



Respect – Responsibility - Resilience – Kindness – Teamwork

Mrs Thirkill's Blog 05.09.25

Good afternoon,

Welcome back to school. I hope all our children and families have had a lovely summer and have enjoyed getting back to school and routines. We have another year ahead filled with exciting learning opportunities and we look forward to watching your children continue to grow.




All the children looked so smart on Monday, thank you. We have seen many children wearing their new navy-blue Hoyle Court hoodies, on their forest school and PE days. We would be great to see all children with hoodies on those days. It helps us to look very smart as a school and creates good habits for the future. The Hoyle Court hoodies are available from Whitakers in Shipley. Please can children wear a plain navy hoodie for PE and forest if parents choose not to buy the one with the school logo. Please can we have no sports logos in school for PE or Forest school. Wearing a uniform helps us to create equality and belonging.

A big welcome to all our new children who have joined us in Nursery and Reception this September. You are all settling in beautifully. We are excited for the year ahead and have lots of exciting plans to share rich experiences with your children and ensure they progress. We still have places available in Nursery. If you know anybody who may be interested in a Nursery place, please ask them to contact the office and we would be happy to arrange a visit.



Next Tuesday, 9th September, will be our Brilliant Beginnings Day. This year we will be enjoying a steel band, with workshops, drama workshops from the Walsh Academy, dance workshops and the Singing Children of Africa choir. We are excited for our brilliant beginning. We ask that all children come into school, in their PE kit, for this lovely day!

Safeguarding is a key priority for us in school. At Hoyle Court Primary School, all of our staff are responsible for safeguarding, however we do have a designated team, who take the lead with more challenging situations. If you ever need support from a safeguarding lead, you can see the team below.

	Mrs Claire Thirkill – Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding lead		Miss Lockwood – Class Teacher Deputy Safeguarding Lead
	Mr Greetham – Class Teacher Deputy Safeguarding Lead		Mr Litvinov – Business Manager Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Miss Saidy and Miss Mellor are also fully trained DSL's as this allows them to fulfil all elements of their roles.		If you have any concerns about a child or a family, please call 01274 581898 and ask to speak to a safeguarding lead.	

We will be opening the library to families on a Monday morning from 8.20 if any children would like to come and choose a book. Our book trolley is available at the end of each day and adult books are available in our reception area.

I have been delighted to see a great start for most classes with our attendance this week. Please can we maintain this great start as every school day matters. You may have seen, in the news recently that there is a high correlation between poor attendance and lower earnings, as an adult. Please give your child the best life chances by getting them to school every day.

Target 96%	Owls	Beech	Aspen	Sycamore	Ash	Hazel	Birch	Willow	Rowan	Oak	Maple
School average 94.9%	98.9	99.1	91.3	100	100	90.4	95.6	93.0	98.3	86.1	91.8

Last year we made great improvements with persistent lateness. This week though we have missed 1.5 hours in total due to lateness. This is an improvement on the previous academic year but please do everything you can to get your child to school on time, to support their learning.

I would really like to encourage new members to join our PTA. We have a number of fabulous members at the moment who do so much for our school and we are very grateful. We would like to further expand the PTA team, for the benefit of all of our children. If you think you could support our very welcoming and generous PTA, email friendsofhoylecourt@gmail.com Please come and join us and see how you can support our school.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs Thirkill