

Dear Parents

Welcome to the academic year 2023 - 2024

What a great start to the year, children look amazing in their new uniform and this has had such a positive impact on the behaviour around school.

This year we have a few members of staff on maternity and we have covered this with some amazing, new teachers.

Miss Howarth – 1 Newsam

Mr Perry – 2 Wharfe

Miss Boot – 4 Playhouse

Mrs Hussain – 5 Arena

Lunchtimes

This year we have introduced Family Service, which provides your child(ren) with a calm and lovely dining experience, for now we are only having one meal choice, this will change in the next few weeks as both adults and children are used to the new way. We have seen such a difference in how children are enjoying lunchtimes. They also have the choice of dancing, sport, card games, arts and games outside – this really is a great experience for your children!

After-school clubs and breakfast clubs

Next week, year group team leaders will be sending out the year group offer of after school clubs, please ensure you sign up to this as quickly as possible as spaces will be limited.

CATCH's Farm

You will have seen (and smelt !) the goats at CATCH, we are pleased to share that we have been developing this piece of land with CATCH and very soon children will be able to see chickens, rabbits and Alpacas. The farm, along with the polytunnels, will be part of the curriculum and all children will take part in animal care and vegetable growing. Again, this is a truly wonderful and inspiring experience for your child(ren)



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Curriculum newsletters

Within the next 2 weeks, you will have a detailed letter outlining the curriculum that is being taught in your child's class, how you can help at home, parent events and expectations around homework.

In the meantime, I'd like to show off your amazing children to you, so please come along to the following seeing is believing walk about school:

Please meet at the Gazebo, at 8:45am, where I will meet parents, show around school and finish for a coffee in the staff room. For busy parents, we will be finished by 9:10am. Please do come along, your children love to see you in school!

Monday 25th September

Tuesday 26th September

Wednesday 27th September

Thursday 28th September

Friday 29th September

If you have any questions for Mrs Halliday please email - askthehead@hovingham.org



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