



Huish Episcopi Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

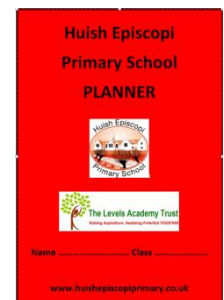
Welcome to our school community for 2016-2017. I hope you had an amazing summer.

An exciting academic year lies ahead with more educational opportunities for every child. We have grown to a 6 class school and have welcomed some wonderful new staff who bring new specialisms and strengths to the staff team.

Mrs Dennis will teach Northmoor class and be part of the school leadership team. Miss Wicks will teach Aller class. We have also appointed a music specialist teacher, Mrs Thompson, who will work on Tuesdays and Mrs Hindle, a PE specialist, who will work on Mondays. Mr Welch joins us to offer additional classroom support.

The All New HEPS Planner

This year sees the launch of the HEPS School Planner which is being given to every child. We have used feedback from parents (verbal and through questionnaire), children and staff to develop the planner and we think it could be the best thing since sliced bread for communication between home and school!



What is it for?

One book for all home/school information sharing;

- School dates
- Home reading
- Useful reminders
- Homework
- Opportunity to send messages to/from school
- Helpful guidance for children and parents.
- Extra pocket for additional guidance when required

We believe this will really help your child do better in school by

- ✓ Helping children to be more organised
- ✓ Providing a better link between learning at home and school
- ✓ Improving communication
- ✓ Reducing the amount of paper/letters etc going home
- ✓ Preparing older children for the transition to secondary school

What will the school do?

The school will check planners regularly and set homework every Friday. Home reading will be checked weekly

What can parents/carers do?

- ❖ PLEASE ensure the planner is in your child's book bag and it is in school EVERY day.
- ❖ Record home reading daily and sign
- ❖ Check the homework set weekly and provide support and encouragement to complete it. Let us know of any problems
- ❖ Look at the appendices
- ❖ Put in any notes/ messages or feedback which will help staff to support your child better

Like you, we want the best for each child and we know we can achieve this through working with you. Your support makes a huge difference.

To kick start our planner we have set a challenge to help children, staff and parents/carers get used to using them. (see attached) Do have a go and help your child to earn extra team points for their team!

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely,

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