



Newsletter - 3rd July

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the more recent weeks a few parents have asked me if we plan to open our school wider for all of the children to return for at least a day before the end of this term. I completely understand that this situation remains tricky for everyone and it is certainly not getting any easier the longer we are all at home.

Following the Government's most recent announcement about social distancing being 1m+ in situations where 2ms can't be honoured, I wanted to let you know that we will be continuing with the class arrangements of 2m's distancing until the end of the Summer term. Regrettably, this means that there is no room to admit any more children into the class groups.

As you will know from my earlier notes it would be my best scenario to be able to welcome everyone back into school. I know I speak for all of the school staff when I say we are all missing our 'normal' school days and seeing the children face to face. We are desperate to resume to a 'new normal' that is sustainable for us as a school.

One of our assets is that we are a small school. In these unprecedented circumstances this also means that in situations like this we become stretched when it comes to capacity and the resources available to us. I have looked at so many varying ways in which we can open safely for as many children as possible whilst adhering to the 'bubble' policy and not mixing groups (between children and staff). As you know our staffing resources are reduced due to some who are shielding and this has had to be taken into consideration as a factor for planning each class coming into school.

We have followed the Government's guidelines for prioritising YR and the children of key workers, keeping these safe in their respective 'bubble' groups. I made the decision to open the school the last week of term for our Y2 children and key worker 'bubble'. This will support our Y2 children with their transition to their new school. Unfortunately, whilst I have been able to organise and re-organise the staff available to me to welcome these children back, sadly I am unable to also bring our Y1 children into school safely before the end of term without mixing my staff between 'bubble' groups.

I am required to adhere to the Government guidelines and have a responsibility for ensuring everyone who attends school does so in a safe environment.

The 'bubble' groups will run as follows to the end of this term finishing on these dates. Our home learning will continue via the website during these weeks.

Key Worker - Last day is Friday 17th July
YR - Last day is Friday 10th July
Y2 - From Monday 15th July to Friday 17th July

Miss Lewis, Mrs Moore and Mrs Mander will be writing to each of the children in YR and Y1 via the home learning messenger and sending them a transition pack to support them as they prepare for their next year at school. Look out for these over the next few days.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



Free eBook Library- Oxford Owl Read for Home

We have been searching for a while trying to find an eBooks provider, especially since we have all been learning from home. The companies we have found have always been expensive. However, you can imagine my delight when I discovered the Oxford Owl Read for Home scheme which is free. This scheme is tablet friendly and provides Phonics support and access to a variety of eBooks that are easy to view on a virtual bookshelf. The website also includes lots of Maths, English and spelling activities, and has a link through the BBC Bitesize. It is well worth looking at their website, the link is included here. [eBook Oxford Owl](#)

Sports Day - Virtual Celebration of Sport

Sadly, there will be no sports day this year and so we thought it would be nice to do something a little different in its place and hold a Celebration of Sport from home. We would like to ask the children to do any kind of sporting activity either from their garden or another open space (following social distancing rules). It can be anything from running, skipping, dribbling a ball, keepy-ups, jumping, gymnastics or egg and spoon. Just for them to have some sporty fun as they would at sports day. There are some more examples attached to this newsletter.

Send in a photo of your child and we aim to create a collage of sport and share your activities. Please send photos in by Monday 13th July.

School Name Labels

Our PTA have signed up to the Stikins clothing labels fundraising scheme. The PTA will receive up to 30% commission on all orders placed when quoting our reference.

The Stikins' school fundraising scheme has distributed thousands of pounds amongst participating schools every year since 2004. While the details of their fundraising scheme has been fine-tuned over the years, its core principles have remained constant. They want to give schools and PTAs the opportunity to raise money while helping parents to safely and securely label their children's belongings.

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Follow this link which takes you to the Stikins website where our unique school fundraising number has been pre-populated to activate the 30% commission. Our number is 8734.

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/name-labels/>

Alternatively, you can follow the link on our website:

https://www.haddenhaminfant.bucks.sch.uk/website/school_uniform/24779



Our PTA 'Thank you and farewell'

As we approach the end of the Summer term I would like to give my heart felt thanks to our wonderful PTA. Once again they have worked tirelessly raising much need funds to help enrich our school and the curriculum we provide our children. Without their dedication we would not be half the school we are today. Like everyone, they have had their plans cut short and the events they had organised in the calendar cancelled. They are always searching for other avenues within which they can continue to raise funds in the most efficient way.

They have updated their page on our website which can be found via this link. [Our PTA June 2020](#)

As our Y2 children move to their next adventure so do we say 'farewell' to some of our parents on the PTA. This year especially, we say a fond farewell to our Chair, Pamela Williams. Thank you Pamela for all of your support and kind dedication you have given to HCIS. We are always in need of new parents to join our PTA. If you are interested please contact the PTA on ptahcis@gmail.com.

Best wishes

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