



# School Update

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## Happy New (Academic) Year !

Welcome back to a new term and a brand new academic year at Hall Orchard CE Primary!

We have now completed our first, full incredibly busy week getting the children settled into their routines, and they are now primed and ready to continue on their learning journeys. Our youngest children have settled in incredibly well—there have been very few tears, even from parents!

We welcome new staff to the school this term — Mrs Lees further strengthens our teaching staff, Mrs Blount joins our amazing learning support team and Mrs Dyke becomes a valuable addition to our hard-working office team.



Of course, I'm also new to the school—although in some ways it feels like I've never been away! It has been great to be able to meet and greet many of you in the mornings as I begin to get to know the wider Barrow Family again. If you do see me out and about, stop me and say 'hi' as I am keen to get to know as many of you as possible. I can't promise to remember all your names—I'm just beginning to learn the names of all the children and staff—but I will be there with a welcoming smile.

Here's to a fantastic year,  
Steve Dunn, Headteacher

## Diary Dates

### Autumn Term 2022

#### September 2022

Mon 19th KS1 Welcome Evening 7.00pm

Tues 20th KS2 Welcome Evening 7.00pm

Fri 30th Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity—  
donation of non-perishable goods for  
Project 5000 to be brought into school  
from Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th  
Parents Welcome!

#### October 2022

Wed 5th Reception Welcome Evening 7.00pm

Wed 12th—  
Fri 14th Year 6 @ PGL Boreatton Park

Mon 17th—  
Fri 21st Half-Term week

Mon 24th Teacher Day/School closed to pupils

Tues 25th School Opens

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Wed 26th Parents Evenings (face-to-face)

#### November 2022

Fri 18th BBC Children in Need Day—wear  
something spotty! Sugg. donation £1

#### December 2022

Thur 1st—  
Sun 4th Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival

Fri 9th Pre-School and Reception Nativity  
Service @ Holy Trinity—Parents Welcome

Fri 16th KS1 Nativity - Parents Welcome

Tues 20th KS2 Christmas Carols @ Holy Trinity—  
Parents Welcome  
School Closes

## Spring Term 2023

#### January 2023

Wed 4th School opens



We are re-launching our Twitter feed,  
follow us @Hall\_Orchard

# IMPORTANT: GDPR & Communication

In order to ensure compliance with our GDPR and Safeguarding Policies, we need to ensure that we have up-to-date details for your child. If anything has changed over the summer, e.g. home address, **medical/health/dietary needs**, mobile phone numbers, additional contact details, *etc.* then please inform the office asap. If you are unsure that we have the correct details, please do get in touch so we can check these for you. Alternatively, you can check your details at any time using the Parent Lite app. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

## Healthy Snacks and Nut Allergies

As we are a Healthy School, could you please ensure that if you do send a snack for your child to eat, it is a healthy one, such as malt loaf, dried or fresh fruit, Scotch pancakes, (sugar free) fruit bars, *etc.* and not chocolate biscuits, crisps or sugary snacks.

Children in Foundation, Year 1 and 2 will receive a free piece of fruit for snacktime. This varies from apples to pears, tomatoes to raisins.

I would also ask that you **do not send products containing nuts** into school at any time (including lunches), as we have some pupils with severe allergies.



## Are you eligible for free school meals?

### Free School Meals– please claim!

Just a reminder that pupils may be eligible for a Free School Meal at any age in their school career.

**Year 2 and below:** If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 they can get free school meals as part of the national Universal Free Infant School Meals Scheme.

**It is important that if you receive a qualifying benefit you still need to register for free school meals under the eligibility scheme.**

The school can then get extra money to help with your child's education—this is called the **Pupil Premium**.



**Year 3 and above:** If your child is under 19 and in full-time education, you may be able to get free school meals for them if you get one of these benefits:

- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

An application can be made through the office. If you have any questions, or need confidential advice then please do get in touch.



# We join the nation in mourning the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

As a school community we are saddened to learn of the death of our much loved monarch, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Today we have been reflecting and celebrating the life of a truly inspirational woman and leader. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

The Bishop of Leicester, Right Reverend Martyn Snow, offered the following:

*"I learnt of the death of her Majesty the Queen with enormous sadness at the loss of a faithful, courageous and inspirational monarch.*

*"She was a great gift to our country, ruling for 70 years with complete dedication to her people and to her vocation. She succeeded in being Queen for all of us, whatever our status, beliefs or background. As we all know, she was held in deep respect and admiration across the world, by both ordinary people and international leaders.*

*"Having had the privilege of meeting her personally, I found Her Majesty to be warm and approachable, intensely interested in others and always keen to remind us that it is our common efforts that forge and maintain our community life. Her Christian faith provided an inspiration and encouragement to many, and was the motivation to her life-long desire to serve her country and the Commonwealth, and their people. We owe her a deep debt of gratitude.*

*"Today we pray for the Royal Family in their own grief, and extend our deepest sympathy to them."*