Homer First School & Nursery

Newsletter – Friday 11th September

Message from the Headteacher

As we begin another exciting school year, I would like to offer a warm welcome to all of our families, both those joining our school community for the first time and those returning to us. It was wonderful to meet the parents and carers of our newest Nursery and Reception children, and we are delighted with how positively the children have embraced their new environment. They have settled into school life with confidence and enthusiasm, and it has been a pleasure to see them building new friendships and becoming familiar with their daily routines.

We are pleased to share that our new school website went live during the summer holidays. We are now busy refreshing class pages and adding key information to ensure families have easy access to everything they need. Thank you for your patience while these updates are completed, and we look forward to having the site fully up to date shortly.

It was a pleasure to share the school's final Ofsted report card with you earlier this week. A copy is attached for our new parents. As highlighted in my recent communication, regular attendance is essential for children's academic achievement, wellbeing, and social development. Every day in school offers valuable learning experiences and opportunities that are difficult to replicate elsewhere.
We continue to monitor attendance closely across the school to ensure that all pupils are able to benefit fully from their education. We understand that there can be genuine circumstances that make attendance challenging, and we remain committed to working in partnership with families to provide support wherever possible.

Summer Reading Challenge
If your child completed the RBWM library reading challenge over the summer, please hand in your certificate to your class teacher by Thursday 17th September so that we can present them to children in assembly.

Homer Reading Challenge
If your child completed the Homer Summer Reading Challenge, please send this into by Thursday 17th September so we can select the winners.

It is shaping up to be busy term, we've included some diary dates below as well as a few reminders.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Best Wishes

Mrs Sharma

Diary Dates:

Jeans for Genes*- Friday 18th September. If this is a PE day for your child they can wear their jeans and you can send in black shorts/jogging bottoms for them to change into for PE.*

My First Class photo for Reception *– Monday 21st September*

Macmillan Coffee Morning*- Friday 25th September 9.15am-11am-further details to follow.*

Individual & Sibling School Photographs *- 30th September*

Open Morning & Afternoon for Prospective Parents of Nursery & Reception September 2027

Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 9.30am

Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 1.30pm

Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 9.30am

Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 1.30pm

Spaces can be booked via the school office.

Reminders:

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is 96%. Our current attendance is 96.4%.

If your child is unwell and you are unsure if you should keep them off school, you may find this checklist poster useful - Should I keep my child off school

Reporting absences

Please remember to:-

- Call the school to report your child's absence before by 8.30am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence, and advise when they are expected to return
- Ensure that, where possible, appointments for their child are made outside of the school day

Reminders:

Safer Parking

We kindly ask everyone to be mindful of where they park and to consider the safety of others in our community. Please follow RBWM's safer parking checklist:-

- **Don't block driveways or dropped kerbs** - even for a few minutes
- **Always park away from junctions and corners** – parking 10 metres away increases the visibility for pedestrians and drivers and reduces risks for everyone.
- **Keep ALL children safe** – parking, stopping or dropping on SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR zigzags, even for just a minute, endangers other children
- **Keep yourself within the law** – never park on a single yellow line, double yellow lines, zigzag line or bus stops during restricted times. This could lead to a fine.
- **Get active** – park further away from school and walk the last 5-15 minutes of the journey