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## From Mrs D'Arcy

Welcome back! It has been a wonderful start to the new term and I am delighted to officially start as Headteacher here at Hardwicke. I would like to thank you all for your patience and feedback with regard to the drop off and collection. I'm sure you will agree that things have vastly improved since the first day! I would also like to thank you for wearing a mask when dropping off and collecting your child/ren — I appreciate your support with this. We will continue to adapt and improve the system until we all feel that it is working perfectly and I welcome your input into this. Therefore, from Monday 14th September, **Y1-Y6 teachers/TA's will be stood at the allocated gate as usual from 8:40. As soon as you see your child's teacher, please send your child to them. Reception teachers/TA's will be outside from 8:55-once you see them please send the children to their adult.** As soon as your child is with their teacher/TA, please leave the area in order to reduce the number of people in one space. Collection at the end of the day, will remain as it is at the moment. I understand that many of you have children at different gates-please do not worry about this. Staff will wait for the children at drop off and wait for parents/carers to collect at the end of the day.

As I'm sure you can imagine, school is an exciting place to be and the children have adapted so well to the new expectations. A special welcome to our new Reception children who have settled in extremely well! The priority is the safety and well-being of all children and staff and therefore, the children are establishing a new school routine that includes regular handwashing and where possible, social distancing. Children are remaining in their bubble (one per class) during learning time and break/lunchtimes.

The children look very smart in their school uniform. Uniform is very important as it gives each child a sense of belonging to our school community and I want the children to wear our school badge with pride. Please remember to send you child/ren in their PE kit on their allocated PE days. I would like to introduce a Hardwicke school PE kit and will begin to look into this. In the meantime, please ensure that the children wear a white t-shirt, black/blue jumper/hoodie, black/blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers. If possible, please avoid branded clothing. It is also important that children with hair that is shoulder length, tie their hair back at all times.

Plain hair bobbles only should be worn and all decorative hair accessories should be saved for the weekend. I really appreciate your support with this! I am delighted to share our new school website with you. You will find it at:

<http://www.hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk>

Again I would welcome your feedback both positive and any suggestions on how to improve it.

I would like to set up a virtual coffee and chat session so that you can share your thoughts and ideas about Hardwicke with me. It will be very informal and a great opportunity for me to meet you. I plan to set this up for Friday 18th September and will offer two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon for YR-Y2 and Y3-Y6. If you have children in both groups, then you can choose either time! A link and time will be shared soon so watch this space!

**I want to share with you, procedures for any concerns you may have.**

- 1 If you have a concern/worry about your child please share it with your child's class teacher via email to [slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk). A member of the Senior Leadership Team( SLT) will then either respond or ask your child's class teacher to contact you directly via telephone.
- 2 If your concern/worry does not go away, then please raise this with the SLT via email - a member of the team will contact you directly either via telephone or email.

Please note that the SLT includes myself, Mrs Walpole and Mrs Gregory who are both acting deputy head for the Autumn Term 2020. All other communication about school should continue to be sent to :[admin@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk).

Whilst I understand that sometimes we don't always get things right for you all and can occasionally cause frustration, I would appreciate you contacting the school directly, via the SLT email address, rather than using social media as a platform. I have outlined the clear lines for communication so please do use this - thank you!

It was my intention to put a list of dates together for the academic year and share them with you as soon as possible. However, we will need to give some careful thought to the range of events that usually take place. Once we have agreed these, we will share this information with you.

Wishing you a peaceful and relaxing week!

## Weekly Whole School

### Attendance

Attendance for this week is

96.5%

Our target is 97%



### Emergency Assistance Fund

The COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund for food and essential supplies is there to support vulnerable children, young people, working age adults, older people and their families during the challenging and unprecedented times of the Coronavirus outbreak. Individuals or Families can self refer

**Application forms can be found here:** <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2097744/emergency-assistance-grant-form.pdf>

### In our thoughts and prayers

We keep in our thoughts and prayers, all of those in our community that have been affected by COVID. May they find strength and courage to manage each day.



### You Are Not Alone!

If you are worried about **ANYTHING** our team are here to help!

Please contact school on:

01452 720538

And ask to speak to Mrs Hughes or Mrs Smith

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### Coolmilk



If you would like your child to have milk and they are 5 years or over, then please visit the coolmilk website to set up an account. Coolmilk will then send us a register which will include your child.

### WANTED!

We are looking for a new person to join our cleaning team here at Hardwicke.



If you are interested then please contact school directly. Further information can be found on the school website under vacancies

## COVID SYMPTOMS

### Procedures at Hardwicke

#### If a child displays:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature (37.8°C) - they will feel hot on their head and back
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



Then we will contact parent/carer. Please come and collect your child as soon as you can. You will be asked to take any siblings with you.

#### Next Steps

- Whole household should isolate
- Book a test for the child with symptoms
- If Positive-the child needs to isolate for **10 days** and the household for **14 days**
- If negative-please return all children to school assuming they are fit and well.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS

### COVID TESTING SITES

#### There are 3 types of test sites:

- Remote test sites-drive in only
- Local test sites-walk in
- Mobile test units -these move around every few days.

The test sites are generally open seven days a week from 8am-8pm

You can order a home test kit for yourself and up to three member of your household <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

Kits will be posted and are returned via Royal Mail priority box. You can find the nearest priority via this link:

<https://www.royalmail.com/services-near-you#/>

### RE

The theme for RE this term is

### Generosity

We will be giving careful thought to how we can demonstrate this in our actions and words.



### Reading Recommendations!

Reading is THE most important skill-it opens the doors to all other learning! For each newsletter, the team here will be sharing their book recommendations with you!

#### Key Stage 1 recommendation

**WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE** by Maurice Sendak

#### Key Stage 2 recommendation

**Apes to Zebras-A-Z shape poems** by Liz Brownlee

**IF YOU DO MANAGE TO READ THEM TO/WITH YOUR CHILD-PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR VIEW!**

