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### Dates for Diary 2022- 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September – Inset Days – Staff only  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Children attend school gates open at 8.45am  
New Reception Class children – See individual induction dates/times  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Reception to Year 6 Nasal Flu Vaccination  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Last day of term – 3pm finish

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, when the children in Year 1 to Year 6 return to school at 8.45am. Reception Class have received their individual induction dates and times, as they build up to full-time attendance.

We understand that the time off over the summer holidays and transitions to new classes can be a daunting time for some pupils, however the transition visits that the children had to their new classes, at the end of last term were very positive. The children were sensible and ready for their move to the next year group. We will all do our utmost to ensure that the children have support and time to settle into their new classes and back into school routines and expectations.

Please find below the teacher's email addresses, so that you can contact them should you need to:

Reception Class: Mrs Gilbert-Green and Mrs Best [Rehomelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:Rehomelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Year 1: Mrs Royle [Year1homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:Year1homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Year 2: Mr Matthews [Year2homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:Year2homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Year 3: Miss Rimell [Year3homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:Year3homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Year4: Mrs Coates and Mrs Godzisz [Year4homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:Year4homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Year5: Mrs Swinton [Year5homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:Year5homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Year6: Mr Turner [Year6homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:Year6homelearning@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk)

Teachers should check these emails regularly, however due to their teaching commitments may not be able to respond immediately. You can also call the school office on 01242 525616 to pass on any urgent messages. Teachers will call you back either at lunchtime or after school.

Other staff contact details:

Mel Richards (Deputy Head and Special Educational Needs Coordinator – SENDCo):  
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Kaytee Parish (Family Community Worker – FCW): [FCW@hestersay.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:FCW@hestersay.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Mrs Asquith (Admin and Finance Officer): [Admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:Admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Mrs Green (Admin and Attendance Officer): [Lgreen@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:Lgreen@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk)





## Attendance

In the academic year 2021-22, some children had unauthorised holiday absences, due to holidays previously booked by parents/carers and not taken due to Covid disruptions. As a school, we appreciated that families did not want to lose out on these holidays or the money they had spent.

However, from the academic year 2022-23, the school Attendance Policy and Gloucestershire County Council guidelines will be followed. If pupils are absent for unauthorised holiday time, you may be at risk of being fined £60 per child, per parent. For a family with two children and two parents the fine would be £240.

Although, we appreciate that holidays can offer experiences and opportunities for the children and that the rise in the cost of living and the expense of holidays during the school holidays are causing families additional expense. We also know how school absence can affect a child's learning, we must follow government guidance and statutory attendance requirements.

Please report any absence to the school office 01242 525616 or email [admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk) for safeguarding purposes.

## ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	13.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	15.5 Weeks	340 Lessons



## Breakfast Club

Invites have been sent out for specific children to attend Breakfast Club, these may relate to the child's specific needs and certain school priorities. There may be spaces available, if you wish your child to attend Breakfast Club please contact [admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk).

Breakfast Club starts at 8.20am and the children are supervised in the hall to have: low sugar cereals with milk and toast with toppings, as well as fruit, water and juice. The cost is 50p a day which must be paid through ParentPay. If you do not already have a ParentPay account, one can be set up for you.



Once the children have finished their breakfast there will be activities for the children to do, including: reading, games, handwriting/motor control, exercise and movement. It is a great way to socialise and develop independence. Our school aims to create a nurturing, caring environment, where pupils can start the day having eaten a healthy breakfast and be prepared in the best possible way for their learning, as well as supporting families with work commitments.

## PE Kits and Coats



Last year, we purchased school PE Kits, for all of the children across school. This was a great success and our pupils have looked so smart in their kits. They feel a sense of TEAM and pride, as they are all wearing the same. We also appreciate that with the rising costs of living, this is a great support for many families. This year, we hope to offer all children a PE kit and will be sending out a letter in the first week of term, to ask for your child's current size or an option given to let us know if the kit still fits your child and they can still wear this.

As you will appreciate, this costs thousands of pounds, so in order to spend school sports funds effectively, as we also want to develop the sports and Early Years outdoor areas, we are asking for you to please return all PE kits in the first week of term. Any "preloved" shorts and skorts that can be recycled and used, will be washed and shared. The white polo shirts will be bought new, as these can become worn and



discoloured. Reception Class will get a child new PE kit, we will share details of



new PE kit. If it is your preference to buy your how and where these can be purchased.

We were kindly donated money by SOHO able to get the complete order due to stock issues in the summer term. Again, we will ask for your child's current size and source these ASAP. Hopefully, the September weather will be warm, as it usually is when the children return to school, whilst we get the coats ordered.

Coffee Co. to purchase coats. We were not able to get the complete order due to stock issues in the summer term. Again, we will ask for your child's current size and source these ASAP. Hopefully, the September weather will be warm, as it usually is when the children return to school, whilst we get the coats ordered.

For the first couple of weeks, the children will be asked to wear trainers on PE days, to take part in the Daily Mile and "Wake and Shake". Details of PE days will follow.

### Parent Curriculum and Information Meetings



The teacher's will be inviting you into school, in the first couple of weeks of term, to share the curriculum for the year and information about your child's new year group.

A school calendar, more dates and events will follow. We are very much looking forward to holding more parent events this year and celebrating the children's successes with you.

See you all very soon.

Kind regards,

Miss Kirsti Ashman (Head Teacher) and the HWPS Team.

