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Newsletter

Dear Families

Before we say our final goodbyes for the summer we would like to mention some special people who are leaving Heyford Park today. To the children who are not moving into Secondary at Heyford we wish you all the best – we know you will be amazing! Remember to let us know how you are getting on and you are always welcome back to tell us your exciting news.

For the families who are moving away – good luck and again let us know how you are doing. A special goodbye for now to our Year 6 who will be moving to the Secondary phase at Heyford Park – you are an amazing group of individuals – be brave, be ambitious and reach for the sky! We are proud of each and every one of you – we are looking forward to seeing you in your blazers in September.

We will also be saying goodbye to some fantastic members of staff.

Miss Southam who has been committed to the families of Heyford Park for the last three years will be starting her new venture. Thank you Miss Southam for all that you have done and we wish you all the best for the future.



Mr Brown who has worked at Heyford since October, leading the Brown Bears – you have left behind some budding golfers! Thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment.

Miss Cuddy who has also worked at Heyford since October and has been Mr Brown's co-pilot – we wish you well with your new baby and thank you for the work you have done.

Mr Parry who joined us in January is returning to University to further his studies. Thank you Mr Parry for your enthusiasm and hard work.

Miss Slatter who joined the Reception team at the start of Lockdown – good luck with your next venture – we have really valued the work you have done at Heyford Park.

Finally, we have said goodbye to our SENCO Mrs Childs who has worked incredibly hard building a SEND team and providing support for many families. Thank you Mrs Childs for your commitment and dedication to the families of Heyford Park.

Good luck and thank you to each one of you – you have all been a valued member of the staff team and look forward to hear what you have got up to next!

TRANSITION SUPPORT

All of the children have met their class teacher and spent valuable time in the classroom. We have given some children a transition booklet (kindly created by Miss Curtis) to help them familiarise themselves with the change that will be happening in September. If you would like to download a transition booklet please find these in the primary section of the website.

UNIFORM

As you will be preparing for September we thought it was worth sharing our Uniform Policy. Can we also remind parents and children that they do not need to bring anything from home other than a book bag, water bottle and lunch box (if packed lunch). They do not need to bring pencil cases or fiddle toys. Can we also request that any backpacks that are used for school are kept small, we do not have a lot of storage space and some children have to share lockers.



We expect students to wear school uniform to and from school, during the school day, and for most school activities, and to take a pride in their appearance, ensuring for example that ties are done up and shirts tucked in. All items must be labelled. Most uniform items, including name labels, can be obtained from Stevensons (www.stevensons.co.uk), our approved uniform supplier. In cases of financial hardship, parents who find difficulty in providing uniform should contact the Head Teacher to seek advice. Students in primary or secondary not wearing full uniform will be able to borrow items for one day; persistent non-compliance will result in a sanction, following contact home.

As parents, we expect you to send your child to school in the correct school uniform – this should be clean and smartly turned out. We advise that all belongings are labelled with your child's full name. If there is a specific reason why your child is not wearing an item of school uniform (for example they have an injury), we ask you to send your child to school with a note that explains the reason for this.

Primary Phase

- A plain white button up shirt, with either long or short sleeves and a starched collar.
- A unisex Heyford Park School pullover or cardigan in grey with badge, which can be purchased from Stevensons.
- A plain black pleated skirt.
- In summer months tailored black shorts or a green gingham summer dress may be worn.
- A smart pair of black trousers that are regular fitting and length – covering the ankles. Dark jeans, leggings or jogging bottoms are NOT acceptable.
- In winter months, an overcoat that is waterproof. Any logos or embellishments must be small and discreet. A waterproof coat in Spring and Autumn.
- A sensible pair of smart flat black school shoes or ankle boots (that children can run in). Open-toed shoes, canvas and ballet pumps are NOT accepted. If your children wear lace-up shoes, please make sure they are able to tie them unassisted.
- Plain black tights or plain white ankle/knee length socks. Trainer socks are not accepted.
- House tie, which can be purchased from Stevensons.

Sports kit

- A pair of black gym shorts. Any logos or embellishments must be small and discreet.
- One pair of trainers with non-marking soles. These must not be studded.

- Plain black jogging bottoms.
- A white Heyford Park Free School polo shirt with badge, which can be purchased from Stevensons.
- Heyford Park Free School Sweatshirt, which can be purchased from Stevensons.

Equipment – Primary phase

- A named water bottle, this should only contain water and not fizzy drinks.
- School bookbag
- Lunch box
- Primary students do not need to bring a pencil case to school, all necessary equipment will be provided.

START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We would like to share with you the plan for the start and end of the school days. This is provisional at present as we are unsure of any further Covid guidance. The drop off times will be when the teachers will meet the children – there will be five-minutes before the children go into the classroom. If you have children in different year groups we understand that the timings may be tight which is why there will be some flexibility. Children will be expected to line up as they have been and prepare for learning.

Drop off	Location	Classes	Collection
8.40am	Gate to the Triangle Playground	Tigers Flamingos Jelly Fish	3.15pm (Friday 2.00pm)
8.40am	Line up against new tennis courts	Lions Meerkats Ladybirds	3.20pm (Friday 2.00pm)
8.40am	Line up at front of building	Frogs Eagles Bumble Bees	3.20pm 3.30pm (Friday 2.00pm)
8.45am	Reception Gates	Minibeasts	3.00pm (Friday 2.00pm)

I would like to end our newsletter by saying what a privilege it has been to be the Head of Primary at Heyford Park for the last year. I have got to know amazing children, supportive families and dedicated staff – who are all striving for the same purpose – to ensure the children have the best education that they can. I hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming the children back on Friday 3rd September.

Best wishes and stay safe

Sarah Nickelson and the Primary Team