



Tudor Grange Primary Academy Haselor

NEWSLETTER

14th September 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to write my first communication to you as Head of School. The children have presented themselves immaculately as they have arrived back for the new academic year and have settled very quickly, engaging positively with their learning experiences. We have talked together as a school about the special community we have here at Tudor Grange Primary Academy Haselor, and already I have been very impressed by how the children have been kind, polite and are always trying to do their best. I have also really appreciated the warm wishes I have received as I step into this privileged position. Indeed, any school is more than a building; it is a community where everybody, including children, families and all staff, contributes to make a positive difference- I am already beginning to see this in action. With this in mind, if you wish to discuss anything or have any concerns please do get in touch. Class teachers should be able to deal with any issues and support you in the first instance, but I am happy to discuss things in more detail should you need to.

There are a couple of things I would like to make you aware of following a few queries that we have had. Every Friday we will have an assembly where we celebrate with the children things they have achieved both in and outside school. I know so many children do so many amazing things when they are not in school, so I would like them to share these every Friday as part of our normal school routine.

I would also like to remind all parents and carers that we have to ensure our supervision ratios for children remain safe at all times. To allow us to plan for this we can only accept bookings for wrap around care made in advance through ParentPay. Likewise, when we require consent for external visits or activities we are only able to arrange for these to be supervised safely based on acceptance and bookings through ParentPay. I have been advised that for wrap around you are able to book sessions a number of weeks in advance. It is possible to pay off all booked sessions in one go, but you could also just make sure that your account is in credit to cover the cost as each session is due. Your support with this is much appreciated and will allow us to ensure that we can provide the best possible experience for the children safely. Please contact the school if you have any difficulties using the system and we will be happy to help.

Finally, just a reminder that we have an **INSET day scheduled for Monday 24th September**- a chance for everybody to hopefully catch their breath!

Mr S Dixon
Head of School

Absence from School

If your child has a medical or dental appointment or needs to be absent from school for any reason, please complete a Leave of Absence form, available from the School Office.

Marathon Kids

We are excited to tell you that we are continuing the fantastic running programme, Marathon Kids.

Do you know that the Governments recommendations are that all children should achieve 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day and that 30 minutes of this daily target should be delivered during school time?

We are committed to achieving that goal!

Why a running programme?

Running programmes are easy to set up and require little to no equipment. Running is fully inclusive, allowing everyone to move and set individual goals. Running also brings people together and jump-starts healthy, long lasting change.

Why the Marathon Kids programme?

Marathon Kids is provided by Midlands-based charity Kids Run Free who works to improve the health and wellbeing of children all over the UK by providing them with opportunities to take part in physical activity in a fun and engaging way, enabling them to be healthier, happier and more confident children.

Among the many things that set Marathon Kids apart, here are two you should know about:

- The Marathon Kids programme has been proven effective through world-class research, leading to the following framework pillars: Goal Setting, Tracking, Role Modelling, Rewards and Celebrating
- Marathon Kids is customisable to fit any school's specific needs, with all of the tools and resources to be successful provided for free.

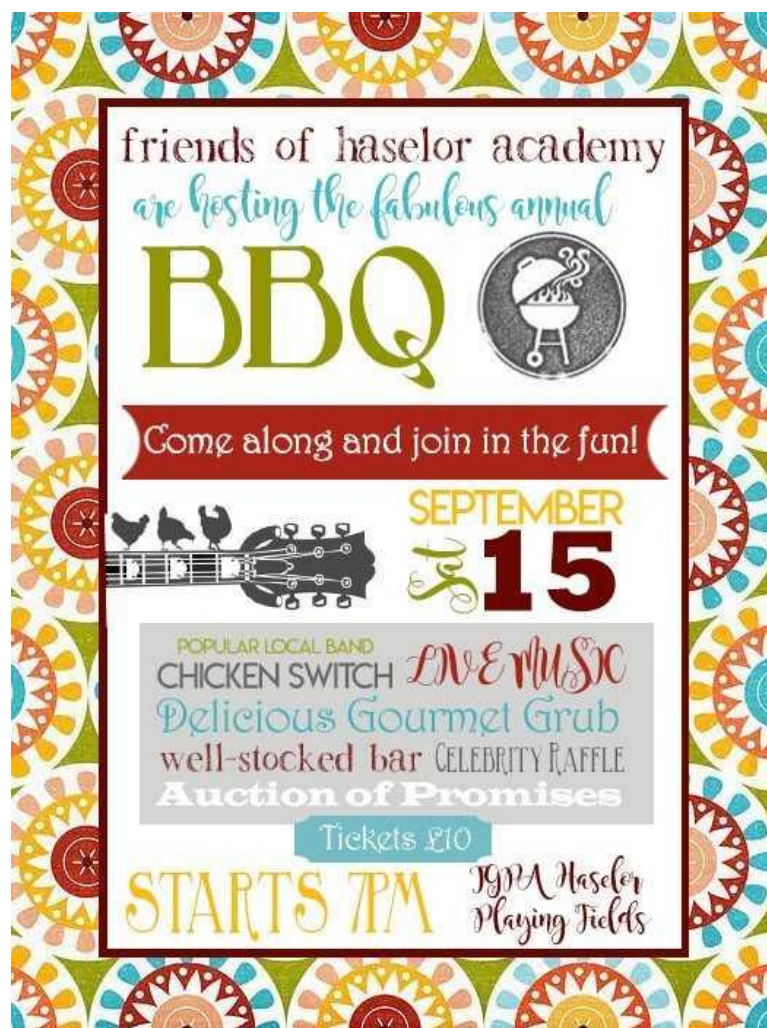
This academic year, we're going to challenge all children in the school to aim to run a little bit further than last year.

Here's the role you can play:

- Take the time to encourage your Marathon Kid to participate on the programme, they don't have to run, walking is just as good. It's the movement that counts
- Support other schools to take on the Marathon Kids programme by linking to the Marathon Kids Social Media sites – Facebook MarathonKidsUk Twitter: @MarathonKidsUk
- Be a role-model, become a Marathon Kid too. It is proven that running with your children increases participation
- Download the KRF Running App. We will be giving all Marathon Kids a QR Code, once you have downloaded the app this QR Code will connect the running data you enter to the schools password protected Digital Tracking System. The data you send us will not be added to the schools running, but it will allow us to see the impact of the programme outside of school and run reports for OFSTED.

For more information about the Marathon Kids programme and to get involved please talk to the school's Marathon Champion Mrs Hamilton.

Don't Forget the Haselor Annual BBQ Tomorrow!



Consultation on School Health and Wellbeing Service

Warwickshire County Council would like to hear your views on the School Health & Wellbeing Service. We would encourage you to visit the website and complete the survey before the closing date of 12th October 2018:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/public-health/school-health-and-wellbeing-service/>

Bake-off Finalists

During the summer holidays the finalists of the Haselor Great British Bake-off competition were invited to the King's Head to cook in the kitchen as one of their rewards for all their hard work.

First of all Mr Sandland organised for them to go scrumping, collecting the cooking apples to make individual tarte tatins. They also picked some fresh ingredients from the garden - lettuce, radish, cucumber, and tomatoes and made a salad.

They then made their own pizzas to go with the salad and wolfed down the lot! This was followed by puddings with delicious ice cream

The staff reported that all the children behaved brilliantly; they were polite and a joy to be around. Well done, everybody!







Haselor and Walcote Amenities Committee Harvest Supper and Barn Dance

Saturday 6th October – 7pm – Haselor School Hall

We have been asked to advertise this very popular event to our parents.

Tickets are £10 (children £5) for home-made shepherd's pie and home-made apple pie and cream (vegetarian option available). Please bring your own drinks (glasses will be provided). Children are very welcome. Please ring Pat on 488406 or 07973 785870 to book tickets.

