



Old Hutton C of E School

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End of Summer Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a very busy and hardworking term we have all had so far! As we now look forward to a well-deserved half-term holiday, here is a news round-up and some important information points to share with everyone:

Staff news – teachers

Miss Hope Dawson will be finishing her role as class teacher of Class 3 - Y3/4 (0.8) and teaching assistant (0.2) at the end of the summer. She will be replaced in September by **Mrs Rachel Angus** (who currently teaches 0.2 in Classes 1 and 3 and is also a teaching assistant across school, mostly in KS2). We are also now recruiting for **another part-time (0.2) teacher** on a 1-year contract initially to teach 1 morning in Class 1 and 1 afternoon (Science) in Class 3 from September. **Please see our school website or contact the office for more details.**

Staff news – teaching assistants and lunchtime staff

This week, we have said goodbye to **Miss Theresa Mcmeekin**, who has been a teaching assistant in Class 3 and After School Club assistant during the last half term. She will be replaced by **Miss Tallia Rodrigues**, who is returning to re-join the Class 3 teaching assistant team full time, as well as assisting in After School Club from after half term. We said a huge thank you to **Mrs Katrina Awesome** as she left her role as midday supervisor at the end of April, giving her more time to focus on her other role of providing our Awesome Family Lunches. This daily role has now been taken by **Mrs Amy Donnini**, assisted part-time by **Mrs Angus and Miss Davies**. We are also now recruiting **for up to 3 new teaching assistants** to work across school, including 1-1 with SEND pupils. Some of these roles could be combined with the 0.2 teacher post above and with the After School Club assistant posts below. Again, please see our website or contact the office for more details.

After School Club news

We welcomed **Miss Heather Scott** as a new After School Club leader this term. We are now very pleased to be able to have a more stable arrangement for our After School Club staffing. ASC Club staff will be as follows until the end of summer:

Monday: Miss Scott

Tuesday: Miss Scott and Mrs Sampson

Wednesday: Miss Scott and Miss Rodrigues

Thursday: Miss Scott and Miss Rodrigues

We are currently recruiting for **new After School Club leader/s** who will be attached to our new teaching assistant posts from September. Please also note that in response to popular demand, **we will be offering ASC on Fridays from September.**

Class organisation news for next academic year

Changes to our pupil numbers and year group sizes/needs mean that we are having a slightly different class structure for next year, from September. Classes will be organised as follows:

Class 1: R & Y1 (23 pupils) with Mrs Hayes (0.8) plus a new teacher to be appointed for Wednesday mornings and 2 afternoons of dance/music specialist teachers

Class 2: Y2 & Y3 (28 pupils) with Mrs Hopkins and 1 afternoon of sports specialist

Class 3: Y4 (16 pupils) with Mrs Angus (0.7) plus a new teacher to be appointed for 1 afternoon, and 2 afternoons of art/music/sports with specialists

Class 4: Y5 & Y6 (29 pupils) with Miss Harrison (Y6, all afternoons, Friday) and Mrs Hadwin (Y5 4 mornings and Monday afternoon) plus 2 afternoons of music/art specialists

Although in separate classes for most of the week, we will put Y3 and Y4 together for afternoons of sports/PE, swimming in the Spring Term, Music and French (leaving a smaller class of Y2 at these times, with Mrs Hopkins) and they will also share Y3/4 trips and residential. Y3 will also gain an extra PE session and weekly forest schools with Y2. Please note that this class structure will only be for the 2019-20 academic year and then will be reviewed, as happens each year, based on pupil numbers/needs and funding. If you have any questions about these arrangements, please get in touch with myself or any of the class teachers.

Assessment news

A HUGE well done to all our wonderful **Y6 pupils** for their fantastic **hard work and perseverance in SATs** (national standard assessment tests for end of Key Stage 2) week. They were so well prepared that they confidently flew through the tests each day, and several of them were even heard to say at the end of the week, “we’re so upset that the SATs have finished and we won’t be doing any more!” They, together with Y5, enjoyed a lovely party to celebrate on the Friday. Many thanks to Miss Harrison and all the Class 4 staff team for your excellent work with the class over the year and support during SATs week and to our Y6 parents and families for all your ongoing encouragement and support.

Events news

A major event this term has been **Class 3’s fabulous residential visit to Hawkshead Hostel**, where they spent two days becoming spies and solving mysteries, inspired by the stories of book character Alex Rider. Many activities were enjoyed to develop teamwork and problem-solving skills, as well as encourage reading and contribute towards this term’s Geography learning about The Lakes. Many thanks to Mrs Hadwin for organising the visit and to Miss Dawson, Mrs Birch, Miss Davies and Miss Millican for accompanying the pupils, and also to the PTA for their kind funding donation. Before SATs week, **Class 4** were treated to a very special day with some visitors from the **Stone Age**, who came along to transform the forest school area and take them back in time, consolidating their learning on this topic in History from last term and linking it to this term’s study of our local area/The Lakes through archaeological finds from Langdale and experiencing what it would have been like to live here all those years ago. See the Stone Age entrance hall display of their learning to find out more, including some amazing hand-made axes! Many thanks to the PTA for helping to fund this day. **Class 1 and 2** have enjoyed being scientists and geographers in many amazing afternoon visits to **Strickley Farm** as part of our whole-school study of our local area. If you can, check out their activities on our Facebook page (also accessible via the school website) – there are some fantastic photos and descriptions of their learning, including wild flower discoveries, bluebell studies, animal encounters and pond-dipping. Huge thanks to Mrs Hopkins, Miss Davies, all our parent helpers/transporters and especially, Michelle and James at Strickley for organising such brilliant learning experiences for us. Other exciting events just this week have been a visit from **Simon Handley of Skylark Aerial Photography** to demonstrate his amazing drones taking images of our local area above the school field; and the beginning of our special **post-SATs project for Y6 – achieving the ‘Explore’ level Arts Award through dance and music**, led by Kate of Motion Dance.

Pod news (or Pod-cast!)

The pod is coming...hopefully, before the end of term! Plans are now very much underway for **our learning and wellbeing pod** – a new and much-needed additional indoor/outdoor teaching space for small groups and quiet place for learning and reflection. We have decided to commission local company ‘Pennine Pods’ to create it for us and our Y5/6 pupils have been involved in the design process. It will be sited opposite the front entrance of school – see the area chalked out on the tarmac by Y6 for size and approximate position! It is to be as eco-friendly as possible, using some recycled materials and with a living green sedum roof which will include nesting pockets for different birds. Inside, we plan for Y5/6 pupils to design and paint their own forest mural. It is going to be an amazing place to be! The total cost of the pod, including installation and connection to our mains electricity and furnishing, will be approximately £11,000, half of which we can fund through our fixed capital budget for building projects. The rest we need to fundraise for. **Huge thanks to Rebecca Shiels and our Chair of Governors, Claire Toone, for setting up crowdfunding initiatives** and for bravely daring to parachute jump for the pod!

Links below if you would like to donate

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oldhuttonschool> or
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/claire-toone-2>

We will be organising other fundraising events too over the next half term – all ideas and donations very welcome!

PTA news

Many thanks to the PTA and all who supported or helped out at the popular **Movie Club**, and **Cake Stalls** this term.

Car parking safety reminders

As always, please can we remind everyone to show consideration to others, including our neighbours in the village, by **driving slowly and cautiously in the school vicinity** and **avoiding parking in front of all the private properties opposite the school. It is dangerous and illegal to park on the yellow zigzag lines in front of school.** Please try your best to park sensibly and **always take extra care of the children and yourselves when getting in and out of vehicles, crossing the road and walking to and from school** before and after school. Do try to make use of our before and after school clubs and activities and car-sharing to help **reduce the number of cars around at peak times.** Please can we also remind drivers, in the interest of reducing pollution and harm to health, to **avoid parking with engines left running in the car park and/or school vicinity.** Thank you.

Plans for next half term

Please see the **attached diary dates** for events planned so far for the next half term – updates and details will follow as needed – there are many more exciting things coming up to look forward to in the lovely summer months ahead!

With best wishes for a very happy holiday from,



Andrea Walker
Head teacher

Diary Dates

Monday 27th May

Monday 3rd June

Tuesday 4th June

Wednesday 5th June

Thursday 6th June

Friday 7th June

Monday 10th June

Wednesday 12th June

Thursday 13th June

Friday 14th June

Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st June

Thursday 20th June

Friday 21st June

Tuesday 25th June

HALF TERM

SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN FOR 2ND HALF OF SUMMER TERM

Grapevine Club continues weekly KS2, lunchtime

NO FOOTBALL CLUB

Clarinet demonstration during assembly for pupils

Homework Club starts weekly Y5 & Y6, 3.30-4.30pm

Bike Club continues weekly KS2, 3.20-4.15pm

Weekly mile continues weekly whole school, 8.30-8.50am

School photos – groups – 9am

Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

Warhammer Club continues weekly KS2, 3.30-4.30pm

Dance continues weekly KS1 & KS2, 3.30-4.30pm

Dance Arts Award starts weekly for Y6 (all day)

Mindfulness Colouring Club continues weekly KS1 & KS2, lunchtime

Rounders Club starts weekly KS2, 3.30-4.30pm

QKS 'Getting ready evening' for Y6

Choir starts weekly KS1 & KS2, lunchtime

Y1 Phonics test week

Y4 Times Tables test trial week

Football Club begins weekly KS2, 3.30-4.30pm

Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

New Reception pupils visiting with parents, afternoon

PTA Father's Day stall

Class 4 Residential – Whithaugh Park

Scholastic Book Fair starts in school for one week

KKS Y6 parent/pupil evening 5.30 – 7.30pm

Beatrix Potter visit Class 2 & Class 3

Moving up morning/day for whole school including new Reception pupils

QES Y6 Moving up morning

Governors meeting 6.30-8.30pm

Wednesday 26th June

YR5 KKS musical at the Brewery
Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
PTA meeting in school 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 27th June

Pupil Parliament
Class 1 & Class 2 Farm visit

Friday 28th June

Y3/Y4 Olympic day at KKS

Monday 1st July

KKS Y6 Induction Day
QKS Y6 Induction Day and Evening

NO FOOTBALL CLUB

Tuesday 2nd July

Multi Faith Day for whole school – Creation

Wednesday 3rd July

Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

Thursday 4th July

Class 1 visit to Strickley Farm

Tuesday 9th July

Y5 Rockets & Hot Air Balloons workshop at KKS, afternoon

Wednesday 10th July

Sports evening 5-7pm – ALL WELCOME!

Thursday 11th July

Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

Monday 15th July

Rounders Family Competition: Adults vs Pupils 4.30-5.30pm

Reports out to parents

Open afternoon from 1.30pm & Music concert 1, 2.30-3.15pm – All Welcome!

Tuesday 16th July

Music concert 2, 2.30-3.15pm – All Welcome!

Thursday 18th July

Sports evening (reserve date)

Leavers' Service in church 1.15-2.15 – ALL WELCOME!

Friday 19th July

Followed by Leavers' Tea in Village Hall 2.15pm

TERM ENDS AT 2PM