



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 CE Primary!

We are welcoming Mrs Scott (Year 6) and Miss Parsons (Year 2) to our teaching body and Mrs Kirkman-Graham and Mrs Litchfield to our amazing team of Learning Support Staff. I'm sure you will all share my positive wishes for them as they join the Hathern Family.

We are starting the new term without any restrictions and so we are looking forward to an exciting return to school. The teachers have been hard at work to get the school looking super for the children and have been busy preparing exciting lessons for the them to enjoy. We pride ourselves on our engaging, personalised curriculum that gives every child the opportunity to succeed to their fullest.

I am looking forward to seeing all the eager faces of the children as they return to school, and I will be out at the school gate in the mornings should you want to say hello.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead.

Stuart Bailey – Headteacher

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2022

August

Tues 30th School opens

September

Mon 5th- Fri 9th Year 6 PGL Residential

Friday 30th Harvest Service

October

Mon 17th- Fri 21st Half-term

November

Wed 9th School Photographer—
Individuals and Family photos

December

Fri 16th School closes at 3pm



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.

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 £2.40 per day/ £12.00 per week and children choose from a menu which changes every three weeks. Meals can be taken as one-offs or daily depending on preference. Payment can be made via SchoolMoney, in cash or by cheque direct to the office.

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, Scotch pancakes, (sugar free) fruit bars, *etc.* and 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.