

Autumn 1 Newsletter 2019

WELCOME BACK

The Staff and Governors would like to welcome pupils, parents and carers back to school at the start of the new accademic year for 2019/20.

We hope that you have had a wonderful Summer Break and now we look forward to the new accademic year.

I would like to welcome Effie (Orange), Sarah (Blue) and Stav (Green) and Sharon (Purple) our new teachers in Key Stage 1 & 2 and we wish them well in their roles at Haymerle School.

Please take a moment to read this newsletter. You will find information about school attendace procedure and targets, our Home School Agreement, the term dates, safeguarding information and guidance and websites and contact information signposting support for families in Southwark.

I hope you find it informative and that you feel inspired to join in our training and social activities this term

Liz Nolan
Headteacher



TRAINING AND SUPPORT

We run sessions to introduce you to school staff and the other agencies that work in Haymerle School. This includes Southwark SEN, SIAS and Early Help Team, Children with Disabilities, School Nursing as well as the Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists and our Music Therapist.

Please check your child's book bag and the school website for further information, invitations and dates.

Look out for our '**drop in**' sessions with the therapy teams and join us for our informal coffee mornings and fund raising activities. You will find out more on the school website.

The date for the first informal coffee morning will be on 27 September 2019, where we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the hope to raise funds for this worthwhile charity.

Our parent governors Aisha and Barbara look forward to meeting with you soon.

Please note that the Immunisation Team will be in school on Thursday 4 October to administer the Flu Vaccine. If you have not completed and handed your child's form in to reception, we would be most grateful if you could do this as soon as possible.

Speech & Language Therapists will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 7 November at 09:30am, the topic will be Zone's of Regulations. We will be sending out more information on this session to all parents before this date.

UNIFORM GUIDANCE 2019

We recommend a simple school uniform of

- A light blue shirt, polo shirt or T shirt,
- A royal blue jumper or sweat shirt
- Grey skirt / trousers
- Black shoes / trainers.

We do not use a school badge on our uniform leaving parents and carers free to purchase uniform from a retailer of their choice.

We are aware that many of our pupils have sensitivities about their clothing. We are flexible about wearing uniform and are happy to work with families individually.

WRAP IT UP FOR WINTER

With autumn arriving and a change of weather, we advise parents to send children into school wearing a warm coat with a hood. Even if pupils travel on school buses, our children need appropriate warm and waterproof outerwear and sturdy shoes to be able to enjoy outside play and learning activities even if it is raining rain or cold.

LOST PROPERTY

While the staff make every effort to support pupils in taking care of their belongings, sometimes items may be misplaced.

Unfortunately, school cannot replace lost or missing items. We encourage parents and carers to put their child's name into clothes, coats, hats, PE and swimming kits and shoes / trainers.

This makes it much easier for staff to reunite any lost property with the rightful owners.

We ask that parents do not send children into school with valuables e.g. jewelry, electronic games, etc. We cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage to such items. We appreciate your assistance with this.

HOME TO SCHOOL AGREEMENT 2019 /20

As you are aware Haymerle's School Home Agreement 2019/20, which was sent home in pupils' book bags at the start of the school term. We have only received a small number of signed forms back. We would appreciate your reading this document and returning a signed copy to the school office no later than Friday 20 September 2019. Please ask if you require a replacement copy.

Please be advised regarding attendance, collecting pupils from school, Religious Education, and Sex + Relationship Education.

PE Kit

Changing for PE lesson reinforces an important life skills lesson about healthy living as well as promoting self-help and independence skills. Your child's class team will let you know which days your child has PE.

Please help us by sending in shorts, T-shirt, change of socks and trainers on the day your child has PE in school.

TRANSPORT

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their support and understanding with the change in start time from this September 2019. We are happy to support families moving forward.

If for any reason your child will not be getting on to transport please communicate this information to the **transport office** not the school office.

If your child is absent from school please remember to follow the school procedures for reporting absence.

Transport contact Number: **0207 525 5209**

If you change, your contact details please pass this information to the transport team as soon as possible as well as informing the school office.

PARENT VOICE

We welcome parental feedback through the year at our meetings, 'drop in's' and parents meetings. Parents and carers can contact the school office for support and advice.

One to one meetings can be organised - Coral is happy to speak to parents and to signpost help. Please call her on **0207 639 6080**.

We will gather parents' views through our annual **parent questionnaire** usually in the spring term.

LEARNING TOGETHER AND WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

You can read on our website how we use additional funding e.g., Pupil premium, Sports grants.

We work with Speech Bubble, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapy as well as Music Therapy.

Our long partnership with Yoga Bugs continues in 2019 /20

SAFEGUARDING

Haymerle School is committed to robust Safeguarding Policy, procedures and practice.

Our Safeguarding Policy protects pupils and informs staff, parents and visitors. You can access this policy on the schools' website or request a paper copy from the admin team.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ask for our support. Our designated safeguarding staff will always make time to meet with you.

Working in partnership with parents and carers, the staff at Haymerle School hold pupils care and well-being at the heart of our work with you and your children.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Well done to the group of pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the year 2018/19, an outstanding achievement!

Haymerle's whole school attendance figure for 2018/19 was 94.79%. This was below the whole school target set. We would like to work together with parents/carers in order to raise our attendance figure for this academic year 2019/20.

We have a school policy in place with high standards and expectations regarding attendance and lateness in line with our Home to School Agreement.

Where a pupil's attendance falls below our whole school target (95%) parents/ carers will be invited to meet with a member of the leadership team and class team to discuss how we can work with a family or carer to support them with any attendance issues.

Persistent absence is referred to the local authority and could result in legal action.

TACKLING LATENESS

Pupils transition to class and are registered by 9:30am. Pupils arriving after this time will be marked as late for the school day.

Persistent lateness has a detrimental impact on your child's school day and impacts on the routine of all of the children in the class as staff are called out of the class to collect pupils who arrive late.

Please inform the staff team if you require assistance around attendance or lateness.

SECONDARY TRANSFER FORMS REMINDER FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

This is the time you are asked to select a secondary school. Southwark deadline for the Secondary transfer forms is the last week of this half term Friday 18th October 2019.

We have a range of Good and Outstanding Secondary Special Schools in Southwark offering a wide choice to parents and carers including

Below is a list of the dates for the Open Mornings at the following Specialist Secondary Schools in Southwark. You will need to **call the schools to book a place.**

**Spa School Bermondsey: Monnow Road SE1 5RN:
Tel – 0207 237 3714**

Wednesday 02 October 2019, 11:30 am

Thursday 17 October 2019, 11:30 am

Spa School Camberwell

The school is not yet open the open morning will take place at Spa School Bermondsey.

**Highshore School: Farmers Road, Camberwell, SE5
OTW: Tel – 0207 708 6790**

Friday 27 September 2019, 11:00 am

Friday 4 October 2019, 11:00 am

**Tuke School: Daniel Gardens SE15 6ER: Tel 0207
525 8002**

To book a visit to Tuke school please call the school directly as there are no open mornings.

You may wish to visit schools in neighbouring boroughs so I have included the details of the following specialist schools in Lambeth.

**Turney School: Turney Road, SE21 8LX: Tel 0208 670
7220**

**Elm Court School: Elm Park, Streatham Hill, SW2
2EF: Tel – 0208 674 3412**

**Lansdowne School: 49 Combermere Road SW9 9QD
Tel – 0207 737 3713**

We would like to thank all parents/carers who attended the secondary transfer meeting on 1 October 2019. **We hope you found this informative and please remember that all completed secondary transfer forms are to be handed in to the school office no later than Friday 18th October 2019.**

Staff and governors will be available to support you complete the secondary transfer forms. Our Admin team will be happy to copy the forms or send them to Southwark for you. You will be notified of the date and time once this has been confirmed.

HAYMERLE - PART OF THE COMMUNITY

At Haymerle School, we believe in the value of engaging with and giving back to the community where we work and play.

We visit local supermarkets and shops, Peckham's swimming pool (Pulse), parks and library on our weekly outings.

If you know of locations, activities or events that are appropriate and autism friendly spaces for our pupils and families, please let us know so that we can share information and get everyone involved in the local community.

HAYMERLE WEBSITE: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We hope our school website provides useful information about the school, policies, activities and events, our school ethos, aims and objectives.

On the website, you can find out about your child's class team, the planned topics for the term and read about some of the events and activities that take place through the year.

Please check you child's class topic as well as looking at the diary for INSET days, parent training and term dates.

You will find us at

www.haymerle.southwark.sch.uk

Parents can also check in with **Southwark Information and Advice Service (SIAS)** on the Southwark Council website.

This service is free to all parents, carers and young people who live in Southwark and parents who have children attending schools in Southwark.

Mondays 13:00 - 16:00

Tuesdays 9:00 - 12:00

Thursdays 15:00 - 18:00

Sunshine House, Ground Floor,

27 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UH

sias@southwark.gov.uk

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter. Please Read, sign and return our Home School Agreement.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

Please note that the school will be closed for staff training on the following dates:

Monday 23rd September 2019

Tuesday 24th September 2019

Friday 6th December 2019

Half term

Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2019

Autumn term 2

Monday 28th October -Thursday 19th December 2019

Spring Term 1

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February 2020

Half term

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020

Spring Term 2

Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term 1

Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May 2020
(Bank Holiday 4th May)

Half term

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020

Summer Term 2

Monday 1st June – Tuesday 21st July 2020

One further INSET Days for 2019/20 will be confirmed ASAP.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE MAY BE USED AS A POLLING STATION!