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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parking

We have been informed that the free Park and Ride facility to the east of the Sage building is now open for use! To safely walk to school from there, it is recommended that you follow the paths and use the crossings, this is shown by the yellow line on the image to the right. It's not the fastest or most direct route at the current time. However, we have been informed that there will soon be a safe and more direct path which will make it much easier and faster. In the meantime, please do use the facility if you can as this will alleviate the pressure in the school car park and make the car park and immediate area around school safer. It is free and you can leave your car there for the whole day if necessary.



The Big Walk and Wheel



We will be taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel later in the spring. Walking, cycling or scooting from the Park and Ride will count towards the journeys made on foot, cycles and scooters. More information will follow soon.

Parent and Carer Workshops

We are currently planning some workshops and meetings in school for parents and carers. We have already informed Skylark parents and carers of an art drop in to meet Miss Watling and Year 1 parents and carers have been invited to a phonics workshop. There will also be a meeting coming up soon about internet safety.

To help us with our planning, we would like to hear from you about what we can do to help you to understand and support learning at home. There will be a form on ParentMail next week which we would like you to complete and submit. This will help us to tailor our provision to support you in the best way possible. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Outdoor Learning

Huge thanks to Mrs Walker and Mrs Mingoia who are developing the outdoor 'Forest School' area. We have lots of resources and more on order which will help us to get more out of the area. We also have staff training booked for the two terms ahead. Thanks also to parents and carers who have already donated items. Please continue to send pots, plants, gardening equipment, pallets, wooden boards/planks and pipes etc into school. As we gather more resources and the planting begins to grow and develop, we will see the area change and become even more useful for learning.

Behaviour in School

The children have made a great start to 2023 and we are delighted to report that we have had some very positive feedback from visitors, including the LA and our own school achievement partner, about learning and children's behaviour for learning. Children continue to be kind to each other in school and show that they are settled and eager to learn in lessons. Well done, everyone!

Library

Mrs Jones has been working very hard (with some willing assistants too!) to maintain the library and get it ready to use by whole classes. We now have the library timetable in place and we are enjoying seeing children use it to select books, discuss their preferences and broaden their reading experiences. The Y4 reading Ambassadors are also helping to support younger readers with book suggestions and recommendations.



KS1 PE Kits and Changing

Thanks to parents and carers of children in KS1 for your support with PE kits. After February half term, children will be wearing their uniforms every day and changing in school for PE. If your child is still struggling to get changed independently, please practise at home as much as you can before then.

Rob Scott, the World's Best Caretaker!



Mr Scott leaves us today in order to start a new adventure where he will be spending more time with his family and maybe even having the odd lie-in after his early mornings at Havannah First School! Mr Scott has been the best caretaker we could have wished for. He is utterly professional and has helped us with relentless energy and commitment to set up and maintain our school environment. He has become a much loved and valued member of the school family and I would like to thank him for his support during the past 12 months. Good luck Mr Scott, we hope to see you soon!

Yard Markings

We are getting closer to our wonderful new yard markings and have submitted the final design, which is now being priced... We will keep you in the loop!

Training Days for 23/24

The training days for the academic year 23/24 are Monday 4th September 2023, Friday 27th October 2023 and Monday 3rd June 2024. There is also an additional National Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2023.

Pokémon and Toys

Please remember that children should not have cards, such as Pokémon, or toys in school. This is because they create a distraction from learning and are likely to get lost or broken. Key Stage Two children **are allowed** to bring cards or stickers to swap club on a Tuesday but they must be kept in their bags until Swap Club starts and put back in their bags once Swap Club has finished. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes

Helen McKenna

Headteacher



Dates for Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day Class 7 Drop in to meet Miss Watling 2.30pm
Monday 13 th Feb	Phonics meeting for Y1 Parents and Carers
Wed 15 th -17 th Feb	Balance Bike Training and Road Safety for Reception
Friday 17 th Feb	Break up for half term
Monday 27 th Feb	Return to school
Tuesday 28 th Feb	Proposed Strike Date for NEU members (no information known yet)
Wednesday 1 st March	Reception progress evening for parents and carers
Thursday 2 nd March	Reception progress evening for parents and carers
Wednesday 15 th	Proposed Strike Date for NEU members (no information known yet)
Thursday 16 th March	Proposed Strike Date for NEU members (no information known yet)
Monday 27 th March	Governors meeting 5pm
Tuesday 28 th March	Y1 – Y4 progress evening for parents and carers
Wednesday 29 th March	Y1 – Y4 progress evening for parents and carers
Thursday 30 th March	Reception visit to Hall Hill Farm
Friday 31 st March	Break up for Easter Holiday