiday requests and therefore, any requests for a 'normal' family holiday will not be authorised.

When leave of absence is not unauthorised and parents /carers still take their child out of school, this may result in Penalty Notices being issued and further involvement by the Educational Welfare Service.



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### Reading books / tables

Becoming a fluent reader is one of the key skills needed by children of this age and because of this, we shall encourage your child to take their reading book home on a daily basis. Could we take this opportunity to ask you to read with your child for 15 -20 mins per night, regardless of their ability or year group and to fill in any reading record books with appropriate comments. Could we also ask that you ensure that their books are returned to school each day. Thank you in anticipation for your support with this.

Similarly, children in all year groups need to know their tables off by heart and would benefit from other basic maths skills including number bonds, use of money, telling the time etc. Please do all you can to help your children with these skills over the forthcoming year.

### School Uniform

We have a school uniform and we hope that all parents will ensure their children are dressed accordingly.

- Navy sweatshirt/sweat-cardigan /fleece (with or without the school logo Plain white polo shirt
- School wear trousers, skirts/pinafore dress in grey or black
- Black School shoes
- In summer blue and white school wear dresses checked/striped or school wear shorts in grey or black may be worn

'Lost Property' is located outside my office. This is emptied each term and any unclaimed items are donated to charity.

### PE Kit

To ensure that children are able to take part in weekly PE and games lessons, children MUST have their PE kit in school each week. As we are now doing more lessons outdoors (even in winter) it would be a good idea if your child had an OLD tracksuit, fleece or pair of jogging bottoms in school to wear for outdoor sessions and a change of shoes (trainers) for outdoor PE.

Children must wear white T shirt and either blue or black shorts for PE and Games. Please note that children will not be allowed to do PE or games wearing football shirts.



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### Jewellery Policy

We ask that children do not wear jewellery to school, but if they do, this should be limited to a watch and simple stud earrings. We only allow one piercing in the lobe of each ear. Please note that piercing in any other part of the body is not allowed. **Necklaces and bracelets should not be worn.**

As a school, we believe that children are more at risk of injury if they wear earrings in school and they **must** be removed or taped over during PE and games.

### Nail varnish and unnatural hair colours.

We ask that children do not come to school wearing nail varnish or with hair dyed unnatural colours.

### Mobile phones / valuable items.

Please note that mobile phones are **NOT** allowed in school. Where, on certain occasions, children **NEED** their phone, they **MUST** be handed to the main office on arrival. Please make sure any phones handed in are named. I would also strongly recommend that other valuable or precious items are not brought into school.

### Indoor Plants.

We try very hard to make our school an attractive working environment and feel that indoor plants really help us to achieve this. Unfortunately, many of our plants are now looking a little droopy. If any of you have any plants that have outgrown your home or that you no longer want, we would love to take them off your hands.

### Nut Allergy.

Please be aware that we have several children in school with severe nut allergies. Could we therefore ask that children do not bring any food items into school containing nuts. This includes items in lunchboxes. (Nutella is particularly dangerous for children with nut allergies.)

### Friday Toast Day / Healthy Snacks.

Can I remind you that two part time staff members serve toast on Friday morning. The cost of this is 10p per slice. **On other days, we do ask that your child only brings healthy snacks for playtimes and not crisps etc.**



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**Can you help?**

In previous years, we have been very lucky in securing help in school from many parents and friends and it would be wonderful if this continues over the forthcoming year.

If you feel you would like to help with any activities such as reading, please contact your child's class teacher direct. Similarly, if you have any talents or interests which you would be willing to share with the children, either through contributing to lessons or helping to run after school clubs, we would love to hear from you.

**Morning supervision.**

Please be aware that children should not be arriving at school until 8.45am. If children arrive before this, there is no supervision available and this puts children at risk of injury or abduction.

**School Dinners.(Parent Pay)**

Just to remind you that the cost of school dinners will be £2,10 per day. As we now operate a cashless system, all school meals need to be paid for on Parent Pay. If you are still unsure as to how this works, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We ask that all payments for school dinners are paid for in advance. Where debts build up as a result of none payment, they are always passed on to Derbyshire Local Authority for recovery.

Please note that payments made to school for trips, clubs etc also need to be made using Parent Pay.

**Friends of Hasland Junior School.**

Our school has a committed PTFA ('Friends') who help raise much needed funds for our school and organise many social events for the children. You will soon be informed of the date for the first Friends meeting and I hope that many of you will be able to attend.....new ideas and new faces are very very welcome and greatly needed !

**School Security.**

Can I remind you that the playground gates are locked promptly at 8.55am each morning and the gate from The Green is locked at 9.00am.

It is therefore important that children arrive on time to avoid being unable to access the building. Once the gates are locked, the only way to access the building is through the main entrance.



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Could I also ask that adults only access the building through the main entrance where you can be signed into school by the office staff.

Contact Details.

Please contact the office if you change any of your contact telephone numbers so that we are able to contact you in the event of an emergency.

Access to the site.

Can I remind all of you that between 7.45 am and 5pm, vehicles are only allowed onto the school site in exceptional circumstances.

Therefore .....

- Only request vehicular access to the site if it is absolutely necessary.
- Please do not follow vehicles legitimately accessing the site through the automatic gates.
- Please only use the pedestrian gates when walking onto the school site.
- If bringing your child to school by car, please park with utmost consideration for those living in the local area.
- Please be aware that from 6pm, the gate from Mansfield Road will be locked.

Transfer between schools.

If for any reason you wish your child to leave our school and attend another school elsewhere, it is important that you ask for a Pupil Exit Form, available from the main office. It is also important that you provide the name of the new school you have chosen. If this is not done, your child may be recorded as 'missing from education' and referred to the Children Missing from Education Officer. If you have concerns that the details of your destination should not be shared with anyone but the Headteacher, please make this known so that access to new address details can be restricted.

And finally, could I also remind you that if there are any problems throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me..... I will always do what I can to help.

I look forward to another successful year and to working with you all again.

Yours sincerely,

 J M Stringer