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Hobletts Manor News

Headteacher Message



All schools rely on the amazing work of volunteers and over the last few weeks I have met a number of fabulous volunteers who work behind the scenes at Hobletts Manor Infants. This week saw the first governor meeting of the year. Governors have a crucial role in leading the strategic vision for the school and both supporting the school whilst holding myself and leaders to account.

The Friends of Hobletts Manor Infants (our PTA!) do fabulous work in funraising and have ensured that we can offer funded events.Both of these groups woud love more members! Please see the third page of this newsleter if you want more information.

Attendance

Following changes to legislation introduced by the Department for Education (DfE) in August 2024, we are now required to treat requests for term-time leave—such as holidays—as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. In such cases, a penalty notice must be considered.

Exceptional circumstances are typically unavoidable, one-off events. Holidays taken for leisure or recreation do not meet this threshold.

Did you know..
Children who miss one day of nursery or school a week will have missed over 2 months of learning in a year!

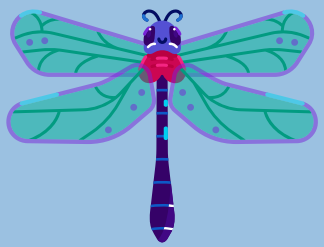


CLASS BLOGS!

*Read your class blog to find out what your child has been learning this week! Click **here***













What's coming up...

- **Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day**
- **Friday 17th October - Show racism the red card day - on this day children are invited to come in non school uniform and wear a red top / accessories (hairband / socks)**
- **Tuesday 21st October Harvest Festival events - further details to be shared nearer the time.**

Spotlight on the curriculum - Self-regulation

Children in this age group are still developing the brain connections that help with impulse control, flexible thinking, and emotional regulation. This means they may:

- Find it hard to wait their turn or share.
- Struggle with transitions, like moving from playtime to tidy-up time.
- Become overwhelmed by strong feelings such as frustration, excitement, or disappointment.
- Need frequent reminders about routines and expectations.

How we support regulation in school

We offer children opportunities to practise and strengthen these skills. Some of the strategies include:

- Clear routines and boundaries so children know what to expect.
- Visual supports like timetables and calming areas.
- Role-modelling calm responses, showing children how to manage feelings in healthy ways.
- Opportunities for movement and play to release energy and reset attention.
- Teaching emotional language, so children can name their feelings and seek help.

How to Help at Home

You can make a big difference by reinforcing the same skills at home. Helpful strategies include:

- Keeping routines predictable, especially around meals, bedtime, and homework.
- Using calm voices and simple explanations when children are upset.
- Practising patience in small ways, like waiting for a turn during a game.

Staying Safe, Staying Healthy!

Earrings



Hooped earrings create a great safety concern when children are as active as the children at Hobletts Infants are! If these earrings get caught on apparatus/equipment/clothing they will rip out.

How to stay safe

- Please ensure that your child wears studs to school.

Lipbalm



Some children require lip balm for very sore mouths. We would not want to stop this. However, we have a few children bringing in flavoured lip balms and then sharing them with friends. This will spread germs and is unhygenic.

How to stay safe

- If your child needs a lip balm please hand it to their teacher and we can ensure that they can use it safely and hygienically.



Success of the Week!

We had a record number of children trying the school dinner yesterday! It was also lovely to see some children trying a school dinner even though they had their packed lunch as a back up! The votes were overwhelmingly 'great!' A big thanks to Sharon, our cook, and all the staff in the kitchen who make such great meals!

We will be looking for further aspects of school life to seek children's views!

We Need your Help!

Could you be a Parent Governor?

We are looking for new Parent Governors to join our Governing Body. Parent Governors play a vital role in shaping the vision and direction of the school, supporting staff, and ensuring the best outcomes for all pupils. No previous experience is required – just enthusiasm, commitment, and a willingness to work as part of a team. An induction and training will be provided.

If you are interested in finding out more or would like to put yourself forward, please contact the school office and arrange a meeting with either myself and/or another governor for further information.

Contributions for the School Foodbank





Our school foodbank continues to be an important source of support for some of our families during challenging times. Donations are shared discreetly with those who need them most, and every contribution really does make a difference. At the moment, we are especially in need of:



- pasta
- jars of pasta sauce
- toiletries (such as shampoo, conditioner, shower gel)

If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the school office.

FOHMS - Friends of Hobletts Manor School

We are always looking for new members to join FOHMS - our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). This group helps to organise fun events and fundraising activities that directly benefit our school community. Whether you can spare just a few hours or a little more time, your support makes a real difference.

They are holding an AGM on Thursday 16th October in the Junior school.

We would love to see lots of new members there.

A flyer with more details about the role and how you can get involved is included with today's email.