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September 9th 2016

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 like Sports Day have not yet been finalised.

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

Swimming starts. Y4	Friday September 23 rd .
French Performance. Whole school.	Tuesday September 27 th .
Maths meetings for parents.	Date to be finalised
Reading meetings for Y3 parents (9.15am)	Monday 10 th October
Reading meetings for Y4/5/6 parents.	Date to be finalised
School Photographs.	Friday September 30 th am.
Y6 Kelham Island.	Thursday October 6 th .
Parents' evening.	Tuesday 18 th / Wednesday 19 th October
Y5 Plague Doctor visit.	Tuesday 18 th October
Y5 Eyam Trip.	Wednesday 19 th October
Harvest Assembly. 2.30 – 3.30pm.	Thursday October 20 th
Y5 visit to Lea Green.	Wednesday November 2 nd - – Friday November 4 th .
Y4 Visit Tamworth Castle.	Monday November 28 th / Tuesday November 29 th .
Y3. Rock and minerals workshop.	Monday November 28 th / Tuesday November 29 th .
Y5 Christmas Performance at the Methodist Church 1.30pm and 6.30pm.	Wednesday 7 th December
Christmas Coffee Morning Y3/4. / Afternoon Y5/6.	Friday December 9 th
Y3 Performance. Dress rehearsal.	Monday December 12 th .



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Y3 Flu vaccine. (Nasal spray)	Tuesday December 13 th .
Y3 performance for parents. 1.30pm / 6.30pm.	Wednesday December 14 th .
Christmas Lunch.	Date to be finalised, (Provisional date Thursday 15 th December.)
Y4 party.	Tuesday December 13 th .
Y5 party.	Thursday December 15 th
Y6 Party.	Friday December 16 th .
Y3 party.	Monday December 19 th .
School Carol Service.	Tuesday December 20 th .

Spring 1 / 2

Y4 Viking Day.	Wednesday January 4 th
Y3/Y5 French workshop.	Thursday January 26 th
Y4/Y6 French workshop.	Friday January 27 th .
Y3 visit Derby Open Centre.	Monday January 30 th
Y5 visit Derby Open Centre.	Tuesday January 31 st .
Safer Internet Day.	Tuesday February 7 th
Parents' evenings.	Tuesday March 28 th / Wednesday March 29 th .
Y3 visit Murton Park.	Monday April 3 rd / Thursday April 6 th .
Easter Service for Y4 parents. 1.30 and 6.30pm	Wednesday April 5 th .

Summer 1 / 2

Y6 SATs.	Monday May 8 th – Friday May 12 th .
Y6 visit Hartington.	Wednesday June 7 th – Friday June 9 th .
Y6 visit France.	Monday June 19 th – Friday June 23 rd .
Y6 Induction day. (Hasland Hall)	Tuesday July 4 th .
Reports out.	Friday July 7 th .

Published term dates for 2016 / 2017. (not provisional)

	School opens for children	School closes
Autumn 1	Tuesday September 6 th	Thursday October 20 th
Autumn 2	Monday October 31 st	Tuesday December 20 th
Spring 1	Tuesday January 3 rd	Thursday February 9 th



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Spring 2	Monday February 20 th	Friday April 7 th
Summer 1	Monday April 24 th	Thursday May 25 th
Summer 2	Monday June 5 th	Friday July 21 st

*May Day : Monday May 1st .

Dates for INSET days.

Monday September 5 th
Friday October 21 st
Monday December 5 th
Friday February 10 th
Friday May 26 th

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.



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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.

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



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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.**

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 class teacher on arrival. 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.



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Friday Toast Day.

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.**

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.

Just to remind you that the cost of school dinners will be **£2,00 per day. (£10.00 per week)** Please ensure that this money is sent into school on Monday in a sealed envelope with the amount, child's name and class clearly marked. To help ease the workload in the office, cheques are very much appreciated - made payable to DCC and **if payments could be made for the complete term that would be even better !**

Friends of Hasland Junior School.

Our school has a committed PTFA who help raise much needed funds for our school and organise many social events for the children. I invite all parents / friends of the school to the first **Friends'** meeting on **Monday October 17th at 6.00pm** in the school hallnew 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.



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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.

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.

Cars on site.

Can I remind all of you about the rules of bringing cars onto the site :

- Only drive onto the site if it is absolutely necessary.
- If you do feel the need to drive onto the site, please form a queue on the roadway leading up to the turning circle, avoiding the area around the pedestrian crossing.
- Please stay in your vehicle and keep the traffic moving along the roadway.
- Please do not overtake any vehicles waiting in the line of traffic.
- Please drive around the turning circle.
- Ask your child to get in and out of the car on the pavement side.
- Ask your child to wait in the area by the turning circle until your car reaches the turning circle....We ask that they do not get into vehicles along the roadway.
- Only turn your vehicles in the turning circle. Please DO NOT do 'three point turns' along the road way.
- Please do not park your vehicle anywhere on the site including grassed and paved areas.....The junior school DO NOT actually own any of the parking spaces on the site.
- Please do not exceed 5 miles per hour when driving on site.
- Please do not lose your temper with other drivers or with members of staff who talk to you about the use of vehicles on the site.



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Ideally, if you need to drive your child to school, rather than bringing your car onto the campus, please consider parking off site and walking into school. If you do this, please park with consideration of people living locally.

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