

Heswall Primary School

'Better Never Stops'



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Dear Parents,

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Happy New Year to you all. As always, there has been plenty going on here at Heswall Primary and we are about to enter another busy period starting tomorrow with another census day – one of 3 dates on which the authority collects information from the school to determine school funding. One aspect is the Universal Free Infant School Meal (UFISM) grant for children in F2, Y1 & Y2. The more children that have a school dinner tomorrow, the bigger the grant will be for the school. We rely on every possible penny of funding, so tomorrow (Thursday 16th January) you could help us by letting your child have a free school dinner.

Attendance

We are determined that all of the children get every chance to meet their potential and to do this, they must be in school every day by 8.50am. The school's target is for the average attendance of all our children to be at 97%. At the moment, our average is closer to 95% which means that too many school sessions are being missed. Please help us improve the attendance by ensuring that children are never off school unless it is absolutely necessary and inform us immediately if they are ill. Children's attendance is constantly monitored and each week, each class competes for the ISEDOT (In School Every Day On Time) award. We hope that with your support, we can achieve our target. There are currently 28 children in the school with 100% attendance and a further 48 children who have attendance over 98%.

Dangerous Parking

We have received complaints from local residents and from some of our school families about illegal parking outside the school including cars parking completely on the pavement whilst families have been walking along. We are aware that it is difficult to park around school at drop off and pick up times but please allow enough time to park legally to help keep all of our children safe.

Wombles of Heswall Primary

On Tuesday, we went back to the 1970s to see an eco-message that had been there all along! For one day, we brought back the Wombles – educating the next generation of children about the furry creatures that turn trash into useful things. The children and staff had a great day singing and acting as we recorded our newest eco-film. For anyone that has seen the pictures of the trash on the school Facebook page – we promise it was staged for the film! There was once again a lovely atmosphere in school as we kept our promise from last summer's Plastic Pledge and kept driving the eco-message forward. We have noticed a big difference in the way that children treat and talk about their environment and we hope they have kept you all informed at home too.

Science Under the Stars

Thursday 23rd January once again brings our Science Under the Stars event to Heswall. This year we will have a real rocket that has actually travelled to space in our playground. In an effort to keep to our Plastic Pledge Promise, we are attempting to produce the most eco-friendly event we have ever run. There will be no disposable cups or plastic bottles and the PTA have invested in special new cups to help us keep our promise – you can even bring your own cup! The event will open at 4pm and will last until approximately 6pm. We hope you can join us at this special event.

Beehive Club

I am delighted to say that the Beehive Club has started brilliantly. The children are given a small meal as soon as school is finished and then the children are in the hall enjoying themselves. Activities so far have included stop frame animation, model making, Cat's Cradle string activities as well as children having the chance to relax or play with a range of toys and art materials. Thanks to Beth, Jenny, Diane and Mrs Wright for their determination to make it work so well and to Mrs Spofforth and Miss Williams in the office for working hard behind the scenes to make sure that all is working perfectly. If you are interested in the Beehive Club, please visit the school website or call into the school office.

Best Wishes,

Mr J Lawrenson, Headteacher

