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Headteacher: Mrs Kim Hall



27th January 2023

Dear parents/ carers,

As we head towards the first planned day of strike action by members of the NEU next Wednesday 1st February, a reminder that school will be open as usual.

As detailed in last week's newsletter, this may mean some changes to the usual staffing arrangements in your child's class.

School timings: In order to comply with the Department for Education (DfE) directive to ensure that every school provides 6.5 hours of teaching time per day for years R - 6, I need to change our current school opening and closing arrangements for registration and end of day collection.

I appreciate that making these changes could impact on your childcare/ work commitments and have therefore decided to phase in this change.

The first change will be following the February half term break.

From Monday 20th February 2023, registration will be at 8.45am.

The school gate will be opened at 8.30am and children will need to be in their class by 8.45am for morning registration and the start of their first lesson.

The school gate will close promptly at 8.45am for all children in Years R-6.

Nursery parents will still be provided access to the nursery classroom – the start time of 8.45am and finish time of 11.45am for nursery children will remain unchanged.

Any children from years R-6 who arrive at school after 8.45am, will need to enter school via the front office entrance to be registered and marked as a late arrival.

From Monday 17th April 2023, the school finish time will be at 3.15pm when the school gate will be opened for you to collect your children.

Children that have permission to walk home will be able to leave school at 3.15pm.

I will send a further reminder of the after school timing change before the start of the summer term.

If you would like further information regarding the 6.5 hours per day, please see the following document: <u>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1063520/Minimu_m_expectation_for_length_of_school_week_-__information_note.pdf</u>



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iRock: You may recall before half term, the children had a great time at an assembly led by iRock. So far, there have been 25 expression of interests made directly to iRock, which means those children signed up will be able to start the lessons after half term. iRock will contact those parents directly to provide full details.

It's not too late if you want more information or to sign your child up. Further details can be found on the attached flyer or by visiting: <u>www.irockschool.com</u> emailing info@irockschool.com or calling 0330 174 2655.

Maze Parenting Programme: The MAZE Parenting Programme is a structured specialist 12-week programme (10 weeks online) for parents/carers of children and young people with any kind of additional needs (with or without a diagnosis). The Programme runs termly (January-April, April-July, September-December).

The MAZE Specialist Parenting Programme has been designed to provide information to parents/carers about neurodevelopmental conditions (e.g., autism, ADHD, speech and language difficulties, learning difficulties etc) in a group setting.

All parents/carers whose GPs are located in North-East Essex are able to access the Programme at no cost due to funding from North-East Essex's Clinical Commissioning Group. For those outside of North-East Essex there is a nominal fee. For more information, please go to:

https://www.themazegroup.co.uk/maze-parenting-programme/

https://www.themazegroup.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Final-Colchester-Parent-Directory-SUMMER-2021.pdf

Have you joined our Henham and Ugley School information Facebook Page? Regular information is posted including helpful links like the Maze information listed above. If you haven't already joined and would like to, please follow this link: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/534757024125991</u> and click on the become a member link. Please do drop me an email or catch me on the school gate if you haven't been given access to the page. Please note, if the questions aren't answered I won't provide access. It is helpful to put your child's name so I can make sure the participants of the group are all members of our school community.





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Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded my Headteacher Award this week:

Nursery Class	Lily
Reception Class	Evan & Arabella
Year 1	Reece & Poppy
Year 2	Ava & Nate
Year 3	Kofi & Primrose
Year 4	Logan & Evie
Year 5	Seth & Teddy
Year 6	Dexter & Pawel

House Points: Well done to the GREEN Team who have taken first placed position this week!

BLUE	PURPLE	RED	GREEN
40	30	20	10

Finally, don't forget it's the **PSA jumble sale** in the school hall tomorrow, **Saturday 28th January** from **12-2.00pm**. If you are able to volunteer any time on Saturday to man a stall or Friday after school to help set up, please do come along to the school – all help would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Have a super weekend everyone,

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Dates for your diary below!





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Dates for your diary

From Monday 20 th February 2023	Class registration will 8.45am.	
Parent Consultations (face to face)	Monday 27 th March 3.30 – 6pm	
Parent Consultations (face to face)	Thursday 30 th March 3.30 – 6pm	
Whole Class photos	Monday 22 nd May	
Year 3 and 4 Production	Thursday 25 th May	
	2 performances: 9.30am and 1.30pm	
Whole school (including nursery) Family Sports morning and picnic	Thursday 29 th June 9.30 – 1pm	
Monday 3 rd July	Whole school open afternoon 3.15 – 4.15pm	
KS2 competitive sports afternoon	Wednesday 12 th July 1pm	

