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Heather Avenue Infant School Newsletter

The atmosphere around school is lovely (despite the weather), with all the children fully immersed in their topic learning and enjoying their class activities! The children have settled back into the school year so well - we are incredibly proud of all the children and love to see them happily engaged in their learning. We hope that they are sharing their learning with you at home too.

Read Write Inc.

The children have started their daily 'Read, Write, Inc' sessions, you will see your child start to gain knowledge of different letters and the sounds that they make as they progress they will blend these sounds to make words and gradually learn to read more and more words. As we take them on their journey in becoming fluent readers together, please support us by making every effort to learn their sounds, read with them at home or listen to them read the books that they bring home with them. If you would like to learn more about the sounds letters make and the pronunciation of them in order to best support your child please see https://youtu.be/5J2Ddf_oOm8 or search RWI letter sound pronunciation guide.

Weather

With the weather turning cooler, please do ensure that your child comes to school with a coat which will keep them warm/dry in the changing weathers. Whilst we do not advocate a style of coat, as this is **not** part of our school uniform – we do have some lovely Heather Avenue Coats for sale on our uniform website for further details please visit

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/heatheravenueinfantschoolnr66lt>

In addition, our Reception children & new children to the school in other year groups will today receive a Hi-Vis jacket, please ask your child to wear this on their way to and from school to keep them seen and safe as the evenings get darker.



Start and End of the School Day

In line with our Covid Risk assessment, please can I ask that we follow the timings for the school day – we are not able to have lots of children and parents on the playground, the staggered day does mean that the teachers are working to altered timings and we must try to follow these as much as possible please.

At the end of the day please can we ask that you leave the school premises as quickly and safely as possible to avoid larger groups on the playground – in the current climate this is not something we can allow. Children should not be playing on any of the equipment at the end of the school day including

the rails outside Badgers classroom. Thank you for your support in this matter – we understand it is hard but it is unfortunately necessary to keep our whole school community safe.

Diary Dates –further dates will be added as the year progresses

Monday 5 th October 2020	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Monday 19 th October 2020	Parent/Carer meetings
Wednesday 21 st October 2020	Parent / Carer meetings
Wednesday 21 st October 2020	Last day of Autumn half term for children
Thursday 22 nd October 2020	INSET – staff training day
Friday 23 rd October 2020 – Friday 29 th October 2020	Half term holiday
Monday 2 nd November 2020	Children return to school for Autumn second half term
Week beginning Monday 2 nd November 2020	International Week – children will be learning about Norway
Monday 9 th November 2020	Open day for prospective parents
Tuesday 10 th November 2020	Open day for prospective parents
Wednesday 11 th November 2020	Open day for prospective parents
Week beginning Monday 16 th November 2020	Mini Enterprise week
Week beginning Monday 23 rd November 2020	Mini Enterprise week
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last day of Autumn term for children
Monday 21 st December 2020 – Friday 1 st January 2021	Christmas holidays
Monday 4 th January 2021	Children return to school for first half of Spring term
Week beginning Monday 4 th January 2021	Events week in school
Monday 15 th February 2021 – Friday 19 th February 2021	Spring Half Term
Week Beginning Monday 22 nd February 2021	International Week – children will be learning about Egypt
Monday 1 st March 2021	Parent / Carer meetings
Wednesday 3 rd March 2021	Parent / Carer meetings
Monday 29 th March 2021 – Friday 9 th April 2021	Easter Holidays
Monday 3 rd May 2021	May Bank holiday school closed
Week beginning Monday 24 th May 2021	International Week – children will be learning about New Zealand
Monday 31 st May 2021 – Friday 4 th June 2021	Summer Half Term holiday
Thursday 22 nd July 2021	Last day of Summer term