



HERMITAGE HEADLINES

TOGETHER WE **THRIVE**

18th September 2026



Dear Hermitage Families,

It has been a busy week in school!

Firstly, a huge well done to all of the children who represented us on Wednesday evening at the Cluster Football Tournament. Both teams remained unbeaten throughout the tournament and played with fantastic teamwork, demonstrating real footballing excellence. We were delighted that we won the tournament overall! We are so proud of all the children who took part and represented our school. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who support the children with these opportunities.

Thank you to the parents who attended our Key Stage 2 class welcome meetings. We hope you found these useful. Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents of our infant classes to their meetings, where we will share essential information about the year ahead and provide an opportunity for you to ask your child's teacher, and myself, any questions you may have.

I am really pleased with the start we have made with attendance. Attendance is very much a focus for all schools with research showing that children who attend school regularly not only achieve better outcomes but also develop a greater sense of belonging and happiness at school. Our attendance target at Hermitage is 97%. As we head into the season of coughs and colds, I urge you to continue to support your child/ren with good attendance. We will always monitor children closely in school and contact you if they are unwell.

I am delighted with our new table tennis addition in the playground, which the children can now enjoy during break and lunchtime. We know they will enjoy it!

Next week, I will be sending out our annual parent/carer survey to gather your feedback about our school. It is important that we listen to your views and act on your feedback about what we do well and what we could do even better. Your feedback helps us to continually improve and be the best we can be for our children so that they thrive.

In this newsletter, you will find all the key dates for our Autumn Term. These dates can also be found on our school calendar on the current and upcoming new school website. Please note that additional dates and events will be added throughout the term, so do keep an eye out for any additions.

Have a restful weekend ahead.

Mr Young

REMINDERS

Please ensure that all items are labelled and children visit our lost property boxes to check for any missing items.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 99%

Year 1: 100%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 99%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 98%

Whole School: 98%



AWARDS

THRIVE AWARDS



Reception: Molly and Caden

Year 1: Emily and Lucy

Year 2: Seth and Isla J

Year 3: Noah and Ellie

Year 4: Jack S and Robyn

Year 5: Seth and Joe

Year 6: Holly and Penelope R

The Den: Alexa

HOUSE POINTS



House	Weekly Total	Running Total
ELM	238	538
BEECH	228	618
CEDAR	139	312
HAWTHORN	215	467

Congratulations to: ELM

Pupil Premium Funding

Did you know that registering for income-related free school meals (IRFSM) could bring additional funding to our school and give your child access to discounted school trips, residential visits and free club places?

Even if your child doesn't take a free school meal, registering can provide vital funding to support their learning. You may be eligible if you receive certain benefits (such as Universal Credit, Income Support or Child Tax Credit). Applying is quick and confidential. Call 0300 1235012 or apply online at:

<https://schoolsparentportal.cheshireeast.gov.uk/web/portals/pages/fsmapplication#h1>

Thank you to our PTFA!

This week, we have added a brand-new table tennis table to our playground for the children to enjoy.

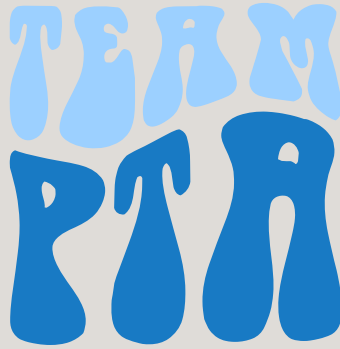
A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for their continued support of our school and for organising fantastic events throughout the year to raise funds that directly benefit our children. We are so grateful for everything you do.

This year, we are also working towards creating a track around the perimeter of our field, giving the children even more opportunities to enjoy running, walking and cycling.

Thank you also to all of our parents and families for your amazing support of our events throughout the year. Your generosity and involvement make such a difference to our school community.

EVENTS

21/09 Christmas Cards
Return to School Deadline
14/10 Harry Potter Evening
(See Poster in Newsletter)
23/10 Pop-up Drinks Stall
27/11 Rainbow Raffle
Donation
27/11 Wreath Making
15/12 KS2 Carol Concert



REQUESTS

Purchase your name labels
from Sitkins to help us raise
commission using School
Fundraising Number: 9443

Sign up to Easy Fundraising

Volunteers for our Harry
Potter Evening



ATTENDANCE

Every day in school counts – good attendance helps your child learn more, make friends, and build a brighter future.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring strong attendance across the school.

Regular attendance plays a vital in children's learning, wellbeing and friendships. While we understand that children will occasionally be unwell, we encourage attendance whenever possible, as many children who feel slightly under the weather often improve as the day progresses. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact us as early as possible so that we can work together to provide the appropriate support.

Holidays in Term Time

We would like to remind all parents and carers that holidays should not be taken during school time. Holidays are only authorised in extremely exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences will be reported to the local authority, and a fixed penalty notice may be issued.

KEY DATES AND INFORMATION

Autumn Diary Dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday 22nd September	Year 2 Welcome Meeting – 9am
Wednesday 23rd September	Year 1 Welcome Meeting – 9am
Thursday 24th September	Reception Welcome Meeting – 9am
Friday 25th September	Invasion Games Cluster Sports Festival
Wednesday 30th September	Year 5/6 Cluster Football Tournament
Thursday 1st October	'Free School Meal for All' Day
Friday 2nd October	Reception/Year 6 Coffee Morning
Monday 5th October	Reception 2027 Open Morning
Wednesday 7th October	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament
Friday 9th October	Bridge the Gap – National Poetry Day Performances
Monday 12th October	Reception 2027 Open Morning
Wednesday 14th October	PTFA KS2 Harry Potter Evening; Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament
Thursday 15th October	Year 2 Potteries Museum Trip
Friday 16th October	Year 3 Tatton Park Stone Age Trip
Tuesday 20th October	Parents Evening 1
Thursday 22nd October	Parents Evening 2
Friday 23rd October	Break up for Autumn Half Term
Monday 2nd November	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th November	SEND Coffee Morning
Thursday 5th November	Flu Spray
Friday 6th November	Bridge the Gap – Year 5 Remembrance
Monday 9th November	Year 6 Learn with Me
Tuesday 10th November	Year 5 Learn with Me
Wednesday 11th November	Year 4 Learn with Me; Year 1/2 Dance Festival
Thursday 12th November	Year 3 Learn with Me; Reception Library Trip
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day; Anti-Bullying Week; Reception Learn with Me
Tuesday 17th November	Year 2 Learn with Me
Wednesday 18th November	Year 3/4 Dance Festival
Thursday 19th November	Year 1 Learn with Me
Friday 20th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 25th November	Railway Safety Workshops; Year 5/6 Dance
Friday 27th November	PTFA Wreath Making
Monday 30th November	Rocksteady Concert – 2:15pm
Friday 4th December	Bridge the Gap
Tuesday 8th December	Infant Nativity – 4pm
Wednesday 9th December	Infant Nativity – 6pm
Tuesday 15th December	KS2 Carol Concert
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION



September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

DON'T FORGET TO
MAKE USE OF OUR
FACE PARENT
COURSES!

Masking Awareness



FREE

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Free online talk for parents
24 September 7pm - 8pm

Book online

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parent - Live Talks page

Book Free Talk Now

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST)

LEARNING LINK MEETING

24th OR 29th September 2020; 1.30pm to 3.30pm

24th September, Elm House, Macclesfield, SK11 8HE
OR
29th September, Catherine House, Eaton Street, Crewe, CW2 7EG

Learning Link theme:
Mental Health Support Team School Tool
Introduction

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions (& refreshments!)
- School Tool Walk Through
- Practical support in completing the audit.
- School Tool Next Steps
- Q&A and discussion

Confirm your attendance

Please scan the QR code below to choose your preferred date and confirm your attendance.



For SMHSLs and other pastoral staff involved in supporting mental health in MHST schools

Aims

- To support mental health leads in school in understanding the school tool process.
- To drive forward excellence in our efforts to improve mental health outcomes for children and young people.
- To further develop the MHST service in line with the needs of schools.

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Hermitage School of Witchcraft & Wizardry

The PTFA would like to invite all key stage 2 children to a spellbinding evening of magic, mystery and fun at our 'Harry Potter' event!

Dress as your favourite character and join us for an exciting evening of wand skills, potion making, spell writing, mythical creatures and a quiz.

 Date: WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

 Time: 6PM - 7.30PM

 Tickets: £7 per child including a drink and sweets

 Booking: Pre-payment in the PTFA postbox with child's name and class or via bank transfer. Deadline to buy tickets is Friday 2nd October

