



Homefield Church of England Primary School

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Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome you all back to another year at Homefield, with an additional warm welcome for any new families that are joining us this year. I hope that the items in this newsletter will act as a good reminder for the term to come.

Uniform and Appearance

In assembly, the children have all had a reminder about uniform and appearance and I must say that most of them have come back looking smart, wonderful and raring to go. To maintain our high standards, please ensure that ALL uniform is named and that our following uniform code is adhered to: Shirts must be tucked in at all times. All children need to wear their tie every day, along with the correctly coloured uniform and black school shoes (not boots, trainers or heels). Any earrings should be small, plain studs (not hoops) and no other jewellery should be worn. All skirts should be no higher than knee length. Hair should be suitable for school, so we consider changes in colour, shaved patterns and extreme styles unsuitable. Finger nails should not be painted, nor should stick-on tattoos be visible. If any family needs assistance with uniform, please speak to the School Office.

Parking

Please do not park on the zig-zag lines at any point or block the driveways of houses near the school. The police will be doing regular sweeps of the area around drop off and pick up time looking to move people on where needed. I know that it gets very busy on the roads outside school, but please show consideration towards others. Alternatively, you could consider going green and select another method of getting to school other than a car.

Pets and Smoking

Can I reiterate that no pets, particularly dogs, are allowed on site (except registered guide dogs), as this poses a serious health and safety risk. Similarly, can I remind you that smoking on site or just outside the school gates are also not allowed, as it is something we do not wish to be promoted to children.

Pupil Premium Projects

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding, there will be projects across the year for them to get involved with. Keep your eyes peeled for information soon.

End of year Data

In a year of many assessment changes, you will be pleased to know that our end of year data was very pleasing. We managed to make improvements in many areas and the majority of our results were above national averages, which is fantastic. This year we aim to build on our positive achievements to push for outstanding and our yearly action plan will be made available soon.



Attendance

Please ensure your child is in school each day and on time. If your child is ill, please ensure you have notified the school office and given a reason for their absence. Holidays during term time will not be authorised, but exceptions may be made in extreme circumstances.

Pastoral Support

I am sure that many of you already know that we are very lucky to have a pastoral support worker at our school, every day except on Mondays. Mrs. Clarke offers a wealth of support for children and families. Please feel free to pop in or phone up the school office if you would like help of any kind. She can offer support with behaviour, parental separation, bereavement, financial worries and many more. Help is there, you simply need to ask.

Breakfast and Afterschool clubs

Please remember that you can book your child in to our breakfast and afterschool provision via the school office. Sessions can be paid for here also. We offer care from 8.00am with breakfast provided, through till 5.45pm with a light tea. We also still have the **20p** breakfasts from 8.30am in the school hall!

Homefield University

We will be running a revised Homefield University initiative once again this year. Further information will be coming out soon on how your child can be rewarded for attending extra-curricular activities in and out of school.

Extra-Curricular School Clubs

The list of afterschool clubs will be coming out later this week, with clubs starting next week. Remember that the places go very quickly so book in fast to avoid disappointment, this can be done at the school office or if it states in the club booklet to book directly with the teacher leading the club.

P.T.A

The P.T.A. is always looking for new members. Why not join us and help make Homefield a better place for all. This year the P.T.A. will be organising events such as the Easter bake sale and raffle, the Christmas fayre, the summer fayre, discos and leavers' events. Why not come along and help with these events and more, there will be a meeting on Friday 9th September after school if you are interested in helping.

New Play Equipment

As you have already seen we have a brilliant, new traversing wall alongside the playground. We have already spoken to the children about our expectations of them when playing on it, but please can you ensure that your child does not sit on the top of it, nor play behind the wall itself purely for their own safety, before and after the school day.

I hope you all have a good half term,

Bradley Young
Acting Headteacher

