

Hardwick Weekly Catch Up – 2 September 2022



Welcome back to the start of the new school year. I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and the wonderful weather we had. It felt like we were abroad rather than in rainy Britain! After one day in school, I'm pleased to say the children have settled in well to all their new classes and classrooms and they are enjoying being back at school!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome all our new children and their parents, who are joining us for the first time and to our new teacher, Miss Hurst, who is teaching Fox Class (Year 4).

Congratulations to the new Mrs Goodenough (previously Miss Holloway) on her marriage during the summer.

As you will be aware I am now the Executive Headteacher of both Hardwick and Thorndon Primary Schools. I will be splitting my time between Hardwick and Thorndon, so I may not always be on site but the school is in the safe hands of our new Head of School, Mrs Cowling and supported by Mr Shore and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team. She will be running the day to day management of the school and will be your main point of contact. Her working days will be Monday to Thursday, so I will be at Hardwick on Friday and other times during the week.

The Weekly Catch Up goes out every Friday afternoon via email, with news and information about forthcoming events. Please do look out for it. The classes will be using ClassDojo to communicate messages and information regarding their classes and learning, so please ensure you are signed up to the App. If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

Just a few of things to mention this week...

Travelling to and from school and car parking

As we start a new school year, could I please remind everyone that if you are driving your child to school or collecting by car, that you please park in the community centre car park and not in Steward Road. A lot of children walk to school using Steward Road and we want them to do so safely. The residents park their cars here and we don't want to add more vehicles into the area at drop off and pick up. Also, please park responsibly if you use the roads around the school and please do not block residents garages and drive ways. Thank you for your understanding.

Updating details on Arbor

Could I please ask you to check your details, contact numbers and permissions are correct on the Arbor App. You can use the App to make any necessary changes.

Absence from school

If your child is absent from school, please phone the school as soon as possible, choose option one and leave a message on the answer machine.

If we do not hear from you, we will ring to find out why your child is absent.

Last year our school attendance rate fell below 96% for the first time since 2014, partly due to illness and an increase in the number of unauthorised holidays taken in term time. If your child is to do the very best they can, they must be in school regularly. We will be closely monitoring the attendance of all pupils and we will let you know if your child's attendance is cause for concern.

Thank you in advance for your support.

BoomReader

Could I please ask you to check your child's book bags over the coming days for log in information for our new interactive reading record.

Walking Bus

The walking bus will start again on Monday 12th September.

If your child would like to join or you think you may be able to spare some time to help then please see the school office.