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NEWSLETTER 09.10.20

Class Dojo

Thank you to everyone who has used Class Dojo to submit their child's homework this week. We hope that you have found the platform easy to use but if you have any issues then please do let us know. Class Dojo will be used to provide remote learning for pupils or class bubbles should the need arise, so we are working hard to get everyone set up, ready and able to access it.

Arrival and Departure Times

May we please remind everyone to please use the following arrival and departures times when dropping and collecting your child/children:-

8.45am/3.05pm	A to D
8.50am/3.10pm	E to K
8.55am/3.15pm	L to Z

We have noticed that a large number of parents are arriving earlier than their allocated time slot and congregating outside the school gates. This space is small and makes social distancing very difficult. With rising numbers of cases of COVID-19 in our area it is important that every possible precaution is taken to avoid the virus spreading and this includes social distancing. On Monday posters will be displayed on the school gates to remind you of your arrival and departure times. If you drive to school and arrive early, please wait in your car rather than outside the school gates. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Due to the current Coronavirus restrictions, we are currently unable to invite parents into school for parent teacher consultation meetings. However, we would like the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with you and we know you will want to do the same. Therefore, we are offering parents either a Microsoft Teams video conference call or telephone call with your child's class teacher. This will take place the week commencing 2nd November. In order to facilitate this process, you will be asked to complete an online form indicating your availability and preferred choice of communication. Links to these forms will be sent home via ParentPay. Please note that the dates and times that each class teacher will be available will differ as we have limited phone lines available in school. Once the forms have been collated, you will be advised of a confirmed date and time slot via Class Dojo. Please can all forms be completed by Friday 16th October 2020. Thank you.

World Teachers' Day

Monday was World Teachers' Day which this year celebrated teachers with the theme "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future". The day provided the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide and recognised how the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly added to the challenges faced by already over-extended education systems throughout the world.

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Message from Excel Tennis

Dear Parents, Guardians and Pupils,

This October Half Term the Excel Tennis Academy will once again be running our holiday tennis courses for pupils of all ages and abilities. This is an excellent way for kids to stay active, have fun and learn new skills over the half term, as well as being a great childcare option for you.

The course will run from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October at the Witney Lawn Tennis Cub

There are options for half day bookings (either 09:00 - 11:00 or 11:15 - 13:15) or full day (09:00 - 13:15)

All our courses are COVID-19 regulation compliant and follow strict guidelines. The course will be run by our team of qualified, experienced and DBS checked coaches. Pupils are split into age and ability levels so every child gets the best possible experience with us.

We will be keeping group sizes small, so if you are interested please be aware that there are limited spaces available - you can secure your place, as well as find more information, using the link below:

<https://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/october-half-term-booking>

If you have any questions or would like to book please contact us on info@exceltennis.co.uk and we would love to help. We look forward to seeing you on court soon.

Edward Large
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Catch Up Funding

You may have heard on the news that the government has given schools catch up funding to help young people get back on track following the disruption to their education as a result of COVID-19.

The use of this money has been discussed at governing body level and it has been agreed that it will be used to pay for additional Teaching Assistant hours in the classroom for intervention programmes. These are now in place.

The amount of funding our school has been given equates to a small amount of additional support per class each week of around 4 hours.

Peace Pod

We are very pleased that our Peace Pod will soon be furnished and ready for use by the children! We will be using it for nurture groups, mindfulness, and one-to-one support sessions for the children, providing a welcome and quiet space to learn and reflect. We also hope to extend the garden further and will be including some exciting edible plants for the children to help grow and enjoy. We are very grateful for generous funding support from The Tesco Bags of Help Scheme, Oxfordshire County Council's Councillor Priority Fund, The Blenheim Bursary, The Jim Cousins Trust and WODC Community Activities Grant which enabled this to be built, and also to Nicholson's Nurseries, Bampton Garden Plants and the Cotswold Wildlife Park for kind donations of plants.



From all at Hailey School, have a lovely weekend.