



Hackwood News

22nd April, 2021



Dear Families,

We hope that you all had a good Easter and managed to take the time to connect with friends and family as we gradually come out of lockdown. In particular, well done to those of you who have managed to take part in 'Beat the Street' It continues to run into May so keep up the walking, scooting or biking. It is great to see so many children registering their journey on the box outside school everyday.

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school, ready for the term ahead. We have plenty of exciting learning planned as well as some whole school 'events' so please read the rest of the newsletter to find out more. We continue to stick to our rigid risk assessment, including class bubbles, in order to minimise the spread of Covid 19 but we also hope that the summer term will mean we are able to return to more normal activities as well as make the most of being outdoors.

Our INSET days for next year are listed at the bottom of the newsletter and the remaining INSET day for this year is Monday 21st June. In addition, don't forget that Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday.

Best Wishes,

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Mrs T. Rolfs

Mrs S. Binoy

Digital Lift Off- Friday 23rd April

You will have seen in Mr Hughes' letter to parents before the Easter break that this Friday we are having a Digital Lift Off which launches our plan to bring more one to one devices to our children and enhance technology across school. On Friday the children will be asked to dress in bright colours to signify their bright future as well as donate £1 to help with starting off our technology fund.



The first step is to provide all our Y3 to Y6 children with a personal iPad, funded by the Trust and charitable donations, to use for learning at school and home. For our younger children they will have increased access to technology in school before extending our one to one home-school device offer. All our staff are also accessing high quality training to ensure we have the skills needed too!

Why is this important?

Put simply, we know that having the skills and confidence to use technology will not only help our children learn but will also be an important **key to their future success**.

Home Learning Task:

We also want our children to understand the importance of technology and in an assembly this week they started to think about the recent history around new technologies. We have asked the children to speak to adults at home about the technological changes you have seen in your life times and how this has changed the way you live. I am sure you will also enjoy going down memory lane.

Hackwood Primary Growth Update

It seems a long time ago that our first 50 children started at Hackwood in September 2019. From September 2021 Hackwood will be a 1 form entry academy from Year 1 to Year 5 and in September 2022 we will have opened all classes, including Year 6. We had a very high level of interest for reception places for September and are pleased that our reception class will be full. We are also sorry that some of our nursery children did not get a place.

As we have had a Year 1 and 2 mixed class this year and are moving to separate classes this means that we will have spaces in Year 2 and Year 3 from September. We also still have a few spaced in our current Year 3 and 4 and have enjoyed providing a warm welcome to some new children this week.

Parent / Carer survey

We have created a short online survey for you to ask your views on potentially having childcare provision at Hackwood for before and after school. We would also like to ask you about after school clubs so we can put plans in place for September. Please click on the link to complete the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/r/KW3qNe8TCt> Please complete the survey by 28th April.

What are we learning in school this term?

The children are excited to start learning about their new topics this term and they will be bringing home some information on this to show you next week. The new topics are as follows:

Year 4— what would the world be like without electricity?

Year 3— how did World War Two affect Derby?

Year 1/2— Was the Great of London a good thing?

Reception & Nursery—Special People

Face coverings and socially distancing, at drop off and pick up times

Please remain vigilant at the school gates at the start and end of the day. We ask that you continue to wear face masks (unless exempt) and keep a distance from others. Thank you for your understanding and support with this to help keep all of our school community safe.



INSET Days

2020-21

Monday 21st June 2021

2021-22

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 22nd November 2021

Friday 18th February 2022

Monday 27th June 2022

