



# NEWSLETTER

## 6th November 2023

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### Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half term. We hope that you and your family had a happy and safe break. We look forward to pupils getting settled back to work in class smoothly this week.

If you recall, in the last newsletter we shared some highlights from our new School Development and Improvement Plan. One of the targets related to reviewing and enhancing the school's curriculum. One such way is to ensure that the curriculum reflects and celebrates the rich diversity of families we serve. To help this we need to hear your views. Please look out for an online questionnaire very soon to share your views on how your family's heritage and your suggestions could be incorporated into our curriculum.

We really appreciate your help.

Mr. Whitehouse

### Attendance News

Attendance for the week 23rd -27th Oct 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	88.9%	3
Y1	95.0%	8
Y2	91.9%	5
Y3	90.3%	8
Y4	93.3%	5
Y5	95.4%	11
Y6	94.1%	4

### Happy Pupils Succeed

We really believe in our motto and want our pupils to be happy at school. The vast majority of our pupils come to school excited to learn and see their friends. If your child is ever reluctant to come to school please do not be tempted to think "a day off doesn't do any harm"... we need to work out why and put a plan in place to solve it. Children need to understand that they do not get a choice about when they come to school but that grown ups at home and school can help them solve any problems they have. Your child's class teacher is the best first contact but Miss Hussain (Annex), Mrs Quadri (main Site) and Mrs Hallam (both sites) are also happy to get involved to support you in maximising your child's attendance so we can also maximise their happiness and learning.

**Research shows  
that pupils who  
attend school  
regularly are more  
likely to do well in  
the future.**



## 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

As you are aware we have modified our practice around head bumps. We feel that the use of wristbands as recommended on our training update is clear and helpful. We wanted to clarify the significance of the two coloured bands and how we use them.

To re-cap, both yellow and orange bands warn all adults to watch out for signs of concussion-yellow is not necessarily "less serious". The only difference is that orange means parents have already been contacted.

When a child presents with a bumped head three factors need to be considered by First Aid staff. This helps them decide to call parents immediately which in turn means whether to use a yellow band or an orange one.

These are the three factors in order of importance.

- 1) How the child is presenting... are they crying? calm? looking clammy? Can they talk and respond normally? Is there a visible mark or bump at all? All this will be monitored while they are in First Aid with an ice pack on the injury.
- 2) What do we know about how the injury occurred? Do we know what they bumped their head on? Did they fall from a height? Does a reliable witness say it looked like a "bad fall" even if the child is making light of it?
- 3) What is happening between time of injury and time child gets back to parents? So for example if the accident occurs at 3pm we are much less likely to phone parents if we know they will be picking up the child in twenty minutes anyway and we can speak to them face to face then. However if the child was due to attend an after school sports club we would be more likely to call them.

So as you can see there is a lot to consider! First Aiders are only able to deal with what is apparent at the time. A yellow band tells our staff to keep monitoring and so you may get a call later on that day to say that your child is now complaining of feeling sick or having a headache.

We do **not** have a blanket rule that a visible mark leads to a call and no mark means no call but you can expect that information about the head bump will be communicated to you by phone, face to face or by the presence of a slip on the day it happens.



## Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners - w/e 27/10/2023

1M	Whole Class	
1OQ	Whole Class	
1G	Whole Class	
1B	Whole Class	Troy Tariq
2P	Kenan Al-Zaghir	Penelope Cheel
2O	Alfie Baladi	Samuel Blyth
2OB	Harry Crisp	Eemaan Ismail
2SF	Reuben Green	Prio Lam
3PR	Farah Chowdhury-Breton	
3S	Edward Cumming	Heidi Ryan
3E	Amelia-Faith Davis	
3D	Aahil Afzal	
4W	Ahdiraa Muraleetharan	
4GV	Chloe Garton	
4NB	Thomas James	
4RB	Owen Jefferson	
5LM	Shya Suthi	Saad Amir
5BC	Hana Sorour	
5C	Sara Diwate	
5B	Ayan Karim	
6D	Mandeepak Ubee	
6KP	Myla Boomer	
6J	Nasir Mobarak	



## Dates in the Diary

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	9.15am — ROC and 1OQ Christmas Songs (main site)
Tues 12th Dec	9.15am — RTD Christmas Songs (Annex)
Tues 12th Dec	1.40pm - Y2 Nativity (Main site)
Wed 13th Dec	9.15am — REC and 1G Christmas Songs (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	9.15am — RGD and 1B Christmas Songs (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 Jan	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](mailto: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**

