



HENLEY IN ARDEN  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to a new school year for some and a new school for others! We look forward to catching up with everyone's news and to settling in to our new classes. There have been some improvements made around school - see if you can spot them! We would like to welcome Miss Casa who will join the children in Year 1 alongside Mrs Field as she does her Graduate Training Course with us this year. Welcome also to new children who have started with us. We hope you will be very happy here at Henley.

**Ofsted inspection**

As you know, we had an Ofsted inspection on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July. The report was released to us at 4.00 on the day we broke up for summer so we were not able to give you a copy. It is now on the Ofsted website and the school website. We are very pleased with the result which judges us to be a good school with a number of outstanding features. We are particularly pleased with being given outstanding for 'Care, Guidance and Support' of the children as this is an area we value greatly so we have plenty to celebrate. We will of course be addressing the recommendations made over the course of this year.

Every parent is entitled to a copy of the report. We know that many of you prefer to receive information via email so we will email a copy of the report to families who have signed up for emails. We will send paper copies to those who usually prefer that form of communication. However, if you would like a paper copy in addition to an email, please contact the office and we will get one to you the same day.

We also had the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (SIAS) on 20<sup>th</sup> July and received that report during the summer. You are also entitled to a copy of that report so we will use the same system as detailed above. Again, we are very pleased with the outcome and feel it to be a very fair assessment of our short time as a church school.

**Dinner Money**

Unfortunately, dinner money has increased from £1.80 a day to £1.85. The cost until October half term is £72.15 per child and until Christmas is £136.90 per child.

We need to inform you that we are not able now to let anyone get more than one week in arrears with dinner money payment. Please keep up to date with payment as we will have to refuse hot dinner if payment is overdue.

Anyone wishing to apply for free school meals can now do so online or over the phone. Please contact school for more information.

**Reading Army**

We will be continuing our Reading Army this year as we know it has had a major impact on our reading standards in school and the children really enjoy it.

If you are already a part of the Reading Army, please contact Sally Evans to confirm your times for this term.

If you would like to join the Reading Army, please contact the office and we will arrange to talk to you. You only need to commit 15 minutes a week to make a difference to a child's reading progress. Some people stay for an hour once a week, others do much more. It can be at any time of the day in any class. You can choose to read with your own child if you prefer. All those who take part tell us how much they enjoy the experience.

**Parents' Evenings**

We offer two choices for the parent teacher consultation meeting, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30 - 8.00 and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 - 6.00. Please sign up on the lists which will be in the entrance hall from 3<sup>rd</sup> October or telephone school to book your 10 minute slot with your child's class teacher. If you think there are issues that need more time to discuss, please make an additional appointment for another occasion. At this meeting we generally concentrate on how your child has settled in to their new class, what their targets are for the next year and what you can do to help in the short and long term. Consultations are in the hall but the classrooms are open for you to see your child's learning.

**Jolly Phonics**

This is a very important evening for the parents of the Reception children to find out how we teach your children the sounds that lead them on to reading and writing. Our system involves a lot of practice at home so it is very important that you know how to do this. It's also great fun and an opportunity to ask any questions about school that have cropped up so come along on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00. We'll be in the reception classroom but please enter via the main front door.

**Congratulations**

We would like to congratulate Mrs Hayes who has been accepted on to the National Professional Qualification for Headteachers Course (NPQH) which means she is officially a trainee headteacher.

## PTA

The PTA will meet this Thursday at 8.00 in school to discuss the forthcoming 'Race Night'. Please try to attend if possible.

## KS2 Maths evening

We are going to try again to hold a maths calculation evening for parents of children in KS2 (after cancelling two last term!) Please come along if you would like to learn how and when we teach your child column addition and subtraction and long division and long multiplication. Parents have told us in previous years that this evening was very helpful to them and their child, especially for home learning. It will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 in school.

## KS1 Maths evening

We will also hold a maths evening for parents of KS1 children to show you how it all begins including explaining the mysteries of a number line, partitioning and arrays. Do come along if you would like to be able to speak the same mathematical language as your child!

## Henley in Bloom

The 'tray gardens' will be judged on 12<sup>th</sup> September so please have your entries in school by then.

## Cross of Nails

As part of the celebration of 200 years of church schools, each Church of England school in the Diocese will receive the special cross of nails which began its journey from Coventry Cathedral in January and will complete its journey at the end of the year. We will receive the cross from Wootton Primary on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and pass it on to The Ferncumbe Primary on 26<sup>th</sup> September. The cross of nails is very special to Coventry as a symbol of peace and reconciliation following the bombing in WW2. More information about the event will follow soon.

## Photographs

The school photographer will arrive in school at 8.30 on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. We will be starting with a staff photograph which was postponed from the summer followed by family photographs which include a pre-school sibling. Please bring your family, if you have a pre-school child, to the hall at 8.45. We will organise school family photos later in the morning. These photographs will be taken in the traditional format but in the spring, we will be offering you the opportunity to have some more contemporary pictures taken.

## Open day

Please tell your friends and neighbours we will be having an Open Day on 27<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30-2.30.

Prospective parents can come and see a normal day at school as they are escorted on a tour of the school by Year 6 pupils.

## Harvest Celebration

We will hold our annual Harvest Celebration on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 1.30. All the children in school will take part and parents and families are welcome to join us. You may take your child home after the service. We will collect non-perishable produce from 17<sup>th</sup> October and donate it to the Salvation Army based in Stratford.

<b>September</b>		
6	9.00	Back to school
12	9.00	Reception in full time
14	7.00	Jolly Phonics evening Reception parents
21		1 <sup>st</sup> Warwickshire college for Years 5 and 6
26	8.30	Individual and family photos
<b>October</b>		
3	9.00	Parents' Evening lists in entrance hall
6	7.00	KS2 maths evening for parents
14	6.00-7.30	Disco
19	5.30-8.00	Parents' evening
20	3.30-6.00	Parents' evening
21	1.30	Harvest
	3.15	Break up
31	9.00	Back to school
<b>November</b>		
3	7.00	KS1 Maths evening
<b>December</b>		
5	pm	KS1 dress rehearsal
6	am	KS2 dress rehearsal
6	1.45	KS1 performance
7	1.45	KS2 performance
7	6.15	KS1 performance
8	6.15	KS2 performance