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Leadership Changes

Dear Parents and Carers,

After many happy years as Headteacher of New Haw, I will be retiring in December. It is a great privilege to lead such a happy and successful school and, as you can imagine, my planned departure is somewhat bitter sweet!

However, my sadness in leaving is tempered by the knowledge that the school will be in very safe hands. I am delighted to announce that our current Deputy Head, Mrs Linnegar, has been appointed to Headteacher of the school from January. To support this transition, I will be reducing my hours during this term, allowing Mrs Linnegar to increasingly take on the role of Head of School and prepare for her new position.

Mrs Cahill
Executive Headteacher



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School Value of the Week

Magic Manners

This week, we have been talking to the children about the learning behaviour, 'Magic Manners' and the magic of good manners.

Our focus has been on meeting and greeting, door etiquette and showing kindness and respect in our everyday interactions. We have been exploring how good manners can help us to open doors to positive relationships, build bridges with others and create a happier, more welcoming school community.

It is wonderful to see our children putting these ideas into practice and discovering that a little bit of courtesy really can go a long way. After all, good manners cost nothing, but their impact can be magical!

Important Updates

Child Safety

A few important reminders for parents and carers to help us keep all of our children safe while on the school site.

Around the car park - When waiting for your children near the car park, please ensure that they remain with you on the pathway. The car park is particularly busy at drop-off and collection times, so it is important that children are **not playing, scooting, cycling or running around the car park at any time**. Please keep children close to you and away from moving vehicles.

Access from The Grange - If you are also a parent of The Grange, please ensure that you collect your child from New Haw by using the New Haw pedestrian gate only and walking into the playground.

We have noticed a number of parents walking across the school field from The Grange. Whilst this may seem like a convenient route, it compromises our site security, particularly while children are still in classrooms and taking part in PE lessons around the school grounds.

We really appreciate your support in following these arrangements. Thank you for helping us to maintain a safe and secure environment for all our children, staff and families.

Attendance Reminder

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the headteacher.

[Please click here to view our Absence Letter.](#)

Year 6 Parents - Secondary School Applications

A reminder for all our Year 6 parents that applications for secondary school places are now open.

Please make sure you **apply for your child's secondary school place by 31st October 2026.**

All the information you need, including details of how to apply and the application process, can be found on the Surrey County Council website:

[Apply for a secondary school – Surrey County Council](#)

Year Group Overviews

This year, we are inviting parents and carers into school for a coffee morning — an opportunity to meet the team, connect with other parents and find out more about the year ahead.

We hosted our first coffee morning with our Year 3 parents yesterday, and it was lovely to see so many of you there. Parents had the chance to meet members of the teaching, leadership, SENCO and office teams, catch up with friends and hear more about what to expect this year, including the curriculum, homework expectations and school trips.

We look forward to welcoming our **Year 4, 5 and 6** parents next week:

Year 4: Monday 14th September at **8:45am**

Years 5 & 6: Tuesday 15th September at **8:45am**

If you are unable to attend, please don't worry. The presentation slides will be available shortly on the school website under **Year Group Overviews**, so you can still find out everything you need to know about the year ahead.

School Fun

Puffer Fish Creations

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Art Club 'Puffer Fish' project over the summer! We hope you had lots of fun bringing your colourful underwater creations to life.

We couldn't resist sharing this wonderful creation from Joshua in Year 4 — it's absolutely fabulous!



Well done, Joshua! What a fantastic piece of artwork!



Message from the Parent-Teacher Association

The Little Recyclers Are Back!

Time for a clear-out? If you have any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, belts or jewellery, please bag them up and bring them to the Reception lobby.

 **Wednesday 23rd September: 4:00pm–6:00pm**

 **Thursday 24th September: Before 9:00am**

Every **kilogram collected means £££ for our school!** So, have a rummage, fill a bag and help us turn your unwanted items into valuable funds for our children.

Autumn Quiz & Chips – Thursday 1st October

Gather your teams and get ready for an evening of fun, food and friendly competition!

 **6:30pm** – PTA AGM Update (*optional*)

 **7:00pm–10:00pm** – Quiz with fish and chip supper

Ticket and booking information will be shared soon, so start assembling your dream quiz team now and get those random facts ready!

If you are interested in supporting the PTA in any capacity, please email newhawjuniorpta@gmail.com

Reminders

Planning Ahead

14th September - Year 4 Coffee Morning 8.45am to 9.30am

15th September - Year 5 & 6 Coffee Morning 8.45am to 9.30am

21st September - Parents Evening for 3V only*

22nd September - Parents Evening for 3GM & 3M*

24th September - Parents Evening for Year 3*

2nd October - Class 6C Assembly @ 3pm

9th October - Class 5R Assembly @3pm

*Details for Parents Evening bookings will be sent to year 3 next week.

Don't Miss a Date!

Access the parent school calendar here:

[New Haw Community School - Calendar](#)

If you hit the 'Subscribe' button on the page, it will synch the dates to your device's calendar!
