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Newsletter #1

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school after the long summer holidays.

It was really lovely to see all the children yesterday morning full of excitement at seeing their friends again and full of stories about their holidays. A special mention to Thomas, Ella, Wazif, Nicola, May-Lan and Harjot who enjoyed their first day at school in Foundation 1. We also welcome Rory (Year 2) and Mihnea (Year 5) and their families to our school community. We would also like to congratulate the Rossellón Prakoso family on the arrival last week of baby Matthew.

It is very important to us that parents are partners in their child's education ("Parents as Partners"). Next week there will be an information session for parents of children in Key stages 1 & 2 and a coffee morning for parents of children in Foundation. This will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and the Senior Management Team of the school as well as enjoy an informal time with staff and other parents of children in the class. We look forward to seeing you there. We have also been very pleased with all of your offers of help during the coming year. Thank you all for your generous offers of time. The list will be published in our next newsletter. If you are able to give any of your time to school activities and have not yet informed us then please contact Sue Beattie.

As many of you know, Caroline Bennett is no longer working at the Helen Sharman School. We thank her for all the support she has given the children and wish her all the very best in her future career. Sue Beattie is now responsible for all learning support, including language support.

We have a very busy term ahead. Later in September we will be inspected by ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate) as part of a BSN-wide inspection. Once again thank you to all parents who have completed the Parental Survey, which was sent to all parents at the end of last term. If you still have not completed your survey then please send it in this week. It is very important to the school that you share your views as part of this process.

Please note there is a change of time for the Golden Time assemblies on Friday afternoons. For new parents, this is a special assembly held at the end of each week in which we celebrate children's achievements. All parents are welcome and we are always pleased with the attendance at these special assemblies. We look forward to seeing you there. **Golden time assemblies will start at 14:50 and begin on Friday 11th September.**

School starts at 8.30 for children in Year 1-6 and Foundation children can come into the classroom from 8.15. There will be a teacher on duty from 8.15 in the playground. Please can you ensure that your child is in school on time and ready to start the day. Being late for registration can affect your child's start to the school day and disrupt the other children in the class who may have already begun working. If you are unavoidably late then you need to bring your child into the School Office and sign the late book.

A reminder that we have a child in Year 4 with a severe peanut allergy and therefore ask that there are no peanuts as part of snack or lunch for children in years 3-6. Thank you for your co-operation.

I wish you a very good term ahead and look forward to working with you this coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Michala Warner
Headteacher

Key Dates	
8 Sept.	KS1 Parents Meeting (14:15-15:15)
9 Sept.	Foundation 1/2 Parents Meeting (08:30) 'Friends of..' meeting (18:30 at school)
10 Sept.	KS2 Parents Meeting(14:00-15:15) School Swimming starts
11 Sept.	School Bingo (18:00-20:00)
18 Sept.	School closed (staff training day)
15 Oct.	Parents Forum
19-23 Oct.	Half Term Holiday

Request from Year 5/6

We have started our "Keen to be Green" topic and are on the look out for any catalogues and magazines with pictures of gadgets in them. We would greatly appreciate any donations!

School Uniform

The clothing company NEXT from the UK sell uniform items at very reasonable prices and they will only charge €5 per order. They also sell shoes. Please refer to the following website:

<http://www.nextdirectory.eu/page.asp?b=G34&p=504&o=2>

Nottinghamshire Police Visit



Last term we were visited by three members of the Nottinghamshire Police Force who were here working with Dutch colleagues for the Assen TT. DS O'Hagan and his colleagues from the UK visited the school to talk to the children. They set them a competition and in assembly today the prize winners were announced. Congratulations to all those children who took part. The entries will go on display in the Town Hall in Nottingham. We look forward to another visit next year.

BINGO Night

The 'Friends of the Helen Sharman School' are busy organising their first family event of the term. On Friday 11th September from 18.00-20.00 it will be BINGO NIGHT with Bingo Brian in the Caller's Chair. Please support this event and come along and enjoy the fun of a few games of Bingo. If any parents wish to join the Friends then come along to their first meeting of the term. We will post details in the entrance hall.



School Swimming

School Swimming, for Foundation 2 children upwards, will start next Thursday afternoon, 10 September. The last lesson will be on 26 November 2009. Can you please make sure your child(ren) bring(s) their swimming costume and a towel in a bag on these dates? The children will go to and from 'DeSmelt' swimming pool by coach.



Foundation 1/2



Year 1/2

First days back at School



Year 3/4



Year 5/6