

HCJS Newsletter

Aiming High, Celebrating Success

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STAFF NEWS

With only seven weeks to go until the end of term, we are in the very fortunate position of being able to announce quite a few new additions to the staff team. Firstly I'm delighted to announce that Mr Andrew Millburn, Miss Amy Hicks and Miss Rachel Hammond (soon to be Mrs Collins) have all been appointed as full time class teachers for September. I'm sure Mr Millburn and Miss Hicks are well known to many of you; they have spent this year completing their 'on the job' graduate trainee programmes with us here at HCJS. Miss Hammond will also be well known to some of you, as she is a Haddenham resident, (and one of our Year 3 parents!) I'm thrilled to be gaining the services of three such talented and enthusiastic teachers. I'm also very happy to say that we have been able to increase the size of our teaching support team too. Mrs Rebecca Abdey and Mrs Supriya Gorai have been appointed as Teaching Assistants - (Mrs Abdey has already taken up her post and Mrs Gorai will do so shortly). I'm particularly pleased to say that both of their roles include Midday Supervision too; this is particularly welcome as it is an area we have traditionally found difficult to recruit for. Finally, Mrs Michelle Batt will also be joining us shortly to further increase the size of our Midday team. I'm sure you'd all like to join me in welcoming all of our new additions and hope that they have many happy years with us here at HCJS.

On to slightly sadder news. Two very valuable members of staff will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Adams is retiring after many years of loyal service. We thank her for her unstinting support and inspirational ideas. Also after 23 years of fantastic service to this school, our much loved Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Sweeney will be retiring at the end of this academic year. I am sure that she will still be a frequent visitor and helper in school, but the time has come for her to step down from day to day involvement and explore the rich possibilities of retirement. There is much more I wish to say about Mrs Sweeney and the way she has supported me in my first couple of years as your Headteacher, but I'll save that for a future newsletter nearer the end of term - there are a couple of months to go yet! Finally - I may be losing a Deputy, but I'm gaining two Assistant Headteachers. I'm delighted to announce that Mrs Palmer & Mr Smart have been appointed to those new roles by the Governing Board. As always we never stand still and look to the future with optimism and confidence!

Building work commences

I'm delighted to be able to say that the work to improve and extend several of our classrooms and cloakrooms is now underway in earnest. (I'm sure you've noticed the builder's vans and skip on the large playground this week. Our very friendly team of builders have made great progress already as you can see from the photograph below and we are already picking colours and choosing flooring. Please forgive our appearance during this transitional phase - keeping everything tidy and clean is already proving a challenge!



Learners of the week



18th May 2018



25th May 18

Forthcoming events

Year 6 Residential—Wales

Week 1. 11th—15th June

Week 2. 18th—22nd June

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th June

Year 5 Science Trips

Thursday 14th June

Year 4 trip to

Hazard Alley

Friday 15th June

2.30pm Year 5 showcase to parents

Monday 25th June

Class Photographs—Veronica
Stewart

Tuesday 10th July

Year 3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Tuesday 3rd July

County Move Up Day

Wednesday 4th July 6pm

Year 2 Parents Information Evening

Wednesday 18th July

9.15am Year 6 Leavers Assembly

1.15pm SPORTS DAY

Friday 20th July—Last day of term!

School Start times

Please could we ask you to ensure that your children do not come onto the school playground prior to 8.40am. The staff are only available to supervise them from 8.40am onwards.

Marks & Spencer School Uniform

Please do take advantage of the 20% OFF offer from Marks and Spencer school uniform. The offer runs from 5th June to 3rd July inclusive and all orders over £50 have free delivery. Visit <http://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com/> to order.

Football Kit Sponsorship

We are really fortunate to have two brand new, boys football kits in school and were wondering if any parents would like to sponsor the kit and have their company name on it. Please come and have a chat to Mr Smart if you are interested or email the School Office.