



NEWSLETTER

27th November 2023

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Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

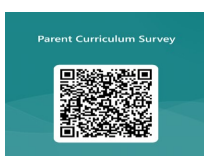
With Christmas soon on the horizon, school is looking forward to lots of wonderful activities over coming weeks. I am particularly looking forward to our Christmas Fair, which will be at the Main Site this Saturday, 2nd December. Do take a look for more information within this issue of the newsletter.

We have been contacted by local residents that there have been occasions when motorists near to the school have been driving, or parking inappropriately. For the safety of all, please respect speed limits and parking restrictions near to school.

For all families celebrating Guru Nanak Jayanti today, all in the Harborne Primary School community wish you a wonderful time.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our curriculum survey. I understand that a technical glitch has prevented some families from being able to respond. Please take a look at this link, which should now work correctly.

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



Kindest regards,

Mr N Whitehouse

Attendance News

Attendance for the week 20th-24th Nov 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	92.0%	8
Y1	91.3%	13
Y2	93.0%	4
Y3	93.2%	5
Y4	93.3%	11
Y5	96.7%	12
Y6	95.7%	6

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**



Christmas Luncheon

Christmas luncheon will be taking place on Wednesday 20th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, can you please make sure **ALL** orders have been entered onto the School Food United app by Monday 11th December at the very latest. Many thanks for your co-operation.



Food in School

We have been surprised by the recent rise in KS1 children — especially in Year One at our Main Site, who are bringing food from home into school. As all parents should be aware, the Government funds a free, healthy morning snack and a choice of hot and cold lunchtime meals for all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two. Therefore there should be no need for any child in these years to bring any food from home except in very exceptional circumstances.

We have many children with dietary restrictions and/or allergies in school and whilst we feel we are able to manage these safely with “school food” it is much more difficult when other food is coming into the building from homes, and we are not aware of what is being brought in. We do not feel it is our place to “check” lunch bags etc from home but are concerned they could contain allergens or that these young children may want to share food with friends which may go against what their own parents would want them to eat.

So can we please ask that you do not send any food from home **unless this has already been agreed** with the Year group leader (Mrs D’Arcy or Mrs Gwilt in Reception, Mrs Gaynor in Year One and Mrs O’Brien in Year Two.) Annex parents should contact Mrs Walters. Thank you.

AiP Survey

Please see below a link to a survey from our catering company, AiP. Their team is currently working on a new exciting offer for you so the findings will help them understand the areas for improvement in the current offer. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/27r2JNXvCU>

Reading Rewards

This half term we are focussing on making our reading diaries in school more useful for children, parents and teachers.

We spoke to all of the children last week and asked them to read **at least twice a week** at home and get their diaries signed by an adult. This is vitally important for us as a school to see how the children are progressing with their reading. We really value your help and support with this matter.

Excitingly, we will have a reading reward afternoon before Christmas if we can see more engagement within the reading diaries. We are keeping the reward top secret for now but more information will follow soon.

Mrs Oakley and Mrs Killarney



Book Advent



Rather than a traditional advent calendar this year Harborne Primary School would like to try something a little different: Book Advent!

Here's where we need your help. We are asking each child to select an age-appropriate book from home that they once loved but no longer need. Then bring it into school, ideally wrapped up in wrapping paper please.

Class teachers will then number the book parcels and organise distribution throughout the school days in December. The idea being that each pupil in each class brings home a pre-loved book to enjoy over the Christmas holidays.

Pupils might like to pop a little note in the book they donate saying what they enjoyed about it or a brief plot outline.

If you would like to donate any extra books, these also would be gratefully received.

Please send your books in by the 29th November.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Peri-Music for Current Music Students

The second instalment of £110, for the Spring Term is now due. To retain your child's place, please pay £110 via ParentPay **from Wednesday 29th November.**



Please note: if payment is not made by the deadline, your child will cease to have lessons for the remainder of the school year.

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT: Monday 18th December (12pm)

Winter Art Competition

This term, Harborne's Winter Art Competition is based on creating a beautiful winter scene using any art resources you have at home. Please hand in your completed work to your class teacher by Monday 4th December to enter the competition. Winners will be announced the following week. I am looking forward to seeing all of your wonderful artwork. Mrs Jesson.

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 24/11/2023

REC	Elena Goldenfeld	Xavier Smith
RGD	Ruize Shang	Henry Wang
ROC	Roman Verma	
RDT	Belle Shellum	Emily Ward
1M	Nellie Bowpitt	Martin Rojas-Mondejar
1OQ	Finlay Clough	Robert Wan
1G	Ismael Khan	Seerat Sandhu
1B	Tsz-Yin Ho	Diana Kazemi
2P	Iris-Gray Fullard	Harry Page
2O	Carter Khela	Safiyah Mohamedbhai
2OB	Marin Gallone	Tanvisri Jayaprasad
2SF	Mya Broadmore Filza Tanzil	Vasudeva Eshaan Sadhu
3PR	Jocelyn Wong	
3S	Henry Gauge-Klein	Hala Allan
3E	Arina Mkritchyan	
3D	Sofia Khand	Prudence Bolle
4W	Aryan Kapoor	
4GV	Joe Jackson	Suhhanva Kulkarni
4NB	Emily Easun	
4RB	Khaleem Gardner	
5LM	Jack Carlton	Oscar Whitham
5BC	Usman Khand	
5C	Freya Koonar-Carroll	
5B	Mutjaba Al Sheikh	
6D	Miar Boulaouche	
6KP	William Tse	
6J	Soujanya Shanmugam	



Dates in the Diary

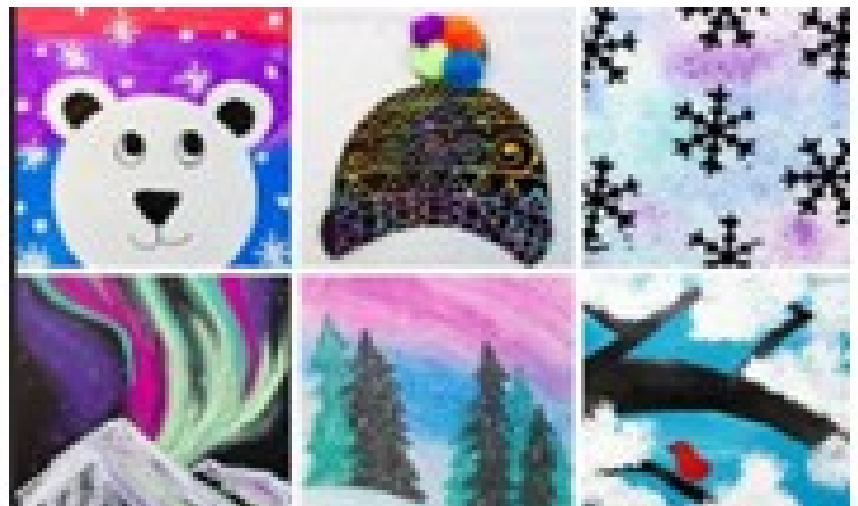
Fri 1st Dec	Year 4 Christmas Adventure at St John's
Sat 2nd Dec	Christmas Fair
Mon 4th Dec	2.00pm — Y1 to perform songs to senior citizens from St Johns
Tues 5th Dec	6-7pm — Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church, Harborne
Wed 6th Dec	Reception post letters to Father Christmas (MS/Annex)
Tues 12th Dec	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)
Mon 18th Dec	AM — KS1 Visit from Ronnie Crackers (main site)
Mon 18th Dec	PM — KS1 Visit from Ronnie Crackers (annex)
Mon 18th Dec	2-3pm — KS2 Christmas Magic Show (main site)
Wed 20th Dec	11-12pm — Christmas Magic Show (annex)
Wed 20th Dec	School Christmas Luncheon
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
Mon 15th Jan	Y4 Roman Day

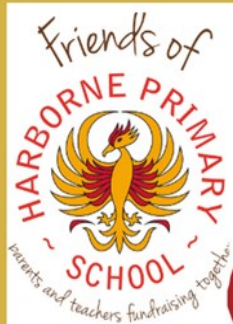
Winter Art Competition

Join in Harborne's Winter Art Competition

To enter, you will need to create a 'Winter Scene' using any art resources you have at home. Please give in your completed work to your class teacher by **Monday 4th December**. Please make sure your **name** and **class** are on your work. Winners will be announced in assemblies, at both sites, w.c. 11.12.2023.

Here are some examples of some Winter Scenes to inspire you:





CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 2nd of December 1-4pm. Main site

We Hope you can join us for lots of fun,
food and performances including....

🎄 Splat the Elf 🎄 Pocket money toys 🎄

🎄 Christmas craft room 🎄 Tombola 🎄 Glitter tattoos 🎄 🎄

Face painting 🎄 Delicious treats 🎄 Bouncy castle 🎄 🎄

Lucky Tree 🎄 Sweet cones 🎄 Balloons 🎄

🎄 Pin the nose on the reindeer 🎄 Key stage 2 choirs 🎄

We will also be joined by ★ faith felt creations ★ The
body shop ★ Usborne books ★ Kasia Karen crafts ★
Birmingham children's book group.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Get your raffle tickets for a chance to win one of these great prizes, that have been kindly donated by local businesses.

<https://www.pta-events.com/friendsofharborneprimary/index.cfm?event=shop>

★ Rodger Brown £20 voucher ★ Rivals Beauty Salon free blow dry ★ Fireaway Free Pizza x 3 ★ Ruddells Jewellers crystal vase ★ The Plough £20 voucher ★ Maddison £20 voucher ★ silver and Love 2x £10 voucher ★ MY Nails- Manicure ★ Schools Out 2x fun club vouchers worth £35 each ★ Pauls at No 41 £15 voucher ★ Grow wild nature play session voucher ★ Body shop Hamper ★ faith felt creations gift ★.



FREE SEND COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT EVENT

📍 Wobbly Wobbly World of Play,
425 Walsall Rd, Birmingham,
B42 1BT

Buses 51, x51, 52 all stop near
the venue and are accessible
from the city centre and Perry
Barr train station.

**Birmingham Parent Carer Forum would like to
invite you to Wobbly Wobbly World of Play on
Wednesday 29th November 2023, 9:30AM - 2:00PM**

- Come meet the team and hear about our latest activities.
- Find out ways to get involved and stay informed with the forum
- We want to hear your ideas for the forum's future growth.

Learn about SEND voluntary services available to you and your family in Birmingham and how they can support you.

Tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival and a free buffet lunch will be provided to both you and your child/young person.

Your child is welcome to join you and can access the soft play area free of charge (Age limit 11) however child care will not be available on the day.



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