



# HELME HEADLINES 08.09.2017

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Welcome back!

I hope you had a great summer despite the slightly dodgy weather!

School is up and running well, a big thanks to our cleaning team, caretaker Mr Bailey and cleaner Mrs Hinchliffe, the school is looking sparkling clean to start the new year. Teachers have worked really hard to set up the classrooms and prepare for the exciting year ahead. A welcome to our new staff, Miss Beaumont in Class 2 and Mrs Swain, covering PPA in Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5. The only gap we have in provision is the vacant office post left by Mrs Williams. This post is out to advert now and Mrs O'Hara and Mrs Roberts will ensure there is someone in the office at all times until we can make an appointment. Thanks to them for putting in some extra hours to make this happen.

We have lots of new things in place for this term. A new maths scheme of work from the White Rose Maths Hub. This places more emphasis on use of 'concrete' practical materials to understand the learning of maths. It uses the 'mastery' approach where children keep within their learning expectations for their age group but 'master' their understanding by developing 'greater depth'.

We have made some changes to the teaching of reading that you will notice. Brand new design of reading diary will be coming home and we ask you to read with your child at least twice per week and sign the diary to show you have done so. Reading at home is an important part of homework at Helme. To tell you about the changes we will be having two 'reading meetings' for parents on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept at 9am and also at 6:30pm. Please make every effort to attend one of these meetings even if your child is in older year groups.

I will be publishing a full 'Parents' Handbook' with all the information you need in the next couple of weeks. A few of reminders straight away: -

- School starts at 8:50am when the doors open. Register is taken at 9:00am. Pupils arriving after 9:00m will be marked late.
- At the end of the day children must be collected from the doors of Class 1 and Class 2. Collection is no longer from the bottom of the ramp.
- Long hair must be tied back
- Earrings must be removed for PE. National guidelines now state that we can't use tape to cover earrings.
- No jewellery is allowed apart from earrings and watches. Earrings should be simple, small round studs.

The children have come back looking very smart in their new uniforms and nearly everyone is following our uniform guidelines. Thank you.

This year the classes have been named after different artists.

Class 1 Kandinsky

Class 2 Hockney

Class 3 Monet

Class 4 Miro

Class 5 O'Keefe

Look out for the displays inspired by these artists that will soon be going up in the hall.

If you need to contact your child's class teacher the best time to speak to them is at the end of the day. Mornings are very busy preparing for the day's teaching. You can also contact teachers by email:

Class 1 Mrs Siswick [lorna.siswick@helseschool.com](mailto:lorna.siswick@helseschool.com)

Mrs Whiteley [alison.whiteley@helseschool.com](mailto:alison.whiteley@helseschool.com)

Class 2 Miss Beaumont [natasha.beaumont@helseschool.com](mailto:natasha.beaumont@helseschool.com)

Class 3 Mrs Clifford [heather.clifford@helseschool.com](mailto:heather.clifford@helseschool.com)

Class 4 Mr Codling [nigel.codling@helseschool.com](mailto:nigel.codling@helseschool.com)

Class 5 Ms Spooner [gillian.spooner@helseschool.com](mailto:gillian.spooner@helseschool.com)

In the near future we are going to trial a slight change to the lunchtime. We currently have 12:00-1:00pm, this give 3 hours in the morning and 2hr 15 mins in the afternoon. Children are more receptive in the mornings and we have the key subjects, English and Maths to teach. We will trial a 12:15-1:15pm lunchtime in the next couple of weeks giving an extra 15 mins in the morning. If you have any thoughts on this, please let me know.

## AWARDS

Helme Values



**Class 1: Kandinsky:** Excellence - Alexander Pollitt for a fantastic start to school with good listening and hard work

**Class 2: Hockney:** Excellence - Isaac Smith for a brilliant attitude to learning and hard work.

**Class 3: Monet:** Excellence- Isaac Codling for an excellent attitude, positive outlook and for being a super role model.

**Class 4: Miro:** Excellence - Molly Brannelly for an excellent attitude to the first week back.

**Class 5 O'Keefe:** Excellence - Grace Bennett for an outstanding attitude to everything this week.



## Headteacher's Award

**Class 1:** Joe Hunter for working hard on his holiday reading challenge. Marcus Turton for remembering 'good sitting'.

**Class 2:** Zachary van Zandt for trying his best in writing even though he found it tricky.

**Class 3:** Bella Bissolati and Libby Pace for being thoughtful and helpful.

**Class 4:** Ellie Ratcliffe for a great attitude and asking for help when she needed it.

**Class 5:** Conor Robson for great partner and group work this week.

## School News

### After School Clubs

Children have been given a letter detailing all the clubs available over the Autumn term. Please note that clubs do not include Reception children this term to allow them to settle into the usual school routine.

Please note Karate club is now payable termly due to a streamlining of payment systems.

### Literacy Meeting

There will be a meeting about Literacy on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am and on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2.30pm for the parents and carers of Reception children. These will be held in the Blue Room. The two meetings will be the same so you only need to attend one of them.

### Flu Immunisation

Parents with children in years 1,2,3, and 4 have been sent a letter regarding the flu immunisation programme. Please complete the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

### Parentpay

Will parents please check their parent pay accounts, outstanding balances from last year should have been settled. Please note that payments for Breakfast Club and School Meals should be made as a minimum, one week in advance.

### School Meals

A reminder that the cost of a school meal has increased to £2.12 per day, £10.60 per week.

## FOHS NEWS

### Fashion Show Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7pm Crosland Heath Golf Club

FOHS have organised a fashion show to help raise funds for the school. Children have been given a flier with further details.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Monday 11 September –Family Service in Church 9.10 am

This will be the last service undertaken by the Rev Maureen and we hope you will join us at the service to thank her for her time working with the school.

### Dates for the term

These are the key dates we've agreed so far. There will be more things to add as the term goes on. As this is the Christmas term, each class will lead one sharing assembly and there will be Harvest Festival and Christmas services for parents to attend too.

Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9am and 6:30pm Parents' Reading evening
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2pm to 3:15pm Macmillan coffee afternoon
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:10am Harvest Festival
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2:00 pm Open afternoon
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Class 5 Sharing Assembly 2:30pm
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Class 4 Sharing Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3:30-6pm Parents' Evening
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6pm-8pm Parents' Evening
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class 3 Sharing Assembly 2:30pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class 2 Sharing Assembly 2:30pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class 1 Sharing Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Afternoon Christmas Performance
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm Evening Christmas Performance
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dec Key Stage 2 Christmas party
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch

Best wishes  
Alex Beaumont  
Headteacher