

# Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2018



### Welcome back!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful holiday. It's fantastic to see that the children have settled so well into their new classes. Please come and talk to us if there is anything we can help with. A special welcome to all those children who are being admitted to our Reception classes and to our new Nursery children who will soon be joining us. We also extend a warm welcome to those older children and their families, throughout the school, who have recently transferred to Hilldene Primary.

#### Getting to Know your child's teacher

If you haven't done so already please introduce yourself to your child's new teacher at the end of the day. If there is anything concerning you or your child please do not hesitate to come in to talk to us so that we can try to help.

#### Contact Information

Please ensure you advise our office staff of your most up to date contact details, particularly if you have a new phone number or email address. We will be using email and text to send letters and information where possible.

Many thanks.

#### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club for children of school age, (not Nursery aged children) is run by school staff every day in the canteen. Whilst there is disruption to travel on the A127 Breakfast Club is opening at the earlier time of 7.45 am until the bell rings in each department.

The breakfast and care costs

£2.00 for 1 child, 3.00 for 2 children, £4.00 for 3 children from the same family.

#### Toddler Group

Our popular Toddler Group reopens on Wednesday 26th September. Parents/ grandparents/ carers are invited to bring pre school age children to enjoy a sociable morning of games, play and snacks. Access to Toddler Group is via the KS1 carpark gates from 9am—11.15am cost £1.50

#### Staying Safe on the Internet

We will be reminding all children of the rules for keeping safe on the internet.

Advice for parents can be found at  
[www.childnet-int.org/kia](http://www.childnet-int.org/kia) [www.parentinfo.org](http://www.parentinfo.org)

#### School Meals

Parents will hopefully be aware that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to eat a school meal, which is served with water, free of charge each day. This meal is cooked from fresh ingredients and the menu is designed to meet your child's nutritional needs.

School meals for junior children in years 3-6 are **£2.20** a day.

**Payment for school meals should be made using a sQuid account in advance.**

Please speak to our office staff for information about Free School Meals for junior children.

#### sQuid Payments

Thank you to all parents who have set up their sQuid accounts and are using them to make payments.

Unfortunately, we have a mounting debt of non payment for school meals and breakfast club. We ask that parents please ensure that payments are made promptly and in advance. The school cannot be expected to subsidise non payment of school meals or breakfast club. If you are experiencing difficulties with payments please contact the school office where a member of staff will be happy to help. Alternatively please arrange to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership team to discuss payment.

### School Uniform and Lost Property

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.  
The children look very smart.

**Please note:**

**Only plain black shoes or trainers  
WITHOUT**

**logos should be worn**

**JOGGING or TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS  
are only to be worn for PE lessons**

**Hair bands and bows should be either  
navy blue or black (no sparkles)**

**Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish**

Uniform items are on sale from Premier School wear in  
Tonbridge Road RM3 8TS.

**Please write your child's name on new items.**

### Driving and Parking Near School

Please consider the welfare of everyone when driving near to school, particularly when parking or reversing, paying particular attention to the care of children at this time.

Please also show consideration for our neighbours and **do not** park across the drive ways of residents of Grange Road or Straight Road. Thank you.

### No Cards or Toys Please

Please note that the children are not permitted to bring any toys or cards to school unless they have been requested to do so by staff in connection with an aspect of class work.

### P.E. Kit

**Please help us by ensuring that your child has an appropriate kit in school.**

P.E. kit comprises of - navy shorts, a plain white T-shirt and a pair of plimsolls/ trainers. Junior children also need a pair of jogging bottoms either black or navy, to wear for outside PE on cold days. **Football kits should not be worn.**

**Please remember that children cannot take part in P.E. if they are wearing earrings.** Please help us by removing earrings for Infant pupils on P.E. days before the children come to school.

Pupils in KS2 are expected to remove their own earrings.

### Attendance

**It is an expectation that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.**

If your child is sick or has diarrhoea he or she should not return to school **until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.**

If children are ill with any other infections or viruses they should remain at home until they are free of the symptoms.

We continue to encourage the children to follow basic hygiene rules intended to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

**Please be aware that we are obliged to follow strict regulations regarding requests for holidays during term time. If you are unsure about these regulations please ask for more information from the office before planning a holiday.**

### On Site Safety Before and After School

We do not want any accidents, so please ...**no riding of bikes or scooters on school premises.**

Please ensure your children **do not play on the boat, in the MUGA or any play equipment before and after school** when it is not supervised.

Thank you for your support with this.

### Year Group Assemblies

Please look at the dates to find out when your child's year group will be holding their assembly.

**Read Together - commences week beginning 17th September**

Please join us for read together at the following times:

YR—Friday at 8.50am

Y1—Tuesday 8.50am

Y2—Wednesday 8.50am

Y3— Monday 2.55pm

Y4—Wednesday 2.55pm

If there are any parents of year 5 or 6 children who would like to come to read with the children then please speak to your child's teacher.

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