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### Dates for Diary 2022- 2023

See Annual Calendar for in school activities and events.

This may be updated throughout the year or dates added to newsletters, as other events are planned!

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Congratulations Mrs Richards!

We have a wonderful celebration to share with you all. Mrs Mel Richards, our Deputy Head and SENDCo has been commended by Gloucestershire County Council for her twenty- five years loyal service to our school.

As a school community, we would like to thank her for teaching many pupils, including some of our parents, supporting colleagues, leading inclusive practice and shaping the improvement and development of the school, through her work as part of the school's leadership team. Thank you so much Mrs Richards for all you have done and all that you continue to do, everyday for our pupils and school!



### Welcome New Pupils

Welcome to all our of new children and their families, who have started with us, this term. Our pupils and staff have been ensuring that our new pupils are introduced to the class, make friends and find their way around school. We want every child to feel happy, nurtured and safe in our school.

Our Reception Class have settled in well and are now attending some assemblies. It is fantastic that they are joining in with school life, already. They are attending full time from next week.

### Reception Cohort 2023 – Open Mornings

Please do not hesitate to share our 'New Reception Class '23 – Open Morning' dates and times with anyone who you know, that may be interested, in starting their child with us, in the next academic year. These will be held on: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022; 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 starting at 9.30am.

### Parent Curriculum and Information Meetings

Thank you so much to all of those who have attended the Class Parent Meetings, this term. The best parent/carer attendance goes to Year 3! It is wonderful that we can hold meetings and invite parents/carers into school, again. It is important that you know the year group expectations for the curriculum, routines and expectations. Please do not hesitate to speak to teachers if you need to know anything about your child's education.

If you have read this letter please can children say STAR to Miss Ashman for a reward! ☺





**magic  
breakfast**  
fuel for learning

### Breakfast Club

A Magic Breakfast Club representative visited school last week. They were very pleased with our provision. We pay a set amount each year and they deliver cereals, bagels, and other breakfast supplies at 20% of the cost of supermarkets. We have a breakfast club that starts at 8.15am, children may be invited to this club or parents can request a place. Please email [admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk) or [FCW@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:FCW@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk) to ask for a place to be considered. All children in school have the opportunity to have warm bagels, first thing in the morning.

### Healthy Snacks

Children in Reception Class and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) are currently provided with a fruit snack at breaktime, by the Government. As a school, we currently subsidise this by providing Key Stage 2 (Year 3- Year 6) with a healthy snack too. Children have their own water bottles provided and have access to these throughout the day. Teaching staff will remind children to drink as sometimes they can become absorbed in the busy day and learning, needing reminders to keep hydrated.

### Travel Plan – Promoting Walking, Scooting and Riding to School

We have submitted a bid for a new bike shed and scooter stations. It is fantastic that most of our pupils walk to and from school, scoot or ride their bicycles. Hopefully, we will have more storage soon. As part of the work that we are doing with GCC Travel Team, they are looking at ways that they may be able to support our school through recycled bike schemes and promoting local community walks. We will keep you updated on these initiatives.



### Friends of Hester's Way Primary School



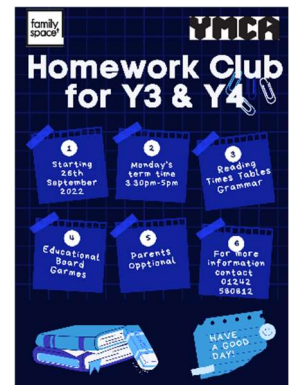
Come and join our friendly group of parents who are planning events for the children to raise money for our school. This term they will be organising a Halloween disco and a Christmas film evening! Last year they were very successful in raising over £1,500. A massive THANK YOU to all the parents who have supported this group and here's to another great year! Please look out for text messages to say when the meetings will be.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a new Chair of Governors, Penny Manuel, who was elected in September and who will be attending school events this year. There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Board. We have meetings each month, held in school. The role is interesting and strategic, in shaping and guiding the school's development and improvement. If you are interested and would like to either speak to the Head Teacher or a Governor about this opportunity, please contact the school office: [admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk) and someone will contact you to speak to you.

### Family Space Homework Club for Year 3 and Year 4

There are many community initiatives at the moment. We have emailed out about a Homework Club held at Family Space on Mondays 3.30-5pm. Details are on the flyer with contact information. The lead has informed us that she is a trained teacher and would like to support children in the local area. *Please note that other groups and events are responsible for their own safeguarding measures.*



The children have been amazing this term – keep on learning!

Kind regards,  
Kirsti Ashman (Head Teacher)

