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Dear Parents

Goodbye to our Year 6 - We have had a very emotional day with our outgoing Year 6. They have been a fantastic cohort and it was great to hear their memories at yesterday's leavers' assembly. We wish them all every success in the future and look forward to hearing of their progress at high school.

Goodbye to staff - As mentioned in Newsletter No. 32 we say a fond farewell to Mrs Watson, Mrs Nicholson, Miss Loughnane and Mr Burgess. We also say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Kirkby, Mrs Pellowe, Mr Graham, Miss Davidson, Miss Blunt and Miss Parkes. They have all been fantastic members of staff during their time at Hawes Side and we wish them every success in the future.

Price Increase to School Lunches - Please see letter at the end of this newsletter.

Attendance Statistics – 2016/2017 Academic Year

RH	95.4%	2H	96.8%	4H	95.0%	6H	95.0%
RS	96.9%	2S	95.8%	4S	96.5%	6S	95.2%
RA	95.7%	2A	95.6%	4A	96.5%	6A	94.7%
1H	96.2%	3H	95.7%	5H	96.7%		
1S	95.2%	3S	96.2%	5S	94.9%		
1A	96.0%	3A	93.4%	5A	96.2%		

Whole school attendance – 1st September 2017 to 20th July 2018 = 95.7%

It is expected that all schools will remain above 96.2% and, as you can see we were well below the national average during this academic year.

From September we urge you to make every effort to get your children into school as poor attendance is not only a barrier to progress but can leave the children with large gaps in their learning that can be very difficult to fill.

Absence from school can have a profound impact on the ability of children to form and sustain friendships and ultimately achieve well in their education. This lost learning cannot be repeated. We moved to a two-week Spring Bank Holiday a few years ago to enable parents to find cheaper holidays in the second week. Many of the absences have been for holidays, which we had hoped, would be taken during the school holidays. Our punctuality was also particularly bad this week with 55 lates recorded.

Diary Dates –2018/2019

(Correct at time of printing)

	School Closes	School Opens (8.50 am)
Autumn Terms 2018 starts		Tuesday 4 September 2018
Autumn Half Term 2018	Friday 19 October 2018 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)	Tuesday 30 October 2018
Christmas 2018	Friday 21 December 2018 (Whole school @ 2.00 pm)	Monday 7 January 2019
Spring Half Term 2019	Friday 15 February 2019 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)	Tuesday 26 February 2019
Easter Break 2019	Friday 12 April 2019 (Whole school @ 2.00 pm)	Tuesday 23 April 2019
May Day 2019	Friday 3 May 2019 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)	Tuesday 7 May 2019
Summer Half Term 2019	Friday 24 May 2019 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)	Monday 10 June 2019
Summer 2019	Friday 19 July 2019 (Whole school @ 2.00 pm)	

School uniform

BOYS:

Red V-neck Sweatshirt
White polo shirt (without tie)
Or
White shirt and school tie
Black trousers/shorts
Black socks

GIRLS:

Red V-neck Sweatshirt or cardigan
Black pinafore dress, skirt or trousers
White polo shirt (without tie)
Or
White shirt and school tie
White or black socks or black tights

During the Summer Term girls may wear a red and white checked summer dress

P.E:

INDOOR

Hawes Side 'T' shirt*
Black shorts
Black elasticated slip-on pumps
Black Track-suit

OUTDOOR

Hawes Side 'T' shirt*
Black shorts
Black Trainers.
Black Track-suit

Cycle shorts and gym skirts are not suitable for indoor P.E. The Hawes Side 'T' shirt is for P.E. only.

All clothing and kit must be named, otherwise it cannot be identified and returned in the event of loss.

As part of the National Curriculum, all children must participate in physical education. Parents are asked to ensure that their child arrives with the correct clothing for P.E. on appropriate days.

Safety considerations:

Children with stud earrings should remove them on P.E. days. If your child has recently had her/his ears pierced so that the studs cannot be removed, then she/he must cover them completely with a plaster during P.E. Please ensure that your child brings plasters for this purpose on P.E./Games days. Please note earrings cannot be worn for swimming

Hair must be groomed and tidy at all times and there should be no extremes of style, colour or cut. Any hair colouring must be of a natural shade. Long hair must be tied back.

Jewellery may not be worn, with the exception of stud earrings when the ears have been pierced. Earrings are not generally considered safe for school and parents are asked to consider this when deciding whether or not to allow their children to wear them. In view of the fact that newly pierced ears require up to six weeks to settle down before the earring/stud can be removed; parents are requested to wait until the six week summer holiday before allowing children to have them pierced.

We encourage children to be smart and take pride in their appearance. Please support us in this, for example by reminding your child to keep his/her shirt or blouse tucked in.

Black, low-heeled shoes should be worn. Trainers and open toe sandals are not suitable.

Nail Varnish should not be worn for school. If your child does come into school wearing nail varnish they will be given a cotton wool ball and nail varnish remover to remove it immediately.

Make-up is not to be worn in school.

If children do not arrive at school in the correct uniform a letter outlining the school's actions will be sent home for parents to sign and return.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a happy, enjoyable, restful holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Michael Shepherd and Staff



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Dear Parent/Carer

July 2018

Whilst the school year has not yet ended and we are looking forward to our summer break, now is also the time to begin preparations for the new school year.

In 2018-19 the academy arrangements for school meal provision will remain unchanged. However, in line with local charging rates the cost per meal will increase to £2.20 a day, or a weekly charge of £11.00.

All pupils in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be eligible to receive a school meal at no cost due to the government initiative called **Universal Free School Meals**. There is no need to register to receive this entitlement

Pupils who are moving into Year 3 who will no longer receive a **Universal Free School Meal**. If you would like your child to continue with school meals these will need to be paid for in advance using the Parent Pay system. Or, if you think your child may be eligible for a **Free School Meal** now is the time to register.

We urge all parents of pupils who may be eligible for a **Free School Meals** to register for this entitlement. A successful registration will not only mean the availability of a free school meal but also that the academy will receive an additional £1320 per year to support your child, whether the meal is taken or not.

Whilst pupils in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically eligible to receive a **Universal Free School Meal** the additional income to support them will only be received with a successful registration for **Free School Meals** and so it is still important to apply during these years

Registering for Free School Meals is really quick and easy. First, check if you qualify – eligibility is based on a number of criteria including receipt of various benefits (a list of these is available on the attached document). If you think you qualify, contact Blackpool Council who will help you to register. Registration will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. A pupil who receives a Free School Meal will receive the same meal service in school and is not identifiable in any way.

We do hope that you will continue to choose a school meal. School meals are healthy, tasty, social and fun. Choosing a school meal for your child/children will help you easily provide a varied and balanced diet that provides the right amount of energy to ensure that your child can work better in the afternoons and help save you money. However, the choice of whether you wish the child to take up this meal is yours, if you do not wish your child to have school meals you can send them in with a packed lunch.

We hope you now have all the information you need to plan meals for your child in September. Should you require any further information with regard to the contents of this letter, please do contact us.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

M Shepherd
Principal