

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Honeywell! I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable summer and had a chance to relax.

Can I begin by giving a very warm welcome to all those children and parents who have just joined Honeywell: we are delighted to have you "on board".

I would also like to thank the many parents who sent in cards and gifts at the end of the year; they were greatly appreciated.

BUILDING WORKS

In my last newsletter of the year I detailed the coming building works and their likely impact on the running of the school. The project to repair the roof has now started and I thought I would give you an update:

The works are currently on schedule and are due to finish at half term.

The scaffolding will therefore be in place until the half term break and that will necessitate that the school will run staggered playtimes in the afternoon break (Yrs 3+ 4 at 2.30 and Yrs 5 + 6 at 2.45) to help reduce congestion. This means that the pupils will not be able to access the pirate ship in the garden due to staffing matters until after the half term break.

The drinking fountains are also out of action, so the school would recommend that children bring named water bottles to school (water is available in the classrooms and in lunch hall during the lunchtime break) to prevent children getting thirsty.

6H will use Sunshine Room (opposite the Yr 2 classes) as a temporary classroom and although the Computing Suite is out of use this inconvenience can be offset by the use of the iPads in the classrooms.

Whilst clearly the impact on the school is considerable (my sincere thanks to all parents/carers for their understanding and support during the first three days of the year). The disruption is LESS than anticipated and pleasingly the staircase by the staffroom is now in use which means the Yrs 4 +6 children can enter and exit the school normally. The use of this exit also entails that we will not have to modify our fire exit arrangements. Furthermore, since this stair case is in use the school WILL NOT need to change the arrangements for children entering the school at 9.00.

REMINDER:

Monday and Friday the children line up at 9.00 when the bell rings and are brought into school by their teacher.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the school is open from 8.50 and the children can make their way into the building from that time. They will be supervised by me and/or the SLT.

Finally, parents should please be aware that it is impossible to exit the school via the Infant playground from 9.15 to 3.15 or after 4.00.

BEHAVIOUR

At the beginning of each year it is always helpful to remind the pupils of the following rules:

- Children will be expected to WALK up the staircases calmly at the end of the playtimes.
- Pupils will be reminded that they are not to run in the school building and to treat their surroundings with respect.
- Children are expected to open the doors (except the school gate) at ALL TIMES FOR ALL ADULTS.
- Children are to speak to all members of the school community in a courteous and respectful manner; this includes all children and ALL members of staff.
- The quiet area (under the sun shades) in the playground will be ONLY for children who want to play quietly. Ball games and chasing games are not permitted in this area.
- Children are expected to ensure that the school is tidy. Children will be required to put litter in the bins and ensure that their belongings are kept neatly.
- Tennis balls in the playground will only be available for "pat ball" games and are NOT to be used for any other activities. In particular, football is not permitted. All tennis balls should be named to avoid potential disputes.
- Football or other ball games are not permitted in the playgrounds (Infant and Junior) before or after school as the playgrounds are full of adults and young children.

These rules do not replace the current school rules, nor are they designed to stifle or repress the individualism of students. However, they are to ensure that all pupils and staff can enjoy a safe, settled and stimulating learning environment and that the children are aware of their responsibilities.

Children who deliberately break the school's rules will receive a detention, which means they will miss their playtime. A record of the pupils' names will be kept by the

member of staff supervising the detention and the parents of the children who persistently flout the school rules will be informed – see the school's Behaviour Policy, which is on the schools' website, for details.

SEND

All SEND support will start the week commencing 17th September and parents will be informed if your child is participating in any of these intervention groups at the parents' evening in October. However, if you would like to talk about this before that occasion, we are available at our weekly drop in sessions on Wednesday from 3.00 - 3.30 in the staffroom.

On Wednesday 7th November at 9.15am the Infant and Junior Schools will be holding an informal coffee morning in the staffroom for the parents of SEND children - we would warmly welcome you to attend.

Ms Sally Sephton and Ms Lorraine Blake

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PTFA

I hope that the parents and carers will continue to support the PTFA in as many ways as possible. Last year the PTFA helped the school to purchase a very large number of reading books for every classroom to refresh the book corners. Also the PTFA paid for several sports kits for our many school teams and entrance fees to the numerous competitions.

The introduction to the PTFA & New Parents Drinks is on Wednesday 26th September from 6.30 p.m. and I do hope you will be able to attend. For further PTFA information please visit the PTFA website:

<http://www.honeywellptfa.org.uk/>

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

As part of the school's ongoing desire to improve communication we introduced "Meet the Teacher" evenings three years ago and this event was well received by parents.

Therefore, on Wednesday 19th September between 5:00pm and 6:00pm there will be the opportunity for parents/carers to come into their child's class and meet their teacher. This will be an informal meeting in which parents can see their child's new classroom, meet their new teacher and ask any questions.

On the reverse of this newsletter I have published the business email addresses of all the teachers and staff. Please could ALL parents send an email to the teachers using these business emails to ensure that the system works and that the staff can then store and "group" the email address of their pupils' parents.

The email system should be used for:

- Reporting absences/lateness – these messages should also be forwarded to the School Office.
- Informing staff of any issues.
- Asking for advice re. homework, targets, settling in
- Resolving any minor concerns

- Arranging a meeting with the classteacher

The system should not:

- Be used to replace a meeting with the classteacher
- Be a lengthy dialogue between staff and parents
- Be used for any type of advertising

The school has a Twitter account to help aid communication.

Follow us on Twitter on:

HoneywellJunior@Deputyhoneywell for updates, information AND information about upcoming **trials for sports squads and sporting fixtures**. This Twitter account is only open to parents, staff and governors. If your twitter account name is different to your family name, please send a direct message to the Honeywell Twitter account asking to be given access to it.

Finally, the long term plans for each year group will soon be available on the schools' website and these detail what areas of the curriculum will be taught in the Autumn term. I would urge parents to have a look at:

www.honeywellschools.org

SCHOOL HOUSES

On Monday the new pupils will be put in a school "house" team. Each class is split into three houses, Northcote, Nightingale and Broomwood and siblings will be in the same house.

House points will be given out by the teachers for academic achievement, effort, good conduct, kindness and being helpful. At the end of each week the Headteacher will announce how well each house in each class has done (i.e. 1st, 2nd or 3rd) and a running total will be kept. Then at the end of each term and the end of the year a trophy will be presented to the winning house.

This proved to very popular with the children and last year **BROOMWOOD** House won the House Point competition.

YR6 SECONDARY TRANSFER

Yr 6 parents should also have received a letter from me. This letter is to give the parents the opportunity to make an appointment to discuss their child's secondary transfer. These meetings will take place in the fortnight beginning Monday 10th September and may arranged through the response slip that should be returned to the Office. All the information about the secondary school open days will be placed on the notice board and display unit on the staircase leading up to the Office.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE PLAYTIMES

When the bell is sounded for the end of "play" the children are to go straight into their classrooms, via the correct entrance. The members of staff on duty will ensure that the children are settled, calm and enter the building in single file.

Please note: this only applies for playtimes AND NOT at the beginning of the day.



ATTENDANCE

The schools are very keen that pupils attend Honeywell regularly as good attendance clearly enhances learning. The LA has advised us that a minimum of 95% attendance should be a target for the school and I am pleased to say that last year the school exceeded this (96.4%). However, there was 0.5% DECREASE from the previous year and the attendance rate in all year groups fell.

The schools monitor both attendance and punctuality closely and report this data to the Governors. In particular, those parents of children whose attendance is below 90% are identified and are contacted unless there is an exceptional reason for their child's poor attendance. It is worth noting that ALL absences are included in this calculation: both authorised and unauthorised are totalled to give a pupil's absence record. Clearly, there are exceptional absences due to serious ill health or exams/interviews or representing the school but I would urge parents to strive to ensure that their children attend school as much as possible.

As part of the schools' Safeguarding procedures we have a "first day's absence" calling system. Simply, if a child is absent the schools will contact parents to ask why the child/ren is/are not in school.

If your child is unwell or is absent for specific reasons please contact the schools as soon as possible and so avoid being contacted by us.

FOR ALL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL AT;

office@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk

PE KIT

Thank you to all those parents who have purchased the school PE kit for their children. The order form for the PE kit is available from the Office – a Honeywell T – shirt, a pair of Honeywell PE shorts and a bag costs £13.00 in total.

The order forms for the optional outdoor PE tracksuit are also available from the Office.

SCHOOL MEALS

Sadly, I need to inform you that we have had to increase our charge for School Dinners to £2.70 per day due to additional costs. This is the first increase since 2016 but we believe that despite the increase in price the dinners are healthy, tasty and good value.

1st Half Term £89.10

2nd half Term £108.00

Full Term £197.10

WISE PAY

The schools are continuing to extend the use of WisePay for all financial transactions between parents and Honeywell. From September parents/carers will be able to pay for their child's dinner using the WisePay system which we hope will make things easier and more efficient.

When paying dinner money, please be aware that all payments MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

To set up your Wise Pay account please visit the schools' website:

www.honeywellschools.org

PACKED LUNCHES

All packed lunch boxes/containers should be placed on the trolleys outside the Dining Room and NOT brought up to the classrooms.

At 9.05 the trolleys will be wheeled inside the Dining Room and then returned outside at 12.30 so that the children can collect their packed lunches.

The empty lunch boxes will then be placed on the trolley at the end of lunch and will be collected by the children at 3.30.

Please ensure that your child's packed lunch is a balanced and healthy meal and that sweets and fizzy/sugary drinks are not included. All packed lunch containers should be named and plastic bags should NOT be used.

Snacks: Any mid-morning snacks should be in a separate container and taken directly to the classroom; they should not be left in the lunchboxes.

The **Yellow** and **Green** trolley is for the Yrs 3 + 4 packed lunch containers

The **Red** and **Blue** trolley is for the Yrs 5 +6 packed lunch containers

ADMINISTRATION

Please can we ask parents to ease the burden on the Office at this very busy time? In particular requests for copies of school reports, passport applications and visas should be kept to minimum.

Should parents need these documents please can they be aware that the school will need a minimum of 48 hours to provide these services and an admin cost will be required.

MUSIC

All children learn the recorder in Year 3 but from Year 4 upwards it is optional (and open to all) and taught by Penny Smith in school hours. If your child wishes to continue with recorder lessons in Year 4 please ensure they have their recorder in school on Thursday 13th and Penny will come and get them from their classrooms at the appropriate time.



The school orchestra is run by Mr Reed, Mydie Herz and Penny Smith and is open to all orchestral instrument players (including recorders) in Year 5 & 6. It takes place on a Tuesday afternoon (in school hours). The orchestra will be preparing for the Christmas concert at St Luke's on 20th December. Rehearsals will begin later in the term, so keep an eye on future newsletters for details.

CLUBS

Parents should have received an email from the school listing all the clubs that are available and how to apply for them. If you have not received the email please contact the Office or go to the school website for information.

www.honeywellschools.org

SUCCESS STORIES

Congratulations to the following pupils for their achievements in their piano exams:

Grade 3: Kaan Kantarci, Rachel Richardson, Quentin Sauve

Grade 2: Sebastian Addis (Distinction), Amber Aspey-Gay, Flora Rogers (Merit)

Grade 1: Kai O'Neill, Ayeishah O'Neill (Merit), Felix Coggin (Merit), Ella-Jane Kennedy

Prep Test: Quentin Sala, Romano Shohet

Well done to Hector Jones who has been invited to represent Team GB in the u11 boys' team at the 2018 Laser Run World Championships in Dublin. A great achievement!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Without wishing to alarm parents/carers the schools have been advised that there have been a series of robberies in the locality. The thieves have targeted single parents with children usually around drop off or collection times and near to the local schools. These "individuals" have demanded money, watches or phones often threatening violence.

The schools are therefore asking parents to be vigilant and especially wary of masked moped riders who appear to be cruising the streets slowly.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY.

Date	Event/Activity
Sept	
Wed 5	The pupils return to school
Mon 10	Yr 6 Secondary Transfer Meetings begin
Thur 13	Mock Wandsworth Test for Yr 6
Wed 19	Meet the teachers from 5 – 6.00
Thur 20	Wandsworth Test for Yr 6 pupils Swimming starts for Yr 5 pupils
Fri 21	No Jeans for Genes School Cross Country Yr 6 Secondary Transfer meetings conclude
Tue 25	Yr 6 cycling course begins (group1)
Wed 26	PTFA Introduction & Drinks from 6.30 p.m.(for drinks, 7.30 start)
Thur 28	PTFA coffee morning
Oct	Event/Activity
Mon 1	Black History month starts Clubs begin
Tue 2	Yr 6 cycling course begins (group2)
Wed 3	Presentation to parents about a safety app for children's phones 6.00 Daylight theatre to Yr 5
Mon 8	Healthy Eating Week Assessment Week
Tue 9	PTFA meeting 7.30
Thur 11	Daylight theatre to Yr 3
Tue 16	Parents' Evening Yr 6 cycling course begins (group3)
Wed 17	Parents' Evening Governors' meeting at 6.30
Mon 22	HALF TERM
Mon 29	Children return to school
Nov	Event/Activity
Thur 8	SCHOOL OPEN MORNING 9-11.45
Fri 9	SCHOOL OPEN MORNING 9-11.45
Mon 12	Anti-bullying week begins
Wed 14	Daylight theatre production for Yr 6 children
Thur 15	Christmas shopping event in the Dining Room
Fri	Children in Need appeal
Mon 19	School Book Fayre begins
Dec	Event/Activity
Wed 5	School Panto to children: Yrs 3+4, morning, Yrs 5 + 6, afternoon.
Fri 7	Christmas Bazaar 3.30 – 6.00
Mon 10	Clubs finish
Thur 13	Nativity production for Yrs 3 + 4 at St. Luke's Church
Mon 17	Christmas parties for the children
Wed 19	Yrs 5 +6 Carol Concert at St. Luke's Church
Fri 21	Finish for the Christmas holidays at 3.30
Jan	Event/Activity
Tue 8 Jan	Children return to school

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