

8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We would like to start the new school year by warmly welcoming new pupils and families to our school. Nursery and Reception pupils have been amazing, settling to school with ease and displaying beaming smiles. It has been a pleasure to visit the classrooms and see our youngest children happy at the start of their school career and learning journey. Indeed, across the school, positive attitudes have been very much on display and there has been a sense of determination to get back to work. Your children are a credit to you.

I can always rely on Hatton Hill parents to dress children smartly with careful attention to detail, such as matching hair bobbles. We thank you for this as our uniform helps bring us together as a community and sets the tone that learning is important. If families are struggling to meet the cost of uniform, please contact Mrs Hickey in confidence. Our nearly new uniform sales will start again soon and we hope that this will be supported by many families as a way of saving money, but also a way of reducing waste.

PE Kits should be worn on the correct day. There have been a few muddles during the first week back, as we expected, but children should now be clear which days are PE days. Occasionally we will need to make changes so it is important to check our weekly newsletter. Please can parents also ensure that all children have a pair of pumps and black shorts in a drawstring bag to keep in school for indoor PE.

The Importance of Free School Meals (FSM): Currently, children in the infants are entitled to universal free school meals. This means that every infant child can receive a hot dinner completely free of charge. However, the information below is still relevant to infant children.

You may be entitled to means-tested FSM and it is important to apply even if your child is in the infants or on packed lunch. The school receives additional funds for all children entitled to FSMs which is used to support their learning and provide additional support for children and families. Currently, families entitled will also receive £15.00 worth of supermarket vouchers per child during every week of school holiday. It is your entitlement. As a Sefton resident, you are eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- **Income Support**
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit ONLY (not entitled/receiving Working Tax Credit) and have an income of less that £16190.00
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax
- Universal Credit and have a net household income of less than £7400 per annum
- Support under VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act

If you are unsure, please pop into the school office and Miss Taylor will help you complete a quick eligibility check. Alternatively, contact Mrs Hickey or the School Admissions and Pupil Support Team on: 0151 934 3456. Please remember that children do not know who is paying for a meal and who is receiving a free one – our children simply line up and collect their meal.

Tesco Tokens: Our application to *Tesco Stronger Starts* has been a success so from October 2023 until mid-January 2024, we will be one of the three chosen causes for the blue token collections in store. We are hoping to win and gain maximum funding of £1,500 which will be used to buy playground games and employ a sports coach to help increase activity during lunchtimes. Active children are happy children! Please save your tokens and encourage everyone you know to vote for Hatton Hill!

Attendance: Last year the attendance at Hatton Hill was very poor. Hatton Hill children came to school less often than most children in the country which puts them at a huge disadvantage. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children are in school each and every day unless they are genuinely too ill to attend. Our curriculum is progressive, so if your child is absent he/she will have big gaps in learning and will struggle to keep up with others in the class. Missing school also creates challenges within friendship groups. Certainly, holidays should never be booked during term time. Helpful advice regarding childhood illness is available here: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Summer Reading Challenge: Well done to families who have completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge. For those of you who are nearly there, please return your books by Saturday, 9th September if possible so that your child can receive their certificate in our school assembly.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Anna James Headteacher



Week Commencing: Monday, 11th September 2023

Monday

Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps Year 3
Outdoor PE lesson Year 6

Lunchtime Sports Club Selected classes (rota)

Tuesday

Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps Year 2 & J8
Outdoor PE lesson Year 3

Lunchtime Sports Club Selected classes (rota)

Wednesday

15:15-16:15

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Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps
Outdoor PE lesson
Football Team Training
Multi Sports Club
Years 4 & 5

Thursday

Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps Year 5
Outdoor PE lesson Year 4

Lunchtime Sports Club Selected classes (rota)

13:30-15:30 Swimming Lesson (late return) J7

Friday

Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps
Outdoor PE lesson

Lunchtime Sports Club

Reception

Years 1, 2 & 5

Selected classes (rota)

Autumn PE Timetable (Please ensure that children in Years 1-6 have the correct kit (no brand logos) on the following days):

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Indoor	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Nursery	Reception
		J8	Year 4	Year 5	_
Outdoor	Year 6	Year 3	Reception	Year 4	Year 1
			_	J7 - Swimming	Year 2
					Year 5

This Week's Menu

Dinner money must be paid in advance. £2.42 per day

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
V Cook's Choice	Chicken Curry	Honey Glazed Gammon	Meatballs in Tomato	Fishy Friday				
Pizza	50/50 Rice	Cauliflower & Broccoli	Sauce	Mushy Peas				
Coleslaw	Naan Bread	Carrots	Pasta	Chipped Potatoes				
Mixed Salad		Gravy						
1/2 Jacket Potato		Paprika Roasted Potato						
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V Sweet & Sour	V Home-made Cheese	V Slicked Quorn Fillet	V Quorn Scouse	V Roasted Vegetable				
Boiled Rice	Pie	Cauliflower & Broccoli	Beetroot	Pesto Pasta				
	Baked Beans	Carrots	Crusty Bread	Crispy Salad				
		Gravy						
		Paprika Roasted Potato						
Or								
Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with				
Various Fillings	Various Fillings	Various Fillings	Various Fillings	Various Fillings				
Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)	Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6) Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)		Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)	Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)				
Dessert								
Shortbread Biscuit &	Ice Cream Pot	Rice Pudding & Jam	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fairy Cake				
Sliced Fruit		Sauce						
	Fruit juice or fresh water							