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Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back



Welcome to the second half of the Spring Term. I hope you have all had an enjoyable half term. We have many exciting opportunities planned over the forthcoming weeks.

COVID-19 Update



As you will be aware, the government has made changes to the guidance for schools around covid-19. This has recommended the removal of some of the 'protective measures' that had previously been introduced to help stop the spread of covid-19.

Please find below the link to the latest guidance for parents/carers about schools and Covid-19.

'What Parents and Carers need to know about Early Years, Schools and Colleges - updated February 25th 2022'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Please see link below to the school's COVID-19 Risk Assessment on the school website. This has been reviewed and updated to reflect the new guidance and changes.

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/squirrel/UploadedDocument/13758a55-a305-4e5c-9d1d-d902bb9d6294/covid-19-risk-assessment-v11-28.02.2022.pdf>

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March 2022



Our theme for World Book Day this year is 'Bedtime Story'. On Thursday 3rd March children are invited to come to school wearing their pajamas. We would also like them to bring in a story book and soft toy/pillow.

Children will enjoy many different book activities throughout the day and their class teacher will share their favorite childhood story whilst the children enjoy a hot chocolate and a snack.

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Year 4 Leavers Hoodies



Once again, we will be offering our Year 4 pupils the option to order a leavers hoodie. Once again these can be ordered through the Smart School Uniform website by clicking the below link. In order for these to be delivered to school, any orders need to be placed by the end of March 2022.

<https://smartuniform.co.uk/product/squirrel-hayes-leavers-hoodies/>

Nursery Provision



Children can attend our Nursery setting the term after they become 3 years old. We offer 3 intakes per year: September, January and April.

January Intake: If your child is 3 years old by 31 st December, they are eligible to start our Nursery setting in January. Please apply by 25 th October.
April Intake: If your child is 3 years old by 31 st March, they are eligible to start our Nursery setting after the Easter half term break. Please apply by 28 th February.
September Intake: If your child is 3 years old by 31 st August, they are eligible to start our Nursery setting in September. Please apply by 30 th June.

Please contact the school office if you would like your child to join our Nursery setting. Alternatively, complete the nursery admission form that can be found on our school website (link below) drop it into the school office or email it over to admin@squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk

<https://www.squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk/admissions/>

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Big Yellow Friday



Big Yellow Friday is Children's Liver Disease Foundation's national fundraising day. This year it falls on Friday 4th March 2022. Please visit www.bigyellowfriday.org for more information and ideas of how you can support this charity.

School Celebrations



Due to the updated advice and guidance around covid-19 we have now reviewed our assembly timetables and opportunities to invite parents into school. We have once again re-introduced collective assemblies in the school hall where classes will be coming together. As part of our weekly assemblies, we will be holding **our 'Achievement Assembly' on Wednesdays from 2.40pm - 3.00pm.** Learners from year 1 to Year 4 will participate in this weekly celebration and **parents are welcome to attend.** During the assembly learners from across the different year groups will be celebrated for their weekly achievements and will be presented with certificates and trophies for a range of aspects of school life and learning. Following the assembly, parents are welcome to stay in the hall until it is time to collect the children at the end of the school day at 3.15pm.

If you require any additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely, Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team

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