

HENRY FAWCETT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Date
October 7th 2020



Yes we can

Message from Mrs Persad

Thank you to everyone who has given us feedback so far on our updated Covid-19 risk assessment. The Parent Mail form will remain open until the end of October if you wish to add your views. So far, these are the things that have been raised by lots of families;

You like:

- ♦ one way systems
- ♦ improved playground marking
- ♦ hand sanitiser on arrival
- ♦ bubble classes
- ♦ regular handwashing at school



Lots of you asked for:

- ♦ all parents to wear masks in the playground (this was requested by a very large number of parents) - Please wear a mask if you are able to.
- ♦ parents to leave to school site as soon as they have dropped or collected their child - Please come alone and leave the school grounds as soon as you can.

A few people asked for;

- ♦ temperature checks for all children on arrival. - We cannot currently offer this as it would cause delays and queues, and non-contact thermometers have so far proved to be unreliable. We would be very grateful if parents were able to perform regular temperature checks at home.
- ♦ changes to staggered start and end times for families with children in several classes. We cannot offer this change for all families, but will be happy to explore solutions directly with those who have raised this concern.
- ♦ For Year 1 and Year 2 to go straight into school if it is raining—we will trial this on the next morning it rains heavily.

Parent Meetings

The telephone Parent meetings are Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Bookings can only be made through ParentMail, so log on and book your slot to speak to your child's teacher, find out about their progress and learn more about how you can support them at home. If you are experiencing any difficulties making a booking please speak to a member of the office staff. The teacher will call from a private number so please look out for the call at your allocated the time. The calls will be ten minutes in length.

Secondary Transfer

If you are a parent of a year 6 child and need support with any part of the application process please do not hesitate to ring or email the school office. This includes access to a computer to submit your online application. Search 'Lambeth secondary schools' or 'Southwark secondary schools' for more information from your local authority, depending on which borough you live in. Our website has more information on the process

https://www.henryfawcett.org.uk/secondary_transfer.html

The **deadline** for parents to submit the Common Application Form is **Saturday October 31st 2020**.

We will be having **parent workshops** to support parents with the application process on **Wednesday 14th and Wednesday 21st October 9.30-10.30am**



Recycled Uniform



Thanks to your generous donations, we have a great selection of good quality second hand uniform free for families to take away. Just make an appointment with the office to collect what you need.

PE Kit Reminder

Due to the ongoing pandemic we allow children to wear their PE kit on the days that they have PE. The children should wear a Henry Fawcett navy PE t-shirt and grey, black or blue bottoms. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform. T-shirts are available for £5.50 which can be paid for on SchoolMoney and collected from the front office



School Photograph Day

Monday 12th October the school photographer will be in to take photographs of the children.



Parent Governor Election

If you are interested in becoming a governor please look out for the separate form sent today by ParentMail

Henry Fawcett Children's Centre



Children's Centre Update

As you know we are the lead for the Better Start North Area Children's Centres. This includes St Stephen's, Ethelred and of course Henry Fawcett. If you are a parent of a child under the age of 5 you can access their brilliant range of services.

Over the last few months, Coronavirus has meant that lots of Better Start Children's Centre services have been delivered by phone and virtually, with limited services being available in our Children's Centre buildings from August.

As government restrictions have eased and children have returned to school, face to face delivery of groups and activities in children's centres has begun to increase.

We are pleased to say that we have a number of in-Centre sessions including: Family Learning Courses (such as sewing and ESOL classes), Health (breastfeeding support and child health clinic) and Play sessions (including Natural Thinkers and Chatterbox sessions).

To view our current timetable please have a look at our website:

<http://www.henryfawcett.org.ukcchome.html>

Please note, all our sessions are now to be booked in advance.

Our Better Start Workers also offer confidential, one to one support for families with children under five. Services can be adapted to meet individual needs, including:

- Information about early education and childcare
- Family learning activities
- Parenting Courses
- Employment or training advice
- Benefits information and advice