



Hartshill Hayes Family Open Day
Sunday 1st October

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6 pupils today were not on the school grounds by 8:50am and therefore started their day on the back foot. Please ensure that you are planned and organised to be at school for 8:50am, regardless of the traffic, parking or weather!
Thank you to everyone else for your support and understanding.

Hartshill Hayes Open Day– Sunday 1st October

Repeating an event we organised five years ago, we are very excited to announce that we will be holding an open day at Hartshill Hayes on **Sunday 1st October**. We are hoping as many family and friends as possible can come to join us at Hartshill Hayes Country Park for a fun packed morning of activities.



During the sessions, which run from **10.30am -1.00pm**, you and your family are welcome to try various different activities which include:

- Pond dipping
- Minibeast hunt
- Fire Lighting and toasting marshmallows
- Orienteering
- Den Building
- Woodland Art– Stick Man, Tree Faces and Andy Goldsworthy.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY A KNOWN ADULT AT ALL TIMES.
Wembrook staff are NOT responsible for supervising your child.

If you are attending you can order a jacket potato. All the information about ordering one will be on a second Parentmail which will be sent out later today. The potatoes will be available from 11.30am onwards. Please be aware that these are being cooked on the campfire and there may be a wait.

Car Parking is free for all Wembrook attendees.

Children's squash will be available on the day.

Feel free to join us at any point during the open day, even if you have not previously given in a reply slip. Jacket potatoes, however, will not be available if not pre ordered.

DOGS ARE WELCOME IN THE PARK BUT PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF OTHER VISITORS AND KEEP THEM ON A LEAD.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Believe and Achieve

HOMework

This week we are very excited to launch a new approach to our homework. Today your child will be bringing home a new homework planner, which will have a range of activities to be completed.

Some activities may take over an hour or more to complete, most will take considerable less. Your child will be able to choose which homework they do, so they should be able to complete work that they find easier to engage with.

In brief, the expectation is that your child will only have one homework to complete during most weeks. So, with the number of homework tasks being greatly reduced, we sincerely hope that all children will complete their homework when expected. We also hope that the work will be done to a good standard, equal to the work that they do in school.

As a father who too often use to dread “homework time”, I know that getting your child to do their homework can be stressful. However, well thought out homework can be extremely effective in consolidating or even extending learning.

We hope that all parents will support their children with this new initiative. We would greatly appreciate any feedback you are able to give.

The homework planner will give more information but if you do have any queries, please talk to your class teacher.

School Dinners

I have been informed by County Catering that school dinners for this year is £2.42 a day, which is £12:10 for a full week.

Please remember that all meals must be paid for in advance on the Monday of the week by using ParentMail. (No cash payments will be accepted)

Reception, Year One and Year Two receive free dinners regardless of their parents financial position. Pupils of course can continue to have sandwiches if they choose.

Free School Meals

Parents and pupils entitled to free school meals no longer have to reapply, but must inform the authority if there are any changes in their circumstances. If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, **especially new Year Three parents**, contact the Customer Service Centre on 01926 359189.

Please remember we have an online payment facility for dinner money through the Parent Mail app. It is very easy to use but if you have any questions Mrs Barkby in the office is more than happy to talk you through the setting up process.