



Hathern C of E Primary School School Update

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New School Year

Welcome back to a new term and a brand new year at Hathern CofE Primary!

We are welcoming Mr Clifton who is going to be working alongside Mr Edwards delivering Hanford sports. I'm sure you will all share my positive wishes for him as he joins the Hathern Family.

After a hugely successful year last year we are starting this new year with our positive pants on. There are lots of exciting things taking place which will enhance the learning and enjoyment of all our children. The teachers have been working very hard to ensure the classrooms and the school remains an inviting and engaging place to be.

It has been great to see all of the eager faces this week as the children returned to school. I have had some fantastic conversations with many children about their exciting summer holidays as I walk round the school. It is amazing to see all of the children settling back in to the rhythm of school life.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead.

Stuart Bailey – Headteacher

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2023

September

Mon 11th- Fri 15th Year 6 PGL Residential

Thurs 14th Phonics and Early reading meeting

Friday 29th School photos

October

Thurs 12th Harvest Service

Fri 13th School closes for half term 3.15pm

November

Fri 10th Remembrance Service

December

Fri 1st Christingle service

Fri 22nd School closes for Christmas 3pm



Start and finish times

Not surprisingly there has been some confusion about the arrangements for the start and end of the school day.

- At Pasture Lane— children in Years F, 1, 2, 3 and 4 - the school gates open at 8.45am with registration at 8.55am. Children in Years 3 and 4 will enter their classrooms a few minutes earlier to ease congestion on the playground.
- At Cross Street— children in Years 5 and 6 - the school gates open at 8.40am with registration at 8.50am.

Staff will be available in the mornings for the passing on of messages, catching up, etc. Please do not leave your child unsupervised on either playground until you can see their class teacher is present.

At the end of the day, children are dismissed from their classroom doors.

- At Pasture Lane this will be at 3.15pm.
- At Cross Street this will be at 3.20pm.

Children will not be allowed to leave the school site until staff see the collecting adult. If you wish your child to walk home alone then please get in touch with the office so that we can inform relevant staff.

School Meals for Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Although meals are no longer free, many of our children in Key Stage 2 continue to enjoy a school meal. We have a wide choice of meals available including a meat option, vegetarian option, jacket potato and grab-bags (packed lunches) for those not wanting a hot meal.

Meals cost £2.55 per day/ £12.75 per week and children choose from a menu which changes every two weeks. Meals can be taken as one-offs or daily, depending on preference. Payment to be made via School Money, in cash or by cheque direct to the office on the day of ordering.

Contact Sharon in the office for a copy of the menu or for further details about ordering meals. Some pupils may be eligible for Free School Meals if you (as a parent) are in receipt of certain benefits—visit <https://goo.gl/BapVAW> for further details— or again, speak to Sharon in the office for advice.

Healthy Snacks and Nut Allergies

As we are a Healthy School, could you please ensure that if you do send a snack for your child to eat, it is a healthy one, such as malt loaf, dried or fresh fruit, fruit bars (sugar free), *etc*, not chocolate biscuits, crisps or sugary snacks.

Children in Foundation, Year 1 and 2 will receive a free piece of fruit for snacktime. This varies from apples to pears, tomatoes to raisins.

I would also ask that you **do not send products containing nuts** into school at any time (including lunches), as we have some pupils with allergies.

Church Services



At Hathern, we pride ourselves on our relationship with the church and the church community. We believe, as a Church of England School, the children should have as much opportunity as possible to feel part of the church community. For this reason, we try to celebrate as many Christian festivals as we can in the church.

However, as the school is increasing in size, we are finding it increasingly hard to accommodate all of the children (188 this year so far) and all of the parents.

Even though we love having all of the parents in to celebrate with us, it has got to the point where this is no longer possible. To that end, we have devised a plan where all parents will have the opportunity to celebrate at least once with their children in church.

Church event/occasion	Year group	Date in the morning
Harvest	Y3 and Y4	Autumn 1 Thursday 12 th October 2023
Remembrance	Y6	Autumn 2 Friday 10 th November 2023
Christingle/Advent	CoWo Club	Autumn 2 Friday 1 st December 2023
Christmas	EYFS	Autumn 2 To be confirmed.
Easter	Y1 and Y2	Spring 2 Thursday 21 st March 2024
Ascension Day/Pentecost	Y5	Summer 1 Thursday 23 rd May 2024

Ideally, we would love to be able to invite all parents to attend all of our church services. However, having consulted with other church schools in a similar position, we feel that this is the best solution available to us.

Breakfast Club

Monday to Friday

7.30-8.45am ~ £6.00 per child

8.00-8.45am ~ £4.00 per child

includes breakfast and a drink

Book online or contact the office

Breakfast Club is available to children from Foundation to Year 6 and takes place in the Community Lounge between 7.30am and 8.45am.

Breakfast and drinks will be provided as well as excellent childcare from school staff familiar to the children. Staff will accompany children to their teachers at both sites in time for registration.

Discounts are available for siblings attending. When booking more than one child, please book under the eldest child's name. Payment can at the time of booking using school money.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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<p>SPORTS, ARTS AND CRAFTS 3:15-4:30PM</p> <p>£4.50 P/C</p> <p>LATE STAY</p> <p>£5.50 P/C</p>	<p>MON - GYMNASTICS + ARTS + CRAFTS</p> <p>TUES - MULTISPORTS + ARTS + CRAFTS</p> <p>WEDS - FOOTBALL + ARTS + CRAFTS</p> <p>THURS - FOOTBALL + ARTS + CRAFTS</p> <p>FRI - DANCE + ARTS + CRAFTS</p>
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Getting to School Safely

With us having almost **190 pupils** now at Hathern, getting to school safely in the morning is becoming more and more challenging.



Pasture Lane and Cross Street are not designed for the amount of vehicular traffic they receive at drop-off/collection times and consequently there is an increased risk of an accident taking place. I would ask parents to remind their children to **look both ways when crossing driveways and roads**, whether walking or cycling/scooting. Where children scoot or cycle, please ensure they do so with regard for others, scooting/riding carefully (slowly) to avoid pedestrians (if on the paths). Secure bike/scooter parking is available at Pasture Lane.

I would also request that, **whenever possible, the children should walk to school**—the exercise would be an added benefit! If walking is out of the question, then could I suggest that parents park a little further away and walk the last part of the journey.

If you must drive, then please consider the safety and wellbeing of other road users, our neighbours and more importantly, our pupils walking to school, by adhering to a few guidelines:

- *drive slowly along the roads—especially along Pasture Lane
- *do not mount or drive along the pavements
- *do not drive into, or reverse into the main gated entrance at Pasture Lane
- *do not park in the school car park
- *act with consideration for others at all times.

If you are concerned about a car being driven or parked without care or attention at either site, then I would suggest that you report it to the Police, as the school has no power beyond the gates to do anything about it other than to ask respectfully for consideration for all users.

We spend a lot of time teaching our children about our CARE Code (Cooperation, Awareness, Respect and Enjoyment) and we would hope that parents would share our ethos, even in the



most testing circumstances, such as at drop off and pick up after school!

The safety of our children is incredibly important and even if these strategies are only employed occasionally, it will make a great difference overall in improving the situation.

Thank you for your continued support.