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Newsletter – September 2024

Dear Families

As we embark on a new academic year, I am delighted to welcome you all back to school after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. The start of a new term always brings with it a sense of excitement and anticipation, and I am eager to share with you some important updates and celebrations.

Welcome

First and foremost, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and their families who have joined our family of schools at Haxey, St. Martin's and West Butterwick. Our school is a place of growth, learning, and friendship, and I am confident that you will soon feel at home here.

Academisation

I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you all. It is with great pleasure that I announce our recent conversion to academy status, as of 1 September 2024. Haxey, St. Martin's and West Butterwick Church of England Academies are now proudly part of the **Infinity Academies Trust (IAT)**. This transition marks a significant milestone in our schools' journeys, and I am confident that it will bring numerous benefits to our pupils, staff, and the wider school community. We will be providing more detailed information about this development in the near future, so please stay tuned.

Church School Vision

As we begin this new school year, I would like to take a moment to remind everyone of our distinctive church school vision:

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This vision guides our actions and decisions, shaping the educational experience we provide for our pupils. In line with this, our focus value for this term is **Hope**. We believe that nurturing hope in our pupils is crucial for their personal development and academic success. Throughout the term, we will explore this value in various ways, encouraging our pupils to cultivate a positive outlook and resilience in the face of challenges.

Pop-ins

For families of pupils in Years 1-6, I hope you have received your invitation to our upcoming 'Pop-ins' next week. These events provide an excellent opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and establish a positive relationship from the outset. We value these connections and believe they play a crucial role in supporting your child's educational journey.

Contact Details

Please can all families ensure that the school has your up-to-date contact details, including phone numbers, home address and email addresses. Please can you also ensure that we have the most up to date medical details for your child, especially if there have been any changes. **Please contact the school office with any changes in personal circumstances, medical details or contact details.**

Asthma

If your child uses a reliever inhaler, please ensure that we have an in-date spare inhaler in school. We will then safely store your child's inhaler in school for use when required.

Attendance

All children are expected to attend school for 190 days per year (100% attendance). The only exceptions to this would be a genuine illness, where the child is too unwell to physically attend school, or another rare and exceptional circumstance. Only in **exceptional circumstances** will an absence be authorised other than for illness.

Family holidays will not, and cannot, be authorised (regardless of extenuating circumstances), and will often result in a fine from the local authority, as per government policy.

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Lateness

Children are expected to be at school by 8.40am when classroom doors open in order that they are ready to start the day and commence learning tasks immediately. Arriving late for school can be unsettling for children and the learning time lost cannot always be caught up.

School uniform

It is fantastic to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms. **Please** do make sure **all** clothing worn/sent into school, including PE kit, footwear and coats **are clearly named**. Many children will have identical (in appearance and in size) items as your child and if misplaced or mixed-up, it becomes impossible to return items of uniform/clothing to its rightful owner if it is not named.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind all families that our school uniform includes black school shoes and **not** trainers, boots or open-toed shoes. Sandals/jelly shoes are **not** appropriate for school. In terms of jewellery, children are allowed to wear one pair of small, flat, stud earrings only (these **must** be removed for PE and swimming and may **not** be taped up as an alternative) and a wristwatch - no other items of jewellery are allowed to be worn for school.

Dates for the Diary

We will be finalising dates for the diary for the academic year over the coming days and will therefore get these out to you as soon as possible.

Parking

Lastly, I would like to address a matter of community consideration. When dropping off or collecting your children, please remember to park considerately. We ask that you be mindful of our neighbours, wheelchair users, and families with pushchairs. Your cooperation in this matter helps maintain positive relationships within our local community and ensures safety for all.

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As we move forward into this new academic year, I am filled with optimism about the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead for our pupils. Together, as a community, we will continue to nurture their growth, celebrate their achievements, and support them in realising their full potential.

Many thanks for your continued support. I look forward to another successful year across our Trentside schools.

Kind regards

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