

HMS Weekly Update

Dear Parent/ Carer

End of half term update

Firstly, apologies that I did not write an update last week; time just seemed to disappear! Here we are at the end of another fantastic half term – school has felt vibrant, positive and full of energy once again. The upcoming summer term is always a very busy one and this week's update contains key dates for the months ahead so that you can update your calendars over the half term break.

Change to the end of term

School will now close for all year groups at 3.30pm on **Thursday 15 July**. Pupils will no longer be required to attend school on Friday 16 July. This will allow school staff the opportunity to complete the packing up process ahead of the move to our new school over the summer holiday. Thank you for your support – we are very excited for you all to see our new school – it is looking amazing!

Return to school (September)

As you know, we will be moving to our new school over the summer holiday ready for our pupils to return after their break. We are mindful that pupils will not get a chance to visit the site before returning to school and we have lots of activities planned to familiarise them with the new school buildings on their return. We will keep you updated about this next half term.

The children will return on the below dates:

- **Wednesday 8 September:** Year 5 only
- **Thursday 9 September:** Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 in school

We will keep you updated with opportunities to visit the new school site as and when they are able to happen. We will also work with any children who may need additional support in advance of their return to school.

Summer 'Fayre-well' Event – *Save the date!*

To celebrate our time on our current school site, we will be hosting a 'Summer Fayre-well' afternoon in conjunction with our fantastic PTA on Saturday 10 July (12-3pm). We will be publicising the event after half-term and will be inviting members of the local community to visit our school before we pack up for the move. The afternoon will consist of stalls, a raffle, afternoon tea, BBQ, musical performances, football finals, inflatables, a chance to tour Fellside building, memorabilia and photos from our time on this site and many more fun activities. We are really



looking forward to hosting this celebration event and hope you can all save the date! The event is open to all children and their families plus anyone who has a connection with the school (or schools as it was before HMS).



End of Year Calendar

We are delighted that we can start to plan more events in and out of school and have planned the below calendar to celebrate the end of term. The children deserve as many fun experiences as possible after this challenging period. More information will be sent home by Mr Stephenson and Mr Barry in due course. We want **everyone** to be able to enjoy the events so please get in touch with us if you are concerned about the financial aspect of any of the events.

Date	Event	Who
Thursday 24 June	PTA Y5 Disco (5.30 – 6.45) PTA Y6 Disco (7.00 – 8.15)	Year 5 Year 6
Wednesday 30 June	Year 4 Rounders Afternoon	Year 4 (<i>final plans TBC depending on COVID guidance</i>)
Tuesday 6 July	Transfer Day/ Evening	Year 4 and Year 8 (<i>final plans TBC depending on COVID guidance</i>)
Wednesday 7 July	KS2 Sports Day	Years 5 and 6
Thursday 8 July	KS3 Sports Day	Years 7 and 8
Saturday 10 July	Summer 'Fayre-well' Event 12pm – 3pm	All welcome
Monday 12 July	Year 6 End of Year Treat Year 7 Celebration Assembly Year 8 Celebration Assembly	Year 6 Year 7 Year 8
Tuesday 13 July	Year 8 End of Year Treat Year 6 Celebration Assembly	Year 8 Year 6
Wednesday 14 July	Year 7 End of Year Treat Year 8 Leavers' Evening (Prom) Year 5 Celebration Assembly Year 8 Bastille Day Performance	Year 7 Year 8 Year 5 Year 8
Thursday 15 July	Year 5 End of Year Treat End of Term	Year 5 All years

Testing and contact tracing

Over the half term, we ask that KS3 pupils continue their twice-weekly COVID testing. Results should be reported to school via the online form and to the Government. It is vitally important that all pupils test **before** their return to school after the holiday.

Over half-term, if a pupil tests positive for COVID-19 having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being at school, please alert us via the admin email (admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk). The inbox will be checked up to 12.30pm and this may result in contact tracing. Any pupil displaying symptoms should not attend school until a negative test is obtained and their household should isolate.



House Point Totals

Below are this week’s House Point totals as well as the ‘**Top 4**’ pupils in each year group this week. P points are awarded for character value such as **resilience, respect, engagement and responsibility**. Well done to each and every one of them.

House Totals		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
Aln	31,452	1	Lilly S	1	Harris N	1	Sophie L	1	TJ R
Coquet	28,158	2	Harvey C-F	2	Ashton H	2	Gabi K	2	Heidi S
Tweed	28,303	3	Gabriel B	3	Janey A	3	Anna C	3	David D
Wansbeck	28,521	4	Christian T	4	William E	4	Leo W	4	Antonia P

Forest School

We love Forest School at HMS and the values of the approach. This is something we plan to continue when we move to our new school and are exploring ways of further embedding the approach in our curriculum model. We are busy planning our new Forest School area and would like to ask for any donations of equipment/ material you feel would be helpful for learning outdoors. Please contact Miss Kingett or Mrs Hall if you have anything you could donate.



Reminders/ Dates

Home testing (KS3): a reminder that we are asking KS3 children (with consent) to take twice weekly lateral flow tests at home. Results should be reported to school at this [link](#) and to the [Government](#). It is important that pupils continue testing over time and before their return to school.

Saturday 10 July: HMS Summer Fayre-well Event 12-3pm (*save the date!*)

Thursday 15 July: School closes at 3.30pm for summer break

I wish you all a restful half term break – I hope you manage to enjoy time with your loved ones as life continues to return to some normality.

Yours faithfully

Mr Watters