



NEWSLETTER

23rd October 2023

Telephone 0121 464 2705

Note from the Head

We are coming to the end of the half term, with the pupils having a well earned break next week.

I would like to thank all members of the Harborne school community for all of their support over the last 8 weeks.

I would also like to especially thank parents for contributing to the survey I set up a few weeks ago to help identify what areas of school life we could develop during this academic year.

The plan will be published on the website very soon, but I would like to summarise some of the key points in the newsletter for you to see. The strategic School Development and Improvement Plan is split into four categories, with targets for improvement in each one:

Quality of Education

Behaviour and Attitudes

Personal Development

Leadership and Management

We will also be looking to seek your opinions further, to understand your thoughts on what is working well and what could be better at Harborne Primary School, as well as how elements of the curriculum could be enhanced to better reflect the diverse community we serve.

Autumn brings lots of exciting things to do for families, such as bonfire night, and so we have also included some information to help everyone stay safe and have fun too.

Mr Whitehouse

Attendance News

Attendance for the week 16th -20th Oct 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	96.6%	3
Y1	94.8%	9
Y2	97.0%	5
Y3	96.3%	3
Y4	92.4%	6
Y5	96.2%	12
Y6	95.1%	11

Time off for appointments

You may have noticed we have started publishing attendance figures for each year group in the newsletter. Our attendance figures are generally good, however even with these good figures there are definitely some avoidable absences.

Most families send their children to school regularly and understand the link between attendance and attainment but when we look carefully at patterns of attendance we can see room for some improvement.

So can we remind you that **routine** medical and dental appointments should not be booked during school time but should be after 3.30pm or during school holidays.

We understand that hospital clinics and emergency appointment may warrant some time off school but please try to minimise absence from learning time wherever possible, Thank you.

Every day
COUNTS!



School success starts
with attendance



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

Our Own Annex Wombles!

Huge thanks to two special pupils at the Annex, Georgina and Teddy. When walking to school they were disappointed to see people were dropping litter right by our school gates. Instead of moaning about it, this community minded pair decided to do something about it themselves. We are so proud of you both for your positive action and your citizenship. What great role models for all children and adults in our community!



PE Kits:

You will be aware that since September, KS1 and EYFS children have had modified arrangements for getting changed for PE, reverting to systems that were in place before the Covid 19 pandemic. After half term, Mr Whitehouse will be reviewing the success of this approach across school, which will include gathering information on pupil perceptions on the process as well as other key areas around school. We hope to keep you updated with this.



A selection of SDIP Target Areas

IMPROVED ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

The school's SDIP has a target for improving the number of pupils who achieve the expected standard and above in Reading, Writing AND Maths combined.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

The SDIP covers targets that will review the curriculum so that skills progression is maximised, and that children know more and remember more. The curriculum will be enhanced to make it more representative of the diverse backgrounds our children come from as well as making it more inclusive.

INCLUSION

Inclusion is an area many parents felt was a high priority area for them. The SDIP therefore has a target to look to review and in turn enhance how ambitiously inclusive the school is.

SAFEGUARDING

For any school, safeguarding of children is the highest priority. The school will therefore continue to challenge itself to ensure that the safeguarding of pupils is continually enhanced.

COMMUNICATION

Communication was a key area identified by families as an important area to improve. Across the school year, we will be looking to work with families to help improve communication with the parent community.

Halloween and Bonfire Night

As I'm sure you are all aware both Halloween and Bonfire Night are during the half term break. Whilst we want everyone to have a great time enjoying and celebrating these events please take care, be safe and follow the safety firework guidelines.



FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

If you must have fireworks at home, please follow this safety advice.

DOs

- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

DON'Ts

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm



Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners - w/e 20/10/2023

1M	Leilano Caruso-Hearnden	Hudson Smith
1OQ	Clara Syazeddy	
1G	Yu-Hei Tam	Edward Thewlis
1B	Deeka Babu	Brogan Taylor
2P	Milan Barber	Purneet Rai
2O	Hugo Mackinnon	Olivia Richardson
2OB	Jaynelle Awuah	Sophia Rezeq
2SF	Mazen Hassan	Amara Jhinjer
3PR	Maya Shahid	
3S	Karim Khan	Emily Norunha
3E	Charlie Reid	
3D	Evie Steer	
4W	Lamisah Malik	
4GV	Henry Kelly	Priya Barber
4NB	Soha Alehamoudi	
4RB	Joseph Scicluna	
5BC	Jayden Green	
5C	Max Cole	
5B	Olivia Nath	
5M	Eric Ballhause	Elsie Douglas
6D	Shakur Alboreky	
6KP	Zakaria Ahmed	
6J	Bryan Chan	



Dates in the Diary

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
Mon 6th Nov	School Photographer - individual photos (annex)
Tues 7th Nov	School Photographer - individual photos (main site)
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
Fri 1st Dec	Year 4 Christmas Adventure at St John's
Wed 6th Dec	Reception post letters to Father Christmas (MS/Annex)
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
Mon 8th Dec	TED Day
Tues 9th Jan	School re-opens for all children



It was so lovely to see so many new and returning parents at the meeting last week. Thank you to everyone who came we really appreciate it. If you couldn't make it but would still like to help run any of the following events please email friendsofharborneprimary@hotmail.com.

We will be running several fun events for the children this term so please save these dates for your calendars. Further details will be sent to you nearer the time.

6th November 8pm - next friends meeting & AGM

24th November – Film club (children in year 1 and above at both sites)

2nd December - Christmas fair.

20th December – Break the rules Day.



HARBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL FILM CLUB



£4
INCLUDES
SNACK BAG

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER | 3.30 PM-5.40

Years 1-6 both sites.

**Tickets on sale after
half term**

