



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN
SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Corner

Dear Parents

I would like to begin by expressing my thanks and gratitude for the tremendous support you have given me and the school since our return in September. Despite difficult conditions due to COVID requirements I believe the school has run relatively smoothly and the education and support to your child has been of a high standard.

I would like, on your behalf, to take this opportunity in thanking the staff for their contributions in educating and supporting your child through these challenging times and I hope they have welcomed their return to school.

Having recently taken up the position I just wanted to express my thanks to your children for their continued efforts and application they have shown towards their studies and interacting with their teachers, since returning in September. Apart from a few individuals their behaviour and attitude to their learning needs to be commended.

Can I please ask for your support in promoting and encouraging your child's commitment to our PRIDE and Character rewards programme? This not only recognises outstanding achievement in lessons but also rewards students for achieving progress in their studies. In addition, outside of lessons, students gain extra "Getting it Right" points for exhibiting outstanding kindness to others, for extracurricular participation, excellent attendance, contribution to the community and finally it recognises students who always give their best to everything.

If all of our students exhibit these characteristics, we are well on our way towards Outstanding.

We are pleased to advise that School's catering and food provision will be fully up and running by Monday 2nd November, so as well as offering wholesome food at each year's lunchtime, we are proposing to also offer food before school [8.20-8.40am] for years 7 & 8 and at break time [10.50-11.10am] for years 9,10 and 11. We will still be following COVID guidelines as each year group will be served from different access points. I hope you encourage your child to support this initiative.

Could I remind you to keep your child's school meal accounts in sufficient credit so that they can access a meal. If there are any difficulties please don't hesitate to contact the school.

As you may have seen on the news, some of the other home countries have decided to apply lockdown measures in the community and the schools. England has not, as yet, followed the same path, however, following on from the schools' excellent delivery during the last lockdown we want to ensure that our students are prepared if the situation changes and we are asked to implement similar measures.

The following information will, I hope, support your child if we experience similar restrictions.

In the unlikely event of school closure to specific year groups, a local lockdown or a student being asked to self-isolate - we ask our students to:

- 1) Email their form tutor each day by 12pm to get their registration mark
- 2) Log into Microsoft teams each day. This is the place where teachers will set work, students can submit work and communicate with their class teachers.

By following these steps, we can ensure that all students continue to progress despite the challenges that may stand in their way.

Best wishes
Mark Wilson



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2020

Forthcoming Dates:

Half Term

Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October
4th November—Year 7 Flu Immunisation

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Equestrian Success

Congratulations to Lily and Banjo who won their dressage test at Lowlands RDA on Sunday 4th October, despite the horrendous weather!



Well done to Mia also and her new horse Rocky who won their dressage Champs with a super score of 68%! It's looking to be a very exciting season for this pair!



Advance Notices

The Poppy Appeal will take place in school after half term. Poppies will be on sale from Monday 2nd November.

The annual sale of **Christmas Trees** will take place again this year in the coach park during December. More details to follow.

Let's Walk to Bethlehem

The Beaudesert and Henley Christmas Light's Committee 50 mile virtual sponsored walk begins on 1st November.

For further details of how to take part please contact Brian Westmacott at Westmacott's shop or email sue@westmacotts.co.uk

Music Tuition

It's a great time to start learning a musical instrument. We currently have availability of lessons for:

Vocal
Piano
Woodwind (Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet)
Drums
Guitar

If you would like further information please contact Mrs Lewis at slewis@henleyschool.com.

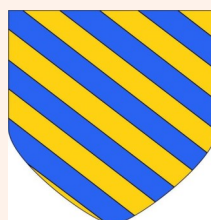
Following the article in the last edition of the newsletter here is Caris, a "Volunteer from Home" Ambassador for local healthcare charity Kissing It Better. Caris regularly makes home-made gifts for isolated older members in her local community.



If you would like to get involved in the charity's imaginative projects working towards bringing an end to isolation in old age, please visit www.kissingitbetter.co.uk.

Front of School Pick-Up

As the nights draw in please may we remind all parents that if your child is staying for homework club, or any other after school activity, to please collect your child from the front of school and not the coach park. Thankyou.



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