

Emergency contact to report positive coronavirus results for your child by text out of school hours **07527324844**

### **Contact with staff**

Please can we remind you of the ways you can contact staff. It is important that you always start with discussing any concerns with your child's class teacher as they are in the best position to support you with these. If you need further support you can then contact the year group leader who will also be able to support you. If your concern is regarding parent support at home, please find Sam Foster our family link work who is on the playground each morning or you can phone the school and ask to speak with her. You can contact staff in the following ways:

- In person on the playground at the start or end of the day. Please wear a face covering and maintain a 2m distance when doing so.
- Via a note in the home/school link books
- A general question can be asked on the class Teams page but remember this is visible to all
- By telephoning the school office and asking for a telephone call back
- Through the contact us section on our website <https://www.havelockschools.org.uk/index.php/contact-us>

Please do not try and contact teaching staff in other ways including through direct email/social media as they will not be able to respond in this way due to the staff code of conduct and our communication plan that they need to adhere to. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### **Christmas Plans**



Please see our attached Christmas plans letter for details on how we are going to celebrate the festive season this year. We will remind you of key dates as they approach but wanted to share the overview with you in advance.

### **WhatsApp launches new disappearing messages option**

We have been informed that during November, WhatsApp will be rolling out 'disappearing messages' functionality. The feature will allow WhatsApp users to enable disappearing messages on chat conversations, photos and films between friends, these will then automatically delete messages after seven days.

Whilst WhatsApp's minimum user age is 16, we are aware many children and young people have accounts. Auto-deleting entries could increase the risk to younger users as evidence of any issues may not be available.

Please be mindful when allowing your children to have unsupervised access to WhatsApp.



### **Havelock Helping Hands Rainbow Hampers**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December you can come to school in mufti in exchange for a small gift in your year group's colour, this will then be added to a colourful hamper which will be available to win in the Christmas raffle.

The year group with the most creative hamper will win a prize:

RECEPTION- BLUE YEAR 1- RED YEAR 2- PINK YEAR 3- GREEN YEAR 4- ORANGE YEAR 5- PURPLE YEAR 6- YELLOW

Some ideas include sweets, chocolate, drinks, candles, stationary, toiletries, toys, books, socks, games.....

The possibilities are endless, there's just one rule, **THEY MUST BE IN YOUR YEAR GROUP'S COLOUR!!**

Don't forget you can also buy Christmas Eve boxes and additional items on your school money account or t2p app.



## INFANTS

### **Admissions – Primary and Junior School Applications**

If your child lives in Northamptonshire, from 10 September 2020, you can make an application for a:

- primary school place for September 2021 if your child has their 4th birthday between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021
- junior school place for September 2021 if your child has their 7th birthday between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 and is in year 2 at an infant school

If your child is already at primary school and wishes to move to a different school, you will need to [make an in-year application](#) instead. Applications can be made online [here](#).

**The closing date for applications will be 5pm on 15 January 2021.**

## JUNIORS

### **Year 5 Egyptian Day Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Year 5 are celebrating an Egyptian Day, please can you son/daughter wear a simple costume to reflect Egypt. We kindly suggest a larger white t-shirt or sheet with a belt children have been busy making a head dress and necklace. All will be held in house with no external visitors but we will make the day enjoyable and rewarding for the children.

### **PE Day – Willows**

Tuesday and Thursdays

## PASTORAL SUPPORT

“A local Facebook page was started over half term created to help those families in the local community who qualify for free school meals during the school holidays. The page is called “**Food packs for kids Desborough Community**”. The page is hoping to provide a Christmas hamper for the families who are eligible for support but, due to data protection laws, the families needing this help must make themselves known to the page and the support is via request only. If you wish to receive one of these and are eligible then please reach out to this page by the end of November. (If you do not have access to Facebook then please contact me).

If you would like to make a donation to contribute to these hampers they are welcoming donations of chocolate gifts, stocking fillers and any items suitable for Christmas hampers for children of school age. I am happy to co-ordinate a collection if you would like to drop donations off at school or you can get in touch with the Facebook page directly. Thank you in advance for your kind support.”

