



Newsletter 2

24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## *This term's core value: Respect*

Dear Parents and Carers

Let's start with some good news. We would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Richardson (Deputy Head) who are looking forward to the birth of their first child in February. We also congratulate Mr and Mrs Bradshaw (Year 2 teacher, currently on maternity leave, yes quick work!) who are expecting their second child, also in February.

### PTA Meeting

Please join us if you can for the first PTA meeting of the year. We thank our new chair Mark Preston for accepting the role.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 8pm via Zoom, we will send the link out via email on Monday.

### Parents' Evening

We will be organising appointments for Parents Evenings via Teams. These will be in the week commencing 12th October. More details to follow.

### Virtual Open Days

We have received guidance to say that our open events need to be virtual this year. Therefore we are in the process of creating a virtual tour video which will then be uploaded to our dedicated page <https://haddenham-st-marys.bucks.sch.uk/about-us/virtual-tours/>. There will also be the opportunity to join a Teams meeting with:

- **Karen Collett** (Headteacher)
- **Rebecca Richardson** (Deputy Head)
- **Becky Smith** (EYFS co-ordinator)

We will offer **two sessions** on:

- **Wednesday 4th November at 9:30am**
- **Tuesday 17th November at 1:30pm**

If you would like to join the meeting you can request the link from the school office by email ([office@haddenham-st-marys.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@haddenham-st-marys.bucks.sch.uk)) stating which date you would like to join.

### Parking

You may have seen my attempts to impersonate a traffic warden this week. This is in response to several complaints from neighbours and, now that I have seen this situation with my own eyes, I understand why



they were concerned. I was also very upset and embarrassed to hear that some parents had been rude to them when they have asked them to move their cars. This is completely unnecessary, unacceptable and not in the spirit of our school. The school travel plan newsletter was sent out this week and gives places to park that are only a five minute walk from school. We again request that you try to park away from the pond and Aston Road. If you do need to park there as you are tight for time, please only park on the church side of the road and not any further than the school drive. I have seen many parents and carers arriving early, parking outside the church and waiting by the pond. If you are early why not park a little further away and walk? Too many cars parking around this area are making it dangerous for those who are observing our requests and are walking, especially those with pushchairs. Please let's all work together to keep everyone safe and happy.

### **Drop off and collection**

Can we request again to reduce the amount of people at drop off and pick up, that only one parent or carer attends.

### **Happy Hedgehogs space available**

We still have places available in the hour bubble care after school and at the present time we can take bookings for this half term. Please use the email below to book a place:

[happyhedgehogs@haddenham-st-marys.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:happyhedgehogs@haddenham-st-marys.bucks.sch.uk)

### **Data collection sheets**

Children in Sunshine and Sky classes will be bringing home a data collection sheet in their book bags on Monday. This is a record of the information we keep on our data base about your child. Please check that the information is up to date and mark any changes clearly. Please then sign the sheet and return it to school via your child's bookbag. All sheets should be signed and returned to school, even if no changes are needed.

### **Wellies**

Please make sure your child has a pair of named wellies in school as we use the school field for both outdoor learning and playtimes all year round.

### **Absence**

If your child is absent from school because of illness please leave a message on the absence line (option 1) stating your child's name, class and brief reason for absence, if possible before 8:30am. Please call every day that your child is absent from school.

### **Stationery**

Sunshine and Sky parents and carers, if you have not already done so, please remember to make your voluntary contribution towards your child's stationery pack via ParentPay.

### **Flu Vaccination**

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust will be offering the flu vaccination to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This will be administered in school by the school nursing team on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November. All parents and carers will receive a letter with more information about the vaccination and details of an on-line link to the consent form three weeks prior to this date.

### **Photographs**

All children in school had their photograph taken on Tuesday by our school photographer, Veronica Stewart. You will all receive a proof and information about how to order your prints next week with a deadline date for placing orders. All orders will be delivered after half term. It was not possible to take

photographs of siblings together on this occasion but we are hoping, if restrictions allow, that we will be able to do this in the summer term when Veronica returns to take class photographs.

### **Coronavirus information for parents**

I know that you have had lots of information on this lately and I apologise for the bombardment but the Department of Education have asked us to send the information letter, attached to this newsletter email.

### **A message from St Mary's Church**

*We are unable to have our normal church Harvest Service this year, but there are opportunities for you to celebrate harvest with your children. St Mary's Church has prepared a Harvest at Home pack with activities and an apple crumble recipe and decorated the porch of the church for you to look at by copying and pasting the link below into your browser:*

[https://www.wychertvale.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WV\\_harvest\\_festival\\_31\\_08\\_20-1.pdf](https://www.wychertvale.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WV_harvest_festival_31_08_20-1.pdf)

*In the porch you should find cooking apples that you can take away and cook. They are there for you.*

*You can also leave donations for the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse in the porch. They would like tinned soups, and cartons of custard and rice pudding. They don't want pasta. They are also delighted to receive fresh vegetables and fruit.*

*Like everything else Harvest is different this year, but it is still a time to give thanks and to think of others.*

Best wishes



Mrs Karen Collett  
Headteacher