



Houghton News

MEETING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Dear Parents and Carers



Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable festive break.

It's lovely to welcome all our children back to school, keen and ready for the new term. We are all looking forward to another successful year.

Your continued support is most appreciated.

Gill Knox—Headteacher



Red Riding Hood Rescheduled Christmas Performance

performed by children in Base/C3/C4/C5/C6/C7/C8/C9

Wednesday 10th January, 1.15pm start

We're all looking forward to the performance next week!

Please arrive at school for **1.00pm** and bring your original tickets to save time when signing in. Can I please remind you not to park on the school car park when you arrive for the production as our transport providers require access.

Unfortunately, no video recording will be allowed during the performances, although you may take photographs of your own child. We have a number of children's parents/carers who have specifically requested for their children not to be photographed or recorded at any time. I apologise for any disappointment this may cause, however I'm sure you will understand the importance of ensuring such requests are met and your co-operation would be appreciated.

At the end of the production, there will be a collection plate and any donations for our School Fund would be gratefully received. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you!

Dates for your Diary

JANUARY

- Wed 10th "Red Riding Hood" rescheduled performance (1.15pm start)
- Fri 12th Badgers class visiting Attingham Park
- Fri 19th School football Match Houghton v Cherry Trees (am)
- Tue 30th Makaton Beginners Workshop (9.00am—3.30pm)

FEBRUARY

- Tue 13th Makaton Beginners Workshop (9.00am—3.30pm)
- Fri 16th Break up for Half Term Holiday**
- Mon 26th Return to School**

Coffee Morning Dates 2018

- Wednesday 31st January
- Wednesday 28th February
- Wednesday 28th March
- Wednesday 25th April
- Wednesday 23rd May
- Wednesday 27th June
- Wednesday 18th July



We'd love to see some new faces this year. Coffee Mornings are a great opportunity for you to come into school on an informal basis to chat and meet new parents/carers, staff and professionals in a friendly environment and discuss anything relating to your child.

There is no need to book, just turn up anytime between 9.00am and 12.00pm. Refreshments are provided free of charge.

Don't forget.....

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please ensure that you telephone the school office before the start of the school day to inform us of the reason and also please contact your child's transport provider. Can we also please ask you to keep us informed of any appointments your child may have. Thank you.

SWIMMING SESSIONS

Classes swim on a rota basis with sessions starting next week.
Sessions for the Spring term are:



	<u>Swimming Day</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Badgers	Wednesday	10 January
Class 2	Wednesday	10 January
Class 6	Wednesday	10 January
Class 7	Wednesday	10 January
The Base	Monday	15 January

P.E. and swimming sessions are part of the National Curriculum and therefore it is essential that your child brings the appropriate P.E. and swimming kit (including a towel) into school when required.

Staff News....

We have said a fond farewell to one of our lunchtime supervisors, Ms Beverley Green.

We wish her all the very best for the future.

After School Clubs

Details regarding After School Clubs will be sent home with children next week.

Clubs will start w/c 15 January 2018.

RED RIDING HOOD PERFORMANCE CRECHE

We will be running a crèche on Wednesday afternoon where you will be able to leave younger siblings while you enjoy the performance.

Children will be looked after by members of our Haughton staff team. If you would like to use the crèche, please fill in details below and return this slip to school on Monday so we can arrange staffing accordingly. Thank you.

<u>Name of child(ren) to be looked after</u>	<u>Ages(s)</u>
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Signed: Parent/Carer of (Pupil Name) Date:

PODS Parent Carer FREE Workshops

Planning for The Future—Wills and Trusts

Wednesday 10th January 2018 10.30—13.00

Location

The Wakes (opposite The Place Theatre)
Theatre Square
Oakengates
TF2 6EP

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wills-and-trusts-workshop-tickets-41271360751>

Do you worry what will happen to your disabled or special needs child when you are no longer around to care for them?

This is a free workshop for parents organised via Contact, helping you to understand how you can use wills and trusts to safeguard the interests of your child. Sir Alex Elphinston Bt, Senior Associate Solicitor, for Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP will lead an informative and interactive session.

Lunch will be available following the workshop—please advise dietary requirements.

Free parking at Oakengates Theatre car park.

CAMHS Workshop (0-25yrs) - Have Your Say Learning Disability as Primary Need and Associated Conditions

Wednesday 14th February 2018 09.30—14.30

Location

The Wakes (opposite The Place Theatre)
Theatre Square
Oakengates
TF2 6EP

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camhs-workshop-0-25yrs-have-your-say-learning-disability-as-primary-need-associated-conditions-tickets-41245291778>

The aim of the workshops: To develop the best possible emotional health and wellbeing services to support and enable children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs and their families and carers to live their life to the full.

This workshop is open to parents, carers and practitioners from a range of services who support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. It will provide an opportunity to hear about the work done to date, the challenges to be overcome and to jointly develop an effective service. As soon as you may be aware the new 0-25 years service is called Bee-U and this will be discussed as part of the workshop.

This workshop will cover Learning Disability Pathway—young people using this pathway will have a learning disability as their primary need, but may also have other associated conditions such as ASC, ADHD and medical needs. They may be referred to the service due to behaviour that challenges or other mental health issues.

Another workshop for Autistic Spectrum Conditions, ADHD and Neurodevelopment conditions is running in January.

Workshop will run 9.30am (refreshments) and start at 10.00am and run until 2.30pm. Lunch will be available (please advise any dietary requirements) Agenda will follow. Parking is free in main Theatre Car Park. Entrance to venue is via stairs or a lift is available.

This event is jointly organised with PODS Parent/Carer Forum (for families with Disabled Children), Parent and Carer Council (Shropshire), Telford and Wrekin CCG and Shropshire CCG.

To find out more or to book, please visit the above links or contact:

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