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## Believe, Achieve, Together We Succeed

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### Important Reminder - 48 Hour Policy

Please could we gently remind parents and carers that we have a 48 hour policy for sickness and/or diarrhoea. Children are welcome to return 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness and/or diarrhoea. This is important to stop further spread of these illnesses as much as possible.



### Harvest Festival

Once again, we have been amazed by the generosity of our families over the last few days as we have been receiving donations for the Harvest Festival. We are looking forward to sharing and celebrating this success with the children during our Harvest assemblies next week before passing these goods across to the Black Country Foodbank. The Black Country Foodbank offers a vital service to help vulnerable individuals and families in crisis through the provision of 3 days emergency food supplies while a longer-term solution is found. This has an enormous impact on the people who use them as it gives them an important breathing space at a time of great need.

The PTA have kindly offered to collect donations again on Tuesday 24th October and will be outside the New Hall from 8.30am.

We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to our wonderful PTA members who organised this collection.



### Medical Information Changes

Please get in touch with us via the office email: office@hagleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk if there has been any changes in medical conditions for your child. It is very important we keep up to date records and ensure we have the correct medication in school for your child.

### Attendance

**Our whole school attendance for the academic year so far is: 97.1%**

Below are the attendance figures from the last two weeks:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Cygnets	96	Kingfishers	99	Larks	99
Goslings	96.3	Wrens	98.7	Cranes	94
Ducklings	95.7	Flamingos	98	Storks	99.3
Puffins	95.7	Toucans	94.7	Hérons	95.3
Penguins	99	Macaws	94.7	Ospreys	96.3
Pelicans	99	Nightingales	98	Hawks	95.5
Robins	97.3	Finches	92.7	Eagles	96

### Our ACE Values

#### Academic

Being Resilient  
Being Conscientious  
Being Creative

#### Community

Being Responsible  
Being Respectful  
Being Inclusive

#### Emotional Wellbeing

Being Reflective  
Being Courageous  
Being Kind



## Reminders

Please see below for useful reminders:

- ◆ **Parent Apps:** Please remember to check in your App Store or Play Store to see if there are any app updates required to ensure you consistently receive our messages and information.
- ◆ **Labelled Clothing:** We have seen the weather turn very quickly to colder temperatures. Please can we ask you to ensure coats, jumpers and other outer wear is clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Term Dates

- ⇒ Our Teacher Education Days (TEDs) this year are: **Monday 8th January, Friday 24th May and Monday 22nd July**
- ⇒ For the current academic year's term dates please click [here](#).
- ⇒ For Worcestershire County Council agreed term dates for upcoming years (without TEDs) please click [here](#).

## Bikeability

Since the start of last week, Year 6 children have been completing their Bikeability course to gain their Level 1 or 2 Cycling Proficiency badges. Bikeability is designed to give the next generation of children the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. To get their Bikeability award, children will be instructed on how to ride their bikes to the Government-approved National Standard for Cycle Training.

We have been so proud of the children taking part for their fantastic behaviour throughout their course. They have really showcased to our community how pupils of Hagley Primary School behave as they have been out cycling.



## Dwarfism Awareness Month

We have named our houses after those who have made an exceptional achievements in music, literacy and sport in our local area. Our Simmonds house is named after the Paralympian, Ellie Simmonds. Ellie has one of around 200 forms of dwarfism, called Achondroplasia. Ellie visited our school only last year and it was a joy to have her in our school.

### What is Dwarfism?

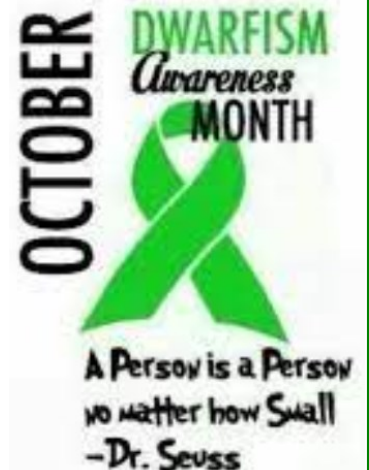
It is a condition characterised by unusually short height. There are 2 main types of restricted growth:

- proportionate short stature (PSS) – a general lack of growth in the body, arms and legs
- disproportionate short stature (DSS) – where the arms and legs are particularly short
- while Achondroplasia is the most common form of dwarfism, it is still very rare as only 1 in 25,000 babies will be born with Achondroplasia.

To celebrate Dwarfism Awareness Month, we like to share information to help raise awareness of this condition, to dispel misconceptions and be part of the change to make a more inclusive society for those living with dwarfism.

### Did you know?

- 80% of people with restricted growth are born to parents of average height
- Dwarfism does not impact a person's intelligence
- Generally, a person with dwarfism is 4' 10" or under.

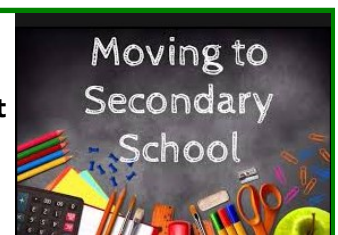


## Applications for Year 7 Places

Please could we remind parents and carers that the deadline for Year 7 applications is fast approaching. The application for your child's school place **must** be received by midnight on Tuesday 31st October.



To apply, please click [here](#).



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

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