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KEY STAGE 1



"For a better future"

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WELCOME

Our aim is that during their time at Laurance Haines, your children fulfil their academic and social potential. In doing this, they can reap the rewards and benefits of being caring, confident, enquiring and independent individuals, able to take their place as active citizens in a multi-cultural society.

Our staff plan the curriculum with emphasis on the children's interests, to ensure the children make good progress towards their goals.

Pupils experience a range of activities, indoors, outdoors and off-site, to develop skills, knowledge and independence. They learn actively within a strong routine. Communication about learning will be through Preview Home Learning, newsletters and via Twitter. We treat every child as an individual and look forward to welcoming you to Key Stage 1

KS1 TEACHERS

MISS BANKS, KS1 PHASE LEADER / Y2 TEACHER, TEAM HAZEL

I am very proud to be heading up the Year 1 and 2 team this year at Laurance Haines. I began life at here as a student teacher, training for my Post Graduate Degree twenty years ago and haven't wanted to move on anywhere since! I am fortunate enough to not only be a class teacher at the school, but to take on the roles of Reading Lead, (an absolute passion of mine) Phase Leadership, as well as be a mentor to our ECT teachers. I look forward to building on our children's previous learning through lots of active, engaging and exciting learning opportunities across the year.



MRS LYNCH, Y2 TEACHER, TEAM HAZEL



I am delighted to be teaching Team Hazel this year and feel extremely lucky to continue my journey at Laurance Haines in Key Stage One, I look forward to a year of fun and exciting learning opportunities. I believe that children learn best when they feel safe and happy, which is why I strive to create a stimulating and loving environment where the children learn through memorable and immersive learning.

MISS CHAUDRY, Y2 TEACHER, TEAM HOLLY

As a former pupil of Laurance Haines and having completed my bachelor's degree in Primary Education, I am extremely excited to be teaching at the school that I was once a pupil in! For me, there is nothing more exciting than sharing my love and passion for teaching.



MISS DUNWORTH, Y1 TEACHER, TEAM ELM



I first joined Laurance Haines School in the early months of 2020, having graduated with a degree in Youth Studies. Having always had a passion to work with young people, I quickly realised that being in the classroom was where I belonged. I embarked on my teaching career at Laurance Haines in Year 6 and I am now looking forward to bringing my expertise to Year 1 to support our children in their early development. I bring to the classroom a positive attitude, high expectations and creativity as well as an eagerness to prepare our pupils to become active and thriving citizens in society. Teaching is a fantastic career and to have the opportunity to shape young people's time in education each and every day is a privilege. I hope that my pupils remember me how I remember some of my Primary School Teachers.

MISS MCNAMARA, Y1 TEACHER, TEAM ELDER

I am the teacher in Year 1 Elder. I studied at the University of Hertfordshire where I graduated with a first class degree in Early Childhood Education. I am an Early Career Teacher with 6 years experience of working in schools, 3 of which has been spent in Reception. I love reading stories, being creative and I really enjoy being active. I am passionate about creating an exciting learning environment which encourages children to explore and flourish. I believe children's curiosity should always be nurtured to support their own love of learning.



WHAT OUR DAY LOOKS LIKE

CALM START

Our school day begins in class with a calm start, a time for children to check in with their emotions and engage in therapeutic activities, team or individual learning experiences, reading for pleasure or to just have a quiet chat with their peers. It prepares the children and gets them in the right frame of mind for the active learning day ahead. Toast stations are situated in every classroom and can be accessed freely by the children.



CORE SUBJECTS

Each day children will engage in spelling sessions, reading, English and mathematics lessons. In addition to this, PE, Jigsaw, Computing and Spanish is taught weekly.



DAILY MILE

Children challenge themselves daily with their class peers to run a mile. It is not only daily exercise, it releases endorphins and builds resilience and self-esteem.



CHILD-LED CURRICULUM

Our topics are linked to our school values and are question driven, linked to the children's interests. Our curriculum covers a wide range of subjects, such as Science, Design and Technology, Arts and Humanities and builds upon the Early Years Foundation Stage.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does my child need to bring every day?

Reading book, link book, water bottle and coat. PE kits should remain in school all week.

How do I communicate with the class teacher?

Via the link book, email, parent consultations or organising a meeting at the classroom door.

Our email addresses:

Year 1 Teachers

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Year 2 Teachers

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What time does school start and finish?

8.50 am (doors open at 8:45am)– 3.20 pm.

What if my child is hungry in the morning?

Every morning, toast is available in the classroom. You are also welcome to send your child in with a healthy snack for their break time, however one is also offered to your child each day.

Is there any homework in KS1?

Every week, the children will be given a Preview Home Learning sheet. This will include creative activities, research suggestions and tasks to give them a ‘head start’ for the upcoming learning.

Medicines

Any medication needs to be given to the school office with a complete and up-to-date medical form. Please ensure medication is kept in-date.

How often should my child be reading?

Ideally every day for five to ten minutes but definitely at least three times a week. Please sign the link book and write a short comment to acknowledge that your child had read.

When does my child do PE?

In Year 1, PE takes place on a Thursday. In Year 2, PE is on a Monday. However, we encourage you to send your child in on Monday with their PE kit and take it home on Friday for a wash.h.

OUR SCHOOL VIDEO



IN YEAR ADMISSIONS

[In-year Admissions will be managed by the Herts Admissions Team. To see if places are available at our school for this current school year, see here.](#)

[To apply for an in-year place, please see the Herts Admissions Website instructions.](#)

KS1 SATS - YEAR 2

The KS1 SAT's are sat during the month of May. They are delivered in small, supported groups and are referred to as 'special work'. The Year 2 children will complete 4 papers; 2 in maths (arithmetic and reasoning) and 2 in Reading.