



Monday 11th October 2021 Newsletter

October Value of the month: Perseverance

We are already nearly at the end of term 1 and it has been a very positive start to the new academic year. The children have settled well into school routines once again and we have been particularly impressed with how well our new Reception children have settled into Haydon Wick school and their classes.

We look forward to sharing how your child is doing at Parents Evening next week.



Lunch boxes and Snacks



Please can you ensure that products containing nuts are not used in your child's packed lunches. We do have some children with serious allergies at school so we do have a 'no nuts' policy at Haydon Wick.

Rec, Yr1 and Yr2 have a snack of fruit or vegetables provided for them each day so they do not need to bring a snack for morning break. Children in KS2 can bring a snack of **fruit or vegetables** from home to have at their morning break time if they would like to.

Attendance and illness

School attendance is mandatory. We know there are lots of colds and illness around at the moment but we still need to make sure we are following government guidance. Public Health England and the Government's Chief Medical & Scientific Officers agree that there is a very low risk and rate of severe illness in children from COVID-19. School is the best place for your child to be. With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, children are now able to enjoy more freedom in their education. Being at school keeps children's education on track, so they can achieve their full potential, while also benefitting their mental and physical health and wellbeing.

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste)

- They should not attend school and should stay at home.
- You should arrange for them to get a PCR test (an in-person test if possible, not a postal test) and inform us of the result.
- Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better.
- If the test is negative, they should return to school as normal.
- If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

What happens if my child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has been identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace, you will be advised that your child takes a PCR test. They will **not** have to self-isolate whilst they await the result of the PCR test **unless** they develop symptoms; they will need to isolate if they have a positive PCR test.



PE and Uniform

Children will need to keep PE kits in school. Please ensure that ALL uniform and PE kit is clearly marked with your child's name, including their shoes/trainers, as this will enable the quick return of any mislaid items.

Bikes and Scooters

Please ensure that all bikes and scooters are walked into school once children are through the school gates. This is for safety reasons as before and after school can get very busy with both cars and pedestrians.



Reading volunteers

Being a fluent reader is so important to help children be successful in their education journey.

“Reading is important. If you know how to read then the whole world opens up to you” Barack Obama

Have you or a grandparent any spare time to come into school and support children's reading at Haydon Wick? We would love you to come in to school and hear children read. If you are interested or know someone in your family who may be, please pop into the school office and pick up a volunteer pack.

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
LEARN,
the MORE places you'll go.

Please see the poster attached for our online youth club, with sessions for 5-7, 7-11 and 11-16. The online youth club provides children and young people with a safe and secure place to meet other young people from around Swindon, and engage in fun interactive activities.



Looking after our children's mental health:

Swindon Trailblazer - Project Me

Swindon Trailblazer work is based on the five steps to mental well-being and this is reflected in the types of activities and themes of their sessions. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for some free online youth clubs that are available.



Dates to remember:

Tuesday 12th October	Parent meetings 3:30- 6:00pm
Wednesday 13th October	Parent meetings 4:30- 7:00pm
Thursday 14th October	Open afternoon for new reception parents September 2022 2:00pm
Tuesday 19th October	End of term 1 for pupils
Wednesday 20th October	TD day school closed for pupils
Saturday 30th October	PTA Pumpkin Patch and Trail
Monday 1st November	Term 2 begins
Thursday 4th November	PTA Halloween disco



JOIN THE FUN BY BOOKING ON THROUGH EVENTBRITE

Search 'Online Youth Club' if you need support
 please email: Outreachprojectme@barnardos.org.uk

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