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## Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the start of the new school year at Hazeldene, it is really lovely to see the school full of happy children again. All of the children have settled back quickly into the new routines and it's hard to believe that for so many it's the first time they have been here since March.

All the staff have worked really hard to make sure the school site is as safe as it can possibly be but of course things are still changing daily as the Government give us new guidelines to follow.

Thank you for adhering to wearing face coverings at drop off and pick up. Even with the staggered starts and finishes we still have a lot of parents/children on site. Please maintain social distancing at all times and leave the site as quickly as possible.

## Clubs

We are looking at running some clubs this term but these will be very limited due to having to split our care club onto two sites (one in the hall) to ensure we are Covid safe. Plus many of our club providers are still not up and running. As soon as we have clubs that are running we will notify you in the usual way.

## Careclub

For those of you who are using our care club you will be aware we are running a very limited one at the moment. We are full in almost every session and every bubble with waiting lists. I am sorry but if you have booked a care club session and don't use it you will still be charged for the session. This is to ensure that it is viable to run. If you have sessions booked that you no longer want to use please let us know so that we can cancel them for your child and offer them to the next child on the list.

## Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent/Teacher consultation evenings, for all the school (Nursery – Year 6) will hopefully be held on the week of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November. We are not sure yet how these will take place as we are not allowed to have any visitors in school at the moment. We will update you as soon as we have more details.

## Christmas

Unfortunately Christmas as we know it at Hazeldene, will not take place this year. As I am sure many of you are aware we are not allowed to sing in school in groups of more than 15, alongside not being able to have visitors in school to watch. Therefore unfortunately we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel all Christmas concerts and plays this year. I know



that you as parents and all the children will be very sad to hear this but the health of all our children is paramount. We are hopefully still going to have parties that will take place in their year group bubbles but we will not be able to share the food as we usually do. More information on Christmas will be sent to you later this term.

### **Charity Events**

We will still be celebrating/holding our usual charity events this year. It is probably more important than ever that we support charities/organisations at this time. I do appreciate that many of you are also finding things very hard financially at the moment so anything you can donate will be very much appreciated. Mr Redford will be letting you know soon what we are going to do for harvest and the donations to the food bank.

Jeans for Genes will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
And Children in Need will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas Jumper Day will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

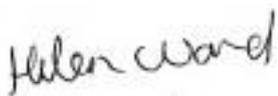
For these three events we will have collection buckets on the gates and in the playground where you can just pop your donation in safely, rather than the children bringing the money in.

Please note that we break up for half term on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October is teacher training) and return on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. We break up for Christmas on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** and the spring term starts on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Thank you all as always for your continued support, I know at times we seem to be bombarding you with information and daily changes but it is really important that you keep reading your dojo messages so you are fully aware what is going on.

Please always remember to check the school website for up to date news for the whole school as well as your child's year group.

Yours Sincerely



Helen Ward  
Head Teacher