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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a lovely summer. Sadly, our return appears to have signalled the end of the good weather, and we're already having to negotiate rainy days and "wet doors". For those of you new to school, please see the list of drop off and collection points at the end of this letter.

Despite the weather, the term has started well and children are settling happily into their new classes. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

We will continue to communicate with you by sending "Friday letters" to you each week by email. If we have to send anything more urgently, we will advise you by putting a note on the whiteboard by Reception. I promise, not all my letters are this long!

Important things to remember:

School begins at 8.30am - Gates open at 8.20am so you can be on the playground on time. Gates close by 8.40am. If you arrive after this window, you will need to sign your child into the "late register" in the main school Reception, giving a reason for the lateness. Please be sure to hand them to a member of the office staff or Mrs. Newcombe. Whilst we appreciate we all have "one of those days", punctuality helps the children and lateness disadvantages them, so improving school attendance and timekeeping continues to be important to us, as it improves your child's school experience and progress.

School ends at 3.00pm - Please be sure to inform us if someone else is collecting your child, as a one-off, or routinely. We will not release children to anyone if we have not been informed. If your plans change during the day, please telephone the school office so they can let the class teacher know. It can be very worrying for the children and if we know of a change or that you are stuck in traffic, for example, we can reassure and prepare the children. Please also be aware that anyone collecting your child, including older siblings, must be over the age of 16.

Uniform – Please name all items of clothing, especially coats and jumpers. Imagine a PE lesson, when they all take off new t-shirts, trousers, shoes etc. No-one knows what belongs to anyone, and some children can become quite upset if they lose their things. It takes up valuable learning time to try to find and relocate all items, which could be avoided if everything was named. Sharpie pens written onto the label are the most effective, but a normal Biro pen will do the job for several washes.

Please ensure all PE kits and Forest school kits are here by Monday. They will stay in school until the next holiday week. Book bags should come in and go home daily.

Just a reminder that our hair policy does not allow any shaved heads, or any shaved lines or patterns into hair. Braids are allowed but beads are not. Coloured hair is also not permitted.

Uniform sale We sell “outgrown uniform” that has been donated to us, once every half-term for £1.00 per item. This sale will be after school on the first Thursday of each half-term. This will be in the spare classroom that is located in the room on the right of the Nursery entrance (it was the Gruffalo classroom last year but they have moved). You can access this through the Nursery garden.

Wellies If you have not yet bought wellies for this year, we have a large number of spare wellies that have been donated to us, in all sorts of sizes. We have kept spares but cannot store them all. Please feel free to come into the hall after school (we will put them outside if the weather is dry enough) and take whatever you need. You are welcome to spares for your younger children too, if the sizes are right.

Scooters and bikes

We encourage our children to be active and healthy and so are happy to see them coming to school on scooters and bikes, but we must be wary of everyone’s safety. Our school and Nursery children and younger siblings are allowed to ride or scoot up our long driveway (on the road section only, leaving the footpath for those families who wish to walk more safely away from obstacles) but all older siblings and all adults must walk up and down our driveway please, pushing their bikes or scooters.

All bikes and scooters must then be parked in the scooter park and collected again on the way out of school.

Please ensure if you have older children at Hamp Academy, that they know they must walk. If they are waiting outside of the Academy on bikes or scooters, they must keep to the side of the drive by the Academy gates and not be using our entrances as a play area – this causes a hazard to the Nursery and Infants. Thank you.

Reading

Reading is always a very big focus for our school and we ask that you help your child to practise their reading book every day. All Key Stage one classes should be bringing home a reading book this week. It only takes a few minutes and the small regular practise makes all the difference, as they are beginning to master their phonics understanding. The way reading is taught now may be very different to how you learnt to read and so we will be inviting parents to a phonics information workshop later this half-term, to keep you up to date with the current methods.

We also highly recommend continuing to read a range of other books to your child. Sharing and discussing stories is such a lovely end to the day, and also helps your child develop their reading comprehension, vocabulary and logical thinking skills. Every child has been allowed this week to choose a book to take home and keep. They should have them in their bookbags today. They do not need to return them to school.

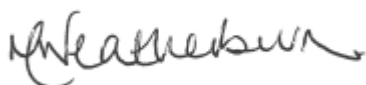
We also find we have a surplus of books which we would like to see put to good use. As soon as the weather is dry enough, we will bring them out to the play area opposite our main reception. Please stop and browse with your child and help yourselves to any books they would like.

Wet Doors

Inside the main gate then...	Class/Nursery room	Teacher/s
Second gate on your left (as usual)	Humpty Dumpty 5 Little Ducks	Mrs Haste/ Mrs Ingram
Fourth gate on your left (train garden)	Gruffalo	Mrs Huxley/ Mrs Hall
Jack and Jill building	Jack and Jill	Miss Miller
Second hall door on your left	Night Pirates	Mrs Foord
	Percy the Park Keeper	Mrs Burrows/ Mrs Gardner
High gate on left to playground then first door on your left	Snow Bears	Mrs Barker
	Very Hungry Caterpillar	Mrs Williams
High gate on left to playground then second door (at the other end)	Paddington Bears	Mrs Clements/ Mrs Beresford
	Stardust	Mrs Wynn/ Mrs Beresford

Finally, just to let you know, we congratulate our TA, Mrs. Carter on her marriage in the summer, she will now be known as Mrs. Harris.

Yours sincerely



Mary Weatherburn
Headteacher