



HIPPINGS NEWS

As a family we do our best with God in our hearts

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me:

Welcome to our **September** newsletter. A warm 'Hippings' welcome to everyone, particularly our new families. We hope you have all had a good holiday and are ready for the busy term ahead.

On behalf of all members of staff, may we take this opportunity to thank you all for the lovely gifts received at the end of last term.

We would like to welcome Mrs Brooks who will be working in our school office this term.

This is the first of many newsletters that you will receive during the year, giving you information and news to keep you informed of school activities. Newsletters can be found on the school website at: www.hippings.lancs.sch.uk. The current newsletter is under the home tab and past newsletters are under the parent tab.

Water Bottles

A number of pupils are coming to school with juice and flavoured water in their class water bottles. Can we please remind parents that **plain water only** should be put in water bottles for class. Children are given access to their water bottles throughout the day.



School Dinners

Key Stage 2 dinners are now £2.40 per day .
£12.00 per week.

School Uniform

Thank you to everyone for ensuring the children have returned to school dressed smartly and in the correct uniform. **Please ensure that all uniform items are named.**

Please can we remind you that all headbands and ribbons should be in school colours only and must be small in size. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back in a pony tail or similar. Small gold or silver stud ear rings ONLY to be worn. No necklaces or bracelets to be worn. Girls school trousers should not be tight legging styles. School rucksacks must be small in size. Trainers and boots are not acceptable footwear. Black shoes only please. PE shorts should not be cycling shorts or skorts

Attendance & Punctuality

Please make every effort to get your child to school each day and on time – it makes so much difference to their learning and future achievements.

The Government have also made changes to the rulings on taking children out of school in term times. With this in mind please see our Attendance Policy on the school's website. Holidays will not be authorised and will be sent to the authority. This may mean you will be fined.

The holiday list for 2023/2024 can also be found on the school website.

Food For Thought: If a child has a two week holiday in school time every year of their school life and has the average time off sick then they will miss a whole year of schooling. This is not good for their futures!

No Smoking Policy

Lancashire County Council schools are all no smoking zones. This includes E cigarettes. Please do not smoke in the school grounds. Thank you

Asthma

If your child is asthmatic please ensure a spare inhaler is in school and you have completed the asthma plan that is on the website.

Nut Allergies

We have a number of children and staff in school with nut allergies. Could I please ask that products containing nuts are not put in lunch boxes or bags. Thank you.



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Car Parking

We have had a number of 'near misses' where parents have reversed into the school gateways as others are walking past and where parents have refused to give way to each other almost causing an accident. Please be mindful of others and ensure cars are parked and driven safely on the roads around school. Please also be mindful of the local residents and do not park across their driveways etc. **Cars should not drive up Alice Street . This is a cul de sac and cars pulling up at the top are causing issues for people who are walking to school. The school car park is for staff only and must not be used by parents who are dropping off or picking up.**

Dogs on School Premises

Please can we remind you that **dogs are not allowed on school premises** due to health & safety. This includes dogs being carried inside coats.

Please do not tie your dog up on school property (inside the entrances to school or just outside the entrances. We have a number of children who are scared of dogs and are becoming increasingly anxious when they have to walk past them at the school gates.

Thank you

Scooters/Bikes

Can we please ask that if your child comes to school on Scooters/Bikes they dismount before entering school grounds. It is dangerous for themselves and others to be riding around the playground.

Due to the number of adults and children on the playground before and after school, children should not run around, play games or climb on rocks or benches. This is for the safety of all children.

National Online Safety

We are very concerned with the dangers that are present on the internet and so have joined up with National Online safety. This provides lots of advice for keeping children safe in a digital world when using tablets, phones, play stations, X boxes, computers etc. To become a National online safety school we need parents to enrol on the site . Please follow the link below. And help us keep all pupils safe and achieve National online safety status.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/hippings-methodist-primary-school>

Mobile Phones

In the interest of safeguarding, mobile phones should not be used on school premises.

Your child looks forward to seeing you at the end of the day. Please greet them with a smile and give them your full attention without being on your phone.

Primary and Secondary School Admissions (September 2024)

For Lancashire resident families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2023 the means of application is via Lancashire's online system at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

(then search "school admissions")

This went live on 1 September 2023. It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt for all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed online application.

The closing dates for applications are:

31 October 2023 – Secondary

15 January 2024 – Primary

You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school



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Year 2:

We welcome Miss Ainsworth to our year 2 staff team. Miss Ainsworth will be working with Miss Hussain to ensure a smooth hand over and then will take over teaching Year 2 for the rest of the year, allowing Miss Hussain to concentrate on a course of treatment after the diagnosis of a serious illness. We wish Miss Hussain all the best and look forward to her returning to school as soon as she is able. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Breakfast and After School Club

We have a number of children who are turning up for Breakfast and After School Club who have not been booked on using the Eduspot School money App. Please ensure your child is booked in. If they are not, and numbers exceed 30, they will have to be collected. You can book on using the app up to October half term.

Payments to School

Please may we remind you that all payments for School Dinners, Breakfast Club or Stay and Play must be paid on Monday mornings for that week. Please pay using the Eduspot, school pay system. If debts are not paid we will have to refuse access to these until payments are made. If you are experiencing difficulties please speak to Mrs Westwell.

Wrap up Lancashire

We will once again be collecting coats for the Wrap up Lancashire Campaign. If you have any old coats or coats that no longer fit then please save them and bring them into school. The box should be with us week beginning 9th October 2023

Parents Evening

Parents Evening is being held on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd October. A link was sent out by email at the beginning of the week. **We can only allow 1 time slot per pupil for each class teacher. Please do not book more than 1 time slot.**