



# NEWSLETTER

## 13th November 2023

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### Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I mentioned a survey for parents and carers relating to enhancing our curriculum, especially in relation to our rich diversity. Please see the link in this newsletter to take part.



<https://forms.office.com/e/UrpCaE805P>

We are looking forward to our open mornings on Tuesday and Thursday this week and are excited to meet many families who may be joining us in September 2024.

This week we have our annual 'Anti Bullying Week', with the theme for 2023 being 'Make a Noise About Bullying'. Today children and staff have been wearing odd socks to mark the start of the week. The children will do other assemblies and activities across this week.

This Friday is Children in Need with its 'Spotacular' theme. Therefore Friday will be a Non Uniform day and children can come to school in Spotty clothes for a £1 donation which can be paid via Parentpay.

May we wish all families celebrating Diwali or Bhandi Chhor Divas a wonderful time during this special period.

Kindest Regards,

Mr. N. Whitehouse.

### Attendance News

Attendance for the week 6th-10th Nov 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	92.1%	2
Y1	96.1%	11
Y2	94.9%	4
Y3	94.9%	8
Y4	94.2%	7
Y5	95.1%	11
Y6	94.2%	5

### Early Birds are ready to Learn

Our doors open at 8.50am and any child arriving between 8.50am and 9.00am is "on time." Different classes have different morning routines but the time between 8.50am and 9.00am is never "dead time"... it may be used for reading, for skills practice or for some pupils to have a quick personal conference with the teacher about something they found difficult yesterday. Some classes start with a quick written "early work" task in books or on whiteboards. Others may use the interactive screen to share a song that helps practice number bonds, times tables, phonics or topic vocabulary. New learning will not start before 9.00am but these ten minutes are useful for reinforcement and revision. So please aim for 8.50am arrival so your child gets access to this extra 50 minutes every day of every week. As a well known supermarket says... "every little helps". It also makes it less likely that you will arrive after the 9am deadline and fall into the "late" category as even 9.01am means a late mark for your child on the register.

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

## 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.





## Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church

We would like to invite you to our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 5th December, 6.00pm at St Mary's Church, Vivian Road, Harborne.

Children from Key Stage Two choirs (Annex and main Site), the Junior Ukulele Band, a selection of our talented musicians and the Staff Choir will be taking part; we also have some of our Year 6 children giving readings. The concert will last for approximately one hour.

**Participants need to arrive at the Church from 5.30pm and no later than 5.45pm.**

Photography is allowed so long as it does not distract the children as they perform, **but we must ask that pictures are NOT published on any social media in respect of other children's privacy.**

We would also ask that if younger children become unsettled, that they are not allowed to run around in the church but are taken into the foyer so that the performers are not **distracted, and the concert is not disrupted for others.**

It promises to be a wonderful evening judging by the rehearsals so far! The children have been working extra hard to make sure we are ready, and I know you will all enjoy hearing them perform. We hope to see you there!





## Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners - w/e 10/11/2023

REC	Aiyana Shabir	Callum Temple
RGD	Leo Smith	Maha Zarmeen
ROC	Anaya Azeem	Joseph Wright
RDT	Alia Carney-McBride	Olaia Jamieson
1M	Amelia Mann	Ajeet Saggu
1OQ	Livleen Kaur	Ander Tringham
1G	Jaiden Tumbali	Mohan Hao
1B	Sofia Comis	Parwa Masod
2P	Naina Najran	Mobahil Siddiqui
2O	Eshaal Tanzil	Radin Dehghanifiroozabadi
2OB	Oliver Bailey	Lock Ching Lee
2SF	Angela Tafa	
3PR	Yashi Vaid	
3S	Frederick Hallmark	Oscar Shellum
3E	Jad Almasri	
3D	Mia Liang	
4W	Siena Robertson	
4GV	Rosha Rahimoff Nova-Bella Hodgkinson	Ola Khalil
4NB	Zahra Khan	
4RB	Fatma Muthir	
5LM	Iqbal Muhammed	Martin Yeomans
5BC	Ella Baldy	
5C	Isaac Young	
5B	Nina De Brito	
6D	Duta Lawson	
6KP	Dharam Bains	Ibraheem Shabaz



## Dates in the Diary

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 17th Nov	Non Uniform Day — Children can wear 'spotty clothes'
Fri 17th Nov	Children In Need
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
Sat 2nd Dec	Christmas Fair
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





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## FILM CLUB 24TH NOV

Book via – <https://www.pta-events.com/friendsofharborneprimary/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=71556>



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Your children have been busy creating festive designs that have been sent off to the Christmas elves, who turned them into Christmas cards and gifts for you to order. 30% of your order cost goes to the school. Look out for order forms in your child's book bag this week.



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