

Newsletter

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Look out for the new leaflets and posters - 'Looking for a good school? - using our latest Ofsted report to tell how good our school is.

Parents Evening

Week of 12th July

Look out for the letter to sign up for the end of year parent conference with your child's teacher.

In the spring, 75% of parents came. Let's see if we can do even better this time.

You will be able to discuss the progress your child has made and see the work they have been doing this year.

You will also receive your child's annual report including their latest national curriculum level.

Henry Fawcett Update

Some Hill Mead staff went to Henry Fawcett Primary School at the Oval as part of a federation with Hill Mead.

Ofsted inspectors had put the school under Special Measures because they judged the provision was not good enough.

Last month a senior inspector made their second visit to monitor how the school was improving.

Henry Fawcett was taken out of Special Measures and was graded good in all but two areas, which were satisfactory. It is very rare for a school to Improve so much so quickly.

We are looking forward to continuing this relationship and working together to make both our schools even better!.



Polish Visitors

Last month Jason and Darren's uncle brought some students to Hill Mead from his school in Poland where he is the English teacher.

The Polish children attended Hill Mead classes in the morning and visited the sights of London in the afternoon.

They sang some Polish songs in assembly. We are going to stay in touch with them to learn about another European country.

Bugsy Malone

Don't forget to buy your tickets for Year 6's musical - Bugsy Malone.

We already sent a letter with a tear off slip for tickets, or you or your child can come to the school office directly.

Tickets are £1 each. Children must be accompanied. Performances are 10am on 13th & 6pm on 14th.

Other side: Parent survey, Breakfast Club, Pitch update



Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to the two Sports Days last month. Thank you too to the staff who organised them so well, especially Mr. Overy and the Sports Coaches.

Breakfast Club going up to £5 a week from September

We know the Breakfast Club is an important service that many parents value.

Although most of the food is already donated by a charity, the cost of staff to run the club and supervise the children is more than twice what we currently collect in charges.

Like everywhere else at the moment, we are having to find savings across the school without affecting the standard of education and care.

Given the cost of other available child care, at just £1 a day the Breakfast Club is still very good value for money! If you want your child to join, please let Debbie know at the front office.

Pitch Resurfacing Update

As you know we have saved enough money to resurface the pitch. We are also resurfacing the playground under the trees and replacing the play equipment in this area.

The quotes are in and the work is going ahead in the summer holidays.

Thank you again for your patience whilst we have been waiting to complete this work.

Parent Survey, July 2010

	% agree
My child enjoys school	90%
The school keeps my child safe	92%
My school informs me about my child's progress	87%
My child is making enough progress at this school	85%
The teaching is good at this school	90%
The school helps me to support my child's learning	86%
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	92%
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future.	91%
The school meets my child's particular needs	86%
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	89%
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	91%
The school is led and managed effectively	92%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	90%

We surveyed 96 parents by telephone, selected at random and spread equally across every class

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