



Newsletter

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What a brilliant first week!

I am so proud of all our children and how well they have returned to school. I have seen terrific team work, fantastic friendships and wonderful resilience.

Over the first few days of school, we have seen our children become immersed in new topics, learning new skills and developing a strong knowledge base. It is fair to say we have had a very busy start to the school year. At the beginning of next week, you will be able to view a **'Parent Information Booklet'** on the school website which contains information for your child's new areas of learning for the half term. I will put a message on the APP when they are ready for you to view. This will provide you with facts, vocabulary and interesting information the children will be learning in school. You can use this to talk to your child at home as this will help them remember new knowledge and skills they are learning. If you would like a paper copy, please ask your class teacher. As ever, we are looking forward to seeing the fantastic homework you complete together which can be brought into school as and when it is completed.

All the staff are especially proud of our new school starters. They have settled well into school life and have enjoyed learning with their new friends. Our Nursery children have already started performing nursery rhymes for their new friends and Reception have enjoyed exploring Miss Johnsons new reading books. We have some genuine stars in the making!

**If you haven't already done so, you can follow us on Twitter
@MackieHill to see photographs and updates from the school day.**

I am sure you will join me in saying a huge congratulations to Mrs and Mr Gendle who are expecting their first baby in December. Year 3, and the staff, have already been guessing baby names this week. We will be advertising for a new teacher to join our Year 3 team and work alongside Mrs Pearson. As soon as we have appointed, parents and carers will be invited into school to meet them.

Upcoming Events

18th September—School Council nominations and voting

20th September— Family Hub Coffee Morning.

22nd September - Rock Star Day

25th September—**Phonic Open Morning** for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

27th September—Beth Guiver, Storyteller, working with all classes in school

29th September—MacMillian Coffee Morning

5th October—Individual School Photos

6th October—Year 6 Class Assembly 2:30pm

9-13th October—Year 6 Bikeability

13th October—Year 5 Class Assembly 2:30pm

17th & 18th October—Parent Consultation Evenings

20th October—Year 4 Class Assembly 2:30pm

25th September—Spooky Disco

27th—School closed for INSET Day

27st October—School closes for half term

6th November—School reopens

8th November—Nursery and Reception Open morning 8:45am—10am

10th November—Armistice Day

14th November—Antibullying Week

17th November—Year 3 Class Assembly 2:30pm

24th November —Year 2 Class Assembly 2:30pm

1st December —Year 1 Class Assembly 2:30pm

4th December—Christmas Fair

22nd December—School Closes for the end of term.

Christmas dates to be confirmed

Further information for all these events will be shared nearer the time. Please note: we endeavour to keep to this schedule but from time to time dates will alter.

Rockstar Day—Friday 22nd September

To kick off a new school year of fantastic maths, we are hosting 'Times Table Rockstars Day' on Friday 22nd September. Times Table Rockstars is a great resource to help encourage children to learn the times table facts in a fun, engaging way. It is important that these facts become embedded from an early age as they help children with so many other areas of their maths learning.

As part of Times Table Rockstars Day, we are inviting all children in school to attend dressed as a Rockstar. Parents and carers do not need to purchase anything special for the day. Children can wear their own clothes with any Rockstar accessories you already have at home. During the day, children in years 2-6 will get the opportunity to access the game in school, compete with their friends in the class and play the game with other school children from around the world. We are hoping that this celebration will encourage all children in years 2-6 to log on weekly at home.



Macmillian Coffee Morning

Friday 29th September, 8:45-10am

School Hall

This is an opportunity for you to catch up with our school community and members of our PTA over a cuppa and enjoy some tasty treats - whilst raising money to help us make sure no one has to face cancer alone.

We are asking for cake donations of either purchased or homemade goods (ingredients list will be required for allergy information please). If you are able to donate, purchased goods can be brought into school from Tuesday 26th September and homemade goods on Friday 29th at the start of the event.

We hope to make this event a huge success and we really hope you, your friends and wider family are able to join us. Mackie Hill children who also wish to attend are very welcome to do so until 9:30am.



Attendance in school continues to be a priority and will be monitored extremely closely. If your

child is ill and will be absent from school, please telephone the school office and leave a message on the absence line from 8:15am. If further information is required, a member of the office will telephone you later in the morning.

If your child's attendance becomes a concern, you will initially receive a school letter, followed by a meeting in school with a member of the leadership team and the Educational Welfare Officer.

Term time school holidays will not be authorised, unless the holiday is deemed necessary in exceptional circumstances. If you take your child out of school you will be issued with a fine as per the local authority policy. If you have a query about the school holiday procedure, please speak to Mrs Cummings in the office.

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity



We had a busy meeting this week planning many events over the coming weeks so look out for more information in the upcoming newsletters and notices on the School APP.

If you would like to join our PTA we would love to hear from you. Please contact our PTA Chair, Danielle Wilson, via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Elliott

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
COFFEE MORNING
WITH OUR COLLEAGUES FROM



WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER & 8.45

Join us for advice, support and guidance from your friendly family hub team!

Family relationships

Behaviour

School attendance

Managing money

Special Educational Needs

Wellbeing

Housing

EVERYONE WELCOME!

