



Welcome to the first edition of News on the Ninth!

Our monthly newsletter

Parents always want to be kept informed of what's happening at school and there are occasions where some parents miss important information as their children don't always hand them the letter. News on the Ninth is designed not only to keep you up to date with news, events, dates and celebrations, but you will always know when it is due out, the ninth of every month!

Our preferred method of sending out letters and correspondence is via email. This not only guarantees that you receive everything promptly, but it also cuts down on paper usage and copying costs. It also means that you receive the colour copy of the newsletters, etc. If you would like to sign up for email, please speak to the school office.

It's been a good start to the term and the children and staff have got back into the swing of things after the summer holidays. The good news is they are enjoying being back at school and ready to learn!

Starting this term we've introduced some new things in school which we believe will have a positive impact on the children and their learning.

It's Good to be Green!



I'm a firm believer that children need to be treated fairly and consistently and if they know their boundaries then there are less incidents of inappropriate behaviour in school. That is why we've introduced the 'Good to be Green' positive behaviour management scheme, which is based on a traffic light system which links in with our tiered intervention behaviour management system in class - reminder, warning and consequence. Every child has a green card for good behaviour and may receive a yellow card for a behaviour warning and a red card for consequences. If you pop into the classrooms you will see the wall chart on display.

The traffic light system is visual, simple and effective, and very easy for pupils to understand. They are all working very hard to make sure they don't get a yellow or red card. The most important thing is that the system rewards the children who behave well day in and day out. The children have responded well to the new system.



Silver Book!



This week saw the start of Mr Jones' Silver Book. This is where I write the names of all the children who have been sent to me for achieving something special in class.

I was really pleased this week to have the first names in my book, Tiago Barata, Udantha Jayasinghe Lucy Taylor and Lewis Farthing. They have all been commended for their outstanding work.

Well done and I hope to add a lot more names into the Silver Book over the next few weeks.

Questionnaires

Thank you very much to those who have returned my questionnaire which I sent out on Wednesday. If you haven't yet returned yours, please do so as soon as possible because your views are important to me and it will help myself and the staff plan for the future. Please pop them into the school office.

Many thanks.

Hardwick Primary's New Team System!

The staff and I are great believers in team work and working together to achieve the very best we can. This week all the children have been allocated a coloured team, either red, yellow, green or blue. We have ensured that all siblings are in the same team. Everyday the children are able to collect team points. For example: good work, behaviour, good attitude, being polite and helpful. Children can also be awarded points at playtimes and lunchtimes. The points earned are recorded and on Friday we add up the points from each colour team and the winning team will be awarded the Weekly Team Cup in our celebration assembly. At the end of each term, the team with the most points will be rewarded with something extra special and at the end of the year we will award the Winning Team Cup to the team with the most points!

It also means that we are able to run 'team' events throughout the year.

Well done to the following children in Year 4 who were voted to be the new Team Captains:

RED: *Abbey Lay & Ted Ladell*

YELLOW: *Martha Lebentz & Samuel Cockman*

GREEN: *Rosie Jones & Adam Heatrick*

BLUE: *Arundhati Sinha & Ben Skinner*



Healthy Snack Shop

Healthy Snack Shop returns next week for KS2. This is organised and run every day by children in Year 4 and for a small amount of money the children can buy a range of healthy snacks at playtime. The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 still receive a piece of fruit everyday as part of the government scheme.

Football Club!

Football Club starts again this Saturday 10th September. Training is from 10:00 to 11:15am and takes place on the school field. The club is open to all children and is run by Derek Smith. The children will need to bring their football boots or trainers and shin pads.



Start & End of the School Day



Hopefully everyone now knows where the children's classrooms are and what doors you need to drop off and collect your children from. If you could please drop off and collect younger siblings first and then your older child, this will help the teachers ensure the children are handed over safely. Also the melody you hear is the school bell system which will sound to signal the start and end of the school day. Thank you.

Harvest Festival



We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival in school on Tuesday 4th October starting at 10am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. We will also be collecting food donations on behalf of Southgate Church.



Further details will be sent out shortly.

Reminders...

The B&A Club (Before & After School Club) is running every day Monday to Friday. If you would like your child to attend the club or you want further information then please speak to the school office.

The school dinner menu from last term is still current and runs until October half term. You can pick up a copy of the menu from the school office. Also, can I please remind you that payment for school dinners should be made on a Monday. Please put cash or cheques in a named envelope. If you like to pay online please ask for details at the school office.

Should your child ever be absent from school, could you please ring the school office to report your child's absence and on their return to school, we do require a written note explaining why. Can I just remind you that if your child has vomited or has diarrhoea then they are not allowed to return to school for 48 hours after the last episode. This is the directive from the Health Protection Agency to stop the spread of infection in school.

We will shortly be sending out contact update forms to parents/carers, but in the meantime if you have changed address or your telephone number over the summer, could you please tell the office so we can update our records. It is very important that we have the correct information, including any medical or dietary needs

School clubs will be starting again very shortly and a list of the clubs we will be running this term will be sent out once it has been finalised.

Class newsletters will be coming out to you shortly which explain what the children are learning in class this term and any additional information you may require. Please look out for these next week.

Volunteers

We have a few parents/carers who volunteer to help in school. We always welcome any offers, so if you would like to volunteer, please speak to the school office.





School Responsibilities



As a school we believe it is important that as children get older they have more responsibilities in school. We would like to thank the following Year 4 children who have volunteered to be **Playground Pals**:

Finn Fitzgerald-Baker, Ted Ladell, Dominic Curry, Adam Heatrick, Samuel Cockman, Phoebe Mousley, Ayla Behcet, Abbey Lay, Ryan Chipchase, Ben Skinner, Kayla Spier, Caitlin Vizor, Madison McCracken, Martha Lebentz, Cameron Frisby, Kaiden Baker, Tiago Barata, Henry Seggie, Adam German, Reem Sibair, Molly Bunning, Lois Driscoll, Bethany Mayhew, Francesca Orr, Alex Ginns, Chloe Noland, Abigail Stannard-Brown, Jasmine Medcraft, Jullian Dalton, Elektra De Sola, Hannah O'Connor, Chloe Cavill, Josh Spriggs, Amin Muhammad, Sam Bone and Ben Silcock.

The children will be on a rota and their important job at playtime and lunchtime is to assist other children and help ensure break times are a fun and safe time!

The **School Council** is there to listen to the children's ideas and to try and make the school a better place for all children. I know lots of children will put themselves up for election and elections will take place by the beginning of next week. Good luck to you all.

Other school responsibilities include Year 4 Junior Librarians, Healthy Snack Shop and Lunchtime servers and helpers. All of which will be sorted by next week.

Dates for Diaries

Saturday 10th September: Football Club starts, 10:00-11:15am on the school field.

Monday 3rd October: The Friends of Hardwick Primary School (FOHPS) AGM 7pm in the school hall. All welcome to attend.

Tuesday 4th October: Harvest Festival. 10am in the school hall. Further details to follow.

Friday 7th October: Jeans for Genes day. Details TBC.

Wednesday 19th October: Individual school photos including family groups.

Monday 24th-Friday 28th October: Half Term.

Monday 31st October: Pupils return to school.

Friday 16th December: Last day of the Autumn term.

(Further dates may be added during the term)

School Term Dates 2011-2012

Autumn Term 2011: Tuesday 6th September to Friday 16th December 2011
(Half Term: week commencing 24th October 2011)

Spring Term 2012: Wednesday 4th January to Friday 30th March 2012
(Half Term: week commencing 13th February 2012)

Summer Term 2012: Tuesday 17th April to Friday 20th July 2012
(Half Term: week commencing 4th June 2012)