



Harris Middle School Newsletter 3rd September 2010

Welcome to the new term. Yesterday was definitely the best start ever with all the children settling down quickly and looking very smart in their school uniforms. We welcomed several new members of staff, Miss Pollard, Mr Banks, Miss Bourin, Mr Clarke, Mr Pearce and Mr Smith, who is covering for Ms Yiu who will be starting with us in a few weeks. Also joining us, 2 members of staff from Denes - Mrs Hicks and Mrs Lodge.

Due to the opportunities created by the school organisation review, staff skills base changes and joint educational initiatives with the Denes, we have written a new look Key Stage 3 curriculum.

It covers 40% of the timetable and is based upon the opening minds process of Teaching and Learning from the Royal Society Of Arts. (www.tnersa.org). It focuses upon personalised learning development and thinking skills and we believe it will prepare our children for the challenges they face this year and beyond the reorganisation process.

We are keen to share our ideas with you and to show you more information through a presentation of this creative curriculum. We also hope to demonstrate our new Virtual Learning Portal, which will have parental access and functionality.

The parent's presentation evening will be on Thursday 23rd September, 7.00 – 8.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

If you are interested please fill in and return the attached slip to the office.

BREAKFAST CLUB

For all pupils who attended breakfast club last year it will start again on Monday 6th September.

Anyone else who is interested please collect form from school office.

High School Applications

As you know your child will move up to High School in September 2011.

Applications will be sent to you later this month. To guarantee a place is allocated to your child, please ensure you complete and return the forms to **Education Office** as soon as possible.

Pupil Information Sheets

Along with this newsletter you will have a new information sheet.

It is vitally important that these are filled in and returned to school next week so we have up-to-date contact numbers in the event that we need to contact you in the case of an emergency.

CLUBS

After school clubs will start again from Monday 13th September.

Details to follow next week.

REMINDERS FOR THE FRIDGE

Dates for your Diary

- 10th September - Non school uniform
Help the Heros/FMSID
- 10th September - Year 6 Africa Alive
- 10th September - School Nurse drop in session
- 14th September - Whole School photographs
- 23rd September - Creative Curriculum parents
information evening
7.00 – 8.00 pm
- 24th September - School Nurse drop in session
- 8th October - School Nurse drop in session
- 15th October - Settling in reports to parents
- 21st October - Non school uniform
Seamen's Mission
- 21st October - Whole school pastoral
parents evening
- 22nd October - PD Day (Children are not
in school)
- 25th – 29th October - Half Term Holiday
- 1st November - Children return to school

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