



NEWSLETTER

25th September 2023

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Note from the Head

Parent School Development Plan Survey

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for helping me start my first few weeks at Harborne Primary School. It has been a pleasure beginning to build an effective relationship with all of you in the 'Harborne family'.

I would like to ask your help. Every year the school revisits its plans for school improvement, identifying priorities for the future. As I am new at the school, I am evaluating the current school provision in depth so that I can be fully informed when setting this year's priorities. To do this, I would like to listen to your priorities and keep them in mind whilst working with staff to set targets for school improvement in the 2023-2024 academic year. I have therefore set up this short survey asking you to indicate what your family's priority might be for moving Harborne Primary School forward this year.

<https://forms.office.com/e/iMXEg5DW9R>



I will look forward to communicating with you soon on some of the strategic plans that the school has that incorporates some of your priorities.

Once again, many thanks for your help and support.

Regards,

Mr. Whitehouse

Traffic Issues Around School

We have had local residents, telling us of their concerns about the traffic situation outside school in the busy drop-off and collection times. Can we please again remind parents to be vigilant, considerate, legal and safe when they have no other option but to bring their cars to school. Thank you.

Books

Over the summer we have been updating our school library with some new books.

As a result we have some books which we no longer have space for. We would like to invite parents of children in the juniors to come and take some of these books to add to their home collections.

We are planning to set up a small stall on Wednesday 27th September for families to come and choose some books. Many thanks, The English team.

Open Mornings

Our Open Mornings are for any parents who have a child due to start school in September 2024. They include a tour of the school and a presentation by the leadership team. Please share these dates with friends or neighbours who you know have a child due to start school.

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th
November - main site

Friday 24th November at 2pm - Annex
tour

Monday 11th March - Annex

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors and Teaching Assistants. If you may be interested, or know someone who is, please check it out on the school website.



Year Six – applications for Secondary School.

We understand that finding the right Secondary School for your child can be a challenge. We want to support our families in this process but last year we grew increasingly concerned by the sheer volume of requests for information we got for some of our pupils.

When parents apply online to state schools including grammar schools, the information is easy to share. Most importantly it is only requested by the school your child is actually offered a place at. This means one form per child and in the summer when the bulk of the Year six curriculum has been covered.

Mrs Nelson and her team have individual meetings where needed, to share information about children with additional needs. We also host drop in sessions where staff from any Secondary provision can come and meet their new pupils and talk to our staff. This is all an important part of our provision for Year Six pupils making sure they are ready for the next stage of their education.

Our concern arose around Autumn term applications for a growing number of “out of area” or independent schools that all had different forms and processes. Year Six teachers were being asked to fill in multiple forms, sometimes needing to consult Year Five colleagues-this took time away from their “main job” of planning and delivering lessons to help the children reach their full potential.

We wrote to these schools saying that we would not complete such forms but would instead be sending a copy of the child’s end of Year 5 report. This worked well last year. Our children were still made offers at a range of schools. We are therefore operating the same policy this year.

We feel it is important that you as parents know this - as it means we won’t be sending them anything that we haven’t already sent to you!

If the child has only joined us in Y6 we will send a brief report based on our early impressions of the child - you may want to ensure they are also provided with the detailed Y5 report from their previous school.

We hope you understand our reasons for this.

Please discuss with your child’s teacher or Mrs Hallam if you have further questions.



School Uniform and PE Kit

We are proud of the effort that families have made in supporting pupils to come back to school after the summer holidays looking smart and in proper uniform. As a reminder on school uniform for all:

- School colours mean burgundy sweatshirts or jumpers with white polo shirts (either with or without the school badge on); trousers, skirts or pinafores should be black or grey please.
- Children should be in proper black shoes, and socks/tights/hair bobbles should be understated and in school colours also.

P.E. kits should be comprised of:

- Plain navy, grey or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms with an elasticated ankle/ cuff
- White P.E. top with house colour trim and school logo or a plain t-shirt in your child's house colour
- Trainers - not pumps
- A plain burgundy jumper/ cardigan or a Harborne Primary School burgundy jumper / cardigan
- Socks
- FASTENABLE trainers – not pumps or school shoes!
- Long hair must be tied back (hair colour or school colour bobbles)
- No jewellery including earrings (religious jewellery can be covered with a sweatband)
- As an adaptation to the current KS1 system, if you want to wash your child's PE kit more frequently, parents/carers can take it home on a Friday to return it on Monday

Attendance Reminder

We use the Fasttrack system from Birmingham City Council. We will be providing you with our revised Attendance Policy soon.





Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners - w/e 22/09/2023



1M	Ellena Shirkhanloo	Rory Griffiths
1OQ	Cheuk Ying Chan	Shayan Lagudu
1G	Alboreky Zakariyah	Samuel Miller
1B	Etta Harvey-More	Leo Shelton
2P	Charlotte Beercroft	Iylah Gul
2O	Ashwin Swamy	Cassius Thompson
2OB	Vincent Mullings	Ari Patel
2SF	Gabriel Zvesper	Anoushka Koonar-Carroll
3PR	Rea Koci	
3S	Lia Khalaf	Mikael Roberts
3E	Jude Baladi	Harry Jones
3D	Ottilie Ratnasuriya	
4W	Taliyah Sidiq	
4GV	Harry Ryan	Carlos Ramirez-Davy
4NB	Harry Richardson	
4RB	Mustafa Mohamed	
5BC	Magnus Hewett	
5C	Luca Tulloch	
5B	Nethra Balaji	
5LM	Elmer Amirize	Samira Barakat
6D	Mostafa Bashar	
6KP	Hadiya Adris	
6J	Nishaan Singh	





Dates in the Diary

Tue 26th Sept	Y3 Roald Dahl Day (Both Sites)
Thurs 28th Sept	9.15am - Reception Reading Meeting (Annex) 1.45pm - Reception Reading Meeting (Main site)
Fri 29th Sep	Harvest Festival Assembly
Mon 9th Oct	Y5 Harry Potter Day
Tues 10th Oct	Parents Evening (both sites)
Wed 11th Oct	Y1 Autumn Walk
Thurs 12th Oct	Parents Evening (both sites)
Fri 20th Oct	Y6 Alice in Wonderland Day
Tues 24th Oct	Y6 Trip to Black Country Museum
Thurs 26th Oct	Y3 Pre History Day
Thurs 26th Oct	Flu Immunisations
Fri 27th Oct	Last day of school
Mon 30th–3rd Nov	Half term holiday
Mon 6th Nov	School re-opens for all children
Thurs 9th Nov	AIM High Writers' Day
Mon 13th Nov	Y4 Greek Day
Tues 14th Nov	Open Morning - Main Site
Thurs 16th Nov	Open Morning - Main Site
Thurs 16th Nov	Y5 Cadbury World
Fri 24th Nov	Friends Film Club



FRIENDS OF HARBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friends of Harborne Primary School - Who we are?

All parents are automatically members of our lively Parents Association and some enjoy making new friends by attending monthly meetings and /or helping out at events. We organise many events during the year including Film Clubs, school discos, DIY days and Summer and Christmas Fairs.

All proceeds raised from Friends events fund school projects that will benefit children in all years and on both sites.

We usually meet at 8pm on the first school Monday of each month. You can contact Mrs Hallam in school via our enquiry email address if you want to get involved. Events and information about Friends are shared in the weekly school newsletter.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram!

We are on Facebook-Friends of Harborne Primary School www.facebook.com/friendsofharborneprimaryschool/

Instagram-search and follow **friendsofhps**

WhatsApp class groups

We hope you are finding the class WhatsApp groups a helpful way of finding out about opportunities to give time, money or resources to school. If you are not a part of your class group but would like to be, ask your child's teacher to point you in the direction of the class link. Our thanks go out to all the parents who continue to respond to requests from teachers for donated resources or time.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to the 400 plus supporters on Easyfundraising who have raised over £10,000 for the school. Please think about buying through Easyfundraising; every penny really does add up! It's one of the easiest ways to raise money, and over 7,500 brands are included in the scheme, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos and M&S. It doesn't cost you anything and is quick and easy. Why not ask family and friends to sign-up too?

To register visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/harborneprimary/ or simply download the Easyfundraising app. There is a handy donation reminder that will pop up when you are shopping online-you pay nothing extra, but school gets a donation when you shop.