



NEWSLETTER

9th October 2023

Telephone 0121 464 2705

Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for your contributions to the parent survey about next steps. We are especially seeing a strong desire from the parent community to continue to enhance levels of inclusion and strengthen communication with families. Please keep the responses coming. We will in turn write to you with our plans later this half term.



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

This week we have our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday, which will be an ideal opportunity to speak to your child's new class teacher to see how they have settled in to the academic year so far.

Across this week after school we have our Book Fair. Please do come and browse and pick up a book or two. As a high performing school, we enjoy promoting reading as much as possible. The Book Fair will be available at both the Annex and Main Site

Regards,

Mr. Whitehouse

Book Fair

Book Fair is here!

Starting Monday 9th and ending Thursday 12th October, the book fair will be up and running at both sites. It will start at 3.30pm and end around 4.15pm on Monday and Wednesday. However, it will stay open later during the Parents' Evenings on the Tuesday and Thursday. It is a fantastic opportunity to encourage your child to read and all the books you buy earn the school free books too. Reading Rules!

Attendance News

Attendance for the week 2nd-6th October 2023

| Year Group | Percentage |
|------------|------------|
| RECEPTION | 96% |
| Year 1 | 96% |
| Year 2 | 96% |
| Year 3 | 95% |
| Year 4 | 94% |
| Year 5 | 95% |
| Year 6 | 92% |

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. We must stress that these are events for adults only. We do not see these as suitable events for children of any age. There is a lot of information to share that does not interest most pre-schoolers! We will be holding several "Stay and play sessions" in the summer term on both sites. These are fun, play based sessions designed to give children a positive view of school life.

Please share these dates with friends or neighbours who you know have a child due to start school.

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November - 9.15 - 11.15am. 11.15-11.45am - Extra presentation with information for parents who live out of the area.

Friday 24th November at 2pm - Annex Tour

Monday 11th March - 9.30am - Annex Tour



Head Bumps

We are part way through trialling our wristband policy for head bumps and thought we would give you an update.

We think that wristbands are working well as a way of communicating a possible concussion risk - we hope you agree.

What has alarmed us slightly is the ENORMOUS increase in reported (but no visible mark) head bumps since we started handing out shiny wristbands to any child who tells us they have bumped their head.

It is obviously vital that children do report any head injuries and we do not wish to accuse individuals of fabricating injuries but the increase in numbers is too dramatic to be purely coincidental!

Please help us to make sure your child understands the significance of these bands - they are not a prize but a really important sign to the grown ups! It is essential that we can keep a good stock in our First Aid boxes for those children that really need them.

Thank You

Pupil Fundraisers

A huge congratulations to our Pupil Fundraisers last year who raised the impressive total of £195.50 for charity! This will be split equally between the charities chosen by the children: Cancer Research UK, British Heart Foundation, WWF and the RSPCA.

Raising this grand total was no mean feat with the Y6 pupils at MS and Y4 at the Annex organising bake sales, tombolas, guessing challenges, craft sales and much, much more. Thank you to all of you who donated your time, energy and resources to make a positive contribution to our wider world. And of course, thank you to all of the children who spent their pocket money on the goods and activities! Mrs O'Brien.

Alliance In Partnership

We would like to inform parents/carers that AiP the company who produce the catering for school lunches, will be in school during the two parents' evenings (10th and 12th October) to discuss any issues you may have using their app. This will be at the main site.

Test Text

A test text message will be sent out on Tuesday from Harborne Primary School. If anyone has not received the text, could they please inform the school office.

Our ref: AA/CP/Oct23

October 2023

Parent/Carer of

Dear Parent/Carer,

Apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2024

I am writing to you because I understand that your child is able to start school soon. By law, parents/carers must ensure that their child is receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. In Birmingham, however, your child can go to school in the September after his or her fourth birthday.

We would ask you to visit **www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions** and submit an online application from 1 October 2023 and by **15 January 2024** (the final closing date). We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary Admission Arrangements 2024' Information prior to submitting your application. In addition to this, most schools will hold open sessions where parents can talk to teachers or view the school's own prospectus etc. Please visit your preferred school's website for further details.

Online applications will receive an immediate email confirmation when the application is submitted. Those online applicants who have not provided an email address will not receive an acknowledgement, so it is very important that you include an email address. If you have not received an acknowledgement by 15 January 2024, then you should call Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 to confirm that your application has been received.

Online applicants that submit their application with a valid email address will be sent an offer by email on 16 April 2024. Parents/carers that submitted an online application without a valid email address will be sent an offer letter by first class post which should arrive from 16 April 2024 and should be delivered by the end of that week. Finally, please remember, you do not need to have the internet at home. You can apply online from any device with internet access or if you are able from a computer whilst at work.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 where staff will be pleased to offer their assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Michell

Head of Schools Admissions, Attendance, Exclusions and Pupil Tracking

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Why does my child have a wristband?

We're trialling wristbands to notify staff and parents of **head bumps.**

If your child comes home with a wristband, please be alert for **signs of concussion**.

Cut the wristband off at home to show you got the message.



← Please refer to the NHS website for their current guidance on possible symptoms.



Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners - w/e 06/10/2023

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| 1M | Lily Bowen | Martin Rojas-Mondejar |
| 1OQ | Viraj Dhir | |
| 1G | Alayna Wasim | Lucas He |
| 1B | Ari Chan | Autumn Prabhu |
| 2P | Olivia Connolly | Sanjana Rangapur |
| 2O | Sourjyadip Ghosh | Lamah Swamy |
| 2OB | San Abdalla Eleanor Swallow | Hei Yu Cheung |
| 2SF | Laila Amer | Samuel Wrigley |
| 3PR | Ethan Parkes | |
| 3S | Jamie Huen | |
| 3E | Judie Abdorab | |
| 3D | Sophia Shahid | |
| 4W | Kitty Wenley | |
| 4GV | Jiwoo Kim | Khaled Allan |
| 4NB | Eva El Badwi | |
| 4RB | Benjamin George | |
| 5BC | Matilda Deuer | |
| 5C | Louis Dutrieu | |
| 5B | Anna Powell | |
| 5LM | Hattie Hallmark | Khadija Bashari |
| 6D | Elizabeth Stait | |
| 6KP | Aya Alaufi | |
| 6J | Eira Gaspar-Jones | |



Dates in the Diary

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| 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 | Flu Immunisations - (all year groups) |
| 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 |
| Tues 14th Nov | 9.15-11.45am - Open Morning - Main Site |
| Thurs 16th Nov | 9.15-11.45am - Open Morning - Main Site |
| Thurs 16th Nov | Y4 Greek Day - Annex |
| Thurs 16th Nov | Y5 Cadbury World |
| Fri 24th Nov | 2.00pm - Annex Tour (prospective parents) |
| Fri 24th Nov | Friends Film Club |
| Tues 12th Dec | 1.40pm - Y2 Nativity (main site) |
| Wed 13th Dec | 9.30am - Years 1 and 2 Nativity (annex) |
| Wed 13th Dec | 1.40pm Y2 Nativity (main site) |
| Thurs 14th Dec | 1.40pm Y2 Nativity (main site) |
| Thurs 14th Dec | 1.45pm Years 1 and 2 Nativity (annex) |
| Fri 22nd Dec | Last day of school - Break up for Christmas |



Dear Parents/Carers

We're looking for a group of enthusiastic parents to take on the organisation of this year's Christmas fair in December (date TBC). It's one of our most popular and successful fundraising events, raising thousands of pounds that benefit children in all years at the school.

If you'd like to get involved, please email friendsofharborneprimary@hotmail.com and come along to our next Friends meeting at 8pm on Monday 9th October at the main site.

If you can't help on this occasion we have plenty of other opportunities for you to get involved so please do get in touch.

Thank you
The Friends

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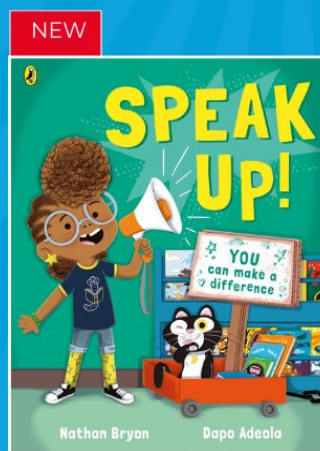
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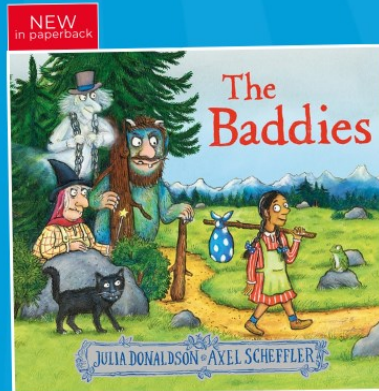


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Monday 9th-Thursday 12th October

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