



HALLAM FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back and welcome to all the children and families who have joined us this September.

Social Distancing

Thank you to all our parent/carers who are maintaining social distancing rules outside of school, we really do appreciate all your efforts in keeping our children, staff and community safe. We would like to remind everyone to continue adhering to the 2m rule outside of school as we move further into the Autumn Term. If you could please stand to the side where possible so different groups can get through this would also be appreciated.

Home Learning

We would like to invite parent/carers to follow the link below to complete a short online survey regarding access to home learning. As a school we are required to prepare for the possibility of having to close parts of the school (different year group bubbles) if we have confirmed cases of Coronavirus. We hope this won't happen, however we want to be able to support children and families as best we can and so it would be useful for us to have as many responses as possible. Please click on the following link to answer the survey. If you do not have access to complete online please speak to someone in the office or on the gate and we can complete it on your behalf.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=f151aSyf9k24-b1RL9VBOLwSCyRZ5YBIqWN4BEadrPVUOUsyVFpYWTkxSkVQOM0JaUDNLUFayMEoxMy4u>



Homework

You should have received a Homework letter issued by email last week. If not, copies are available by contacting the school office and can be sent home with your child. We hope that the homework for this term will give your child a chance to settle back in to school with out too much additional pressure to carry out more work at home and give them some new experiences. Please let us know if you have any questions.

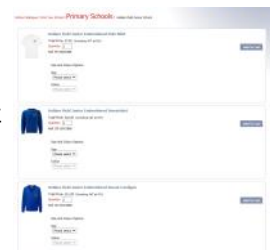
Home School Diary

Your child should have received their new home school diary. Please use this to write any messages to their class teacher, including if someone different is collecting them or you have any concerns. They will either respond to you in the diary or give you a call if there is something you need to discuss. We appreciate at the moment it is not as easy to talk with class staff at the end of the day. PLEASE also record any reading in the diary your child does. It is so important that they are reading 5 times a week, including reading aloud to you.

School Uniform / Year 3 PE Colours

Please see below the link for our school uniform supplier for all your uniform requirements. Our Year 3 children should now have received a note in their home/school diary detailing their T-Shirt colour.

<https://www.just-schoolwear.co.uk/shop/Hallam-Field-Junior-School.html>



PE Lessons

Our class teachers and Miss Godridge are currently utilising our outdoor spaces for all PE lessons. This approach is in line with current guidance and to minimise the risk of mixing our year group bubbles sharing and accessing equipment in our main hall. As the weather changes, it may be necessary for your child to bring in jogging trousers and/or leggings and a sweatshirt or hoodie (preferably black/blue) along with their trainers to continue outside PE. Please feel free to send in your child's outdoor PE Kits just on the days they have PE if you only have one set and need their trainers for outside of school.



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Student Update/Consent Forms

Thank you to all parent/carers who have returned their Student Update Forms for Years 4, 5, 6 and their annual consent forms which were sent out at the end of the Summer Term. Please ensure any forms which have not been returned to date, are returned at your earliest opportunity to ensure our data relating to your child is up to date.

Dates for the Diary

We would usually be informing you of up and coming dates for your diaries at this point but due to current guidance some of these activities cannot be scheduled to go ahead. However, we are currently looking at ways to facilitate an Autumn Term Parents' Evening and will update you as soon as possible with further details. We will ensure you get to find out about how your child has settled and how well they are doing.

Friday 9th October #HelloYellow—wear something yellow in support of the Young Minds Campaign and World Mental Health Day with a suggested donation of £1 payable via Parent Pay. Please follow this link for further information

<https://youngminds.org.uk/get-involved/how-to-fundraise/helloyellow/>



We use various online programs to support children's learning. These are the main ones we use.

TTRockstars

All children will have a login for TTRockstars. We use this throughout the year for children to individually learn their times tables and at certain points we have competitions as a class.

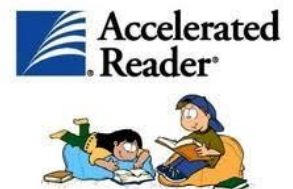
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Accelerated Reader

We use Accelerated Reader in school to choose which books children read and for them to complete short quizzes to check their understanding when they have finished a book. At the moment we are not using the main books that we would send home. Children are still able to complete quizzes on Accelerated Reader, but this only works during school hours. If children are working at home they can complete quizzes for books they have read at home.

<https://ukhosted71.renlearn.co.uk/2236229/>



Epic Reading

We use Epic Reading for reading books online. We will be issuing logins for all new children soon. During term time Epic reading allows 2 hours of free reading per week outside of school. If you want more you can pay for a personal monthly subscription. When we were in lockdown the company offered free reading at anytime, although we are unsure if this will happen again if we enter a lockdown.

<https://www.getepic.com/sign-in/educator>



Seesaw

We use Seesaw in school to record different pieces of children's work by taking photos. Children and staff are able to annotate on pictures as well as leaving comments. Lots of parents are already using this by taking photos of children's completed homework and saving these to seesaw. We have purchased the full package now and will be issuing help sheets in the coming weeks to help you access it from home. If any children are home learning due to self isolating they can message staff through seesaw and send completed work.

<https://app.seesaw.me/#/login>



There are also links to all websites children use with their own logins on our school website in the children's section. Children should have username and passwords in the back of their home school diary.