



# NEWSLETTER

## 4th December 2023

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### Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for all of your support at the wonderful Christmas Fair on Saturday. It was a wonderful family occasion for all in the Harborne Primary community. It was lovely to chat to families and continue to build bonds with all of you.

With Christmas just around the corner, there are lots of fun events still to come. In this issue, please keep an eye out for exciting things to come.

Please do continue contributing to our survey about the curriculum.

The link is below.



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

Kindest regards,

Mr N Whitehouse

### Attendance News

Attendance for the week 27th-30th Nov 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	94.7%	8
Y1	92.2%	15
Y2	94.1%	12
Y3	94.3%	6
Y4	95.4%	12
Y5	95.3%	8
Y6	97.2%	11

### 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



## 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



## 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.

## School Council Reps

Huge congratulations to our newly elected School Councillors at Main Site and the Annexe. You'll spot them around school wearing their badges with pride. They have big ambitions for what they will achieve this year and are ready to listen to everyone's great ideas. Below is a list of the newly elected School Councillors.

1M Joe Groves and Melissa Yeomans  
1OQ Clara Syazeddy  
1G Elias Ali  
1B Adam Asharif

2O Sebastian Bettis  
2OB Ari Patel  
2SF Avaani Bains  
2P Milan Barber and Alex Carlton

3S Jocelyn Ng and Aradya Harisankar  
3PR Yashi Vaid  
3D Gayatri Bhatnagar  
3E Marie-Lys Boulaouche

4W Hawa Ellahi  
4RB King Abifade  
4NB Bea Clifford  
4GV Chloe Garton and Prabhjeet Rai

5M Daya Thandi and Hattie Hallmark  
5BC Matilda Deuer  
5C Louis Dutrieu  
5B Autumn Prabhu

6KP Aarna Bhargava  
6D Elizabeth Wenman  
6J Xintong Li





## 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!





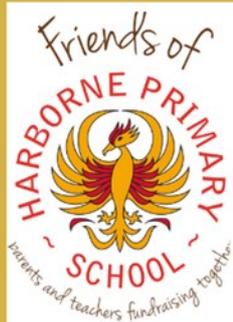
## Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners - w/e 01/12/2023

REC	Eesa Jafer	Evolet Konovalova-Williams
RGD	No Assembly	
ROC	Amelia Baker Emma Hasan	Edward Blyth
RDT	Adrian Hashemi	Oceana Caruso-Hearnden
1M	Bertie Bridger	Amelie Cumming
1OQ	Romie Jalaf	Riya Sharma
1G	Isaac Ahmed	Ria Jadhav
1B	Maryam Hashem	Zachary Kerrie
2P	Jodi Jones	Jacob Craddock
2O	William Song	Ben Vu
2OB	Fariha Khan	Yusuf Shabaz
2SF	Nina Barton-Howes	Delilah Heidarinia
3PR	Kirat Deu	
3S	Georgina Aspinall	Joel Blackwood-Debrah
3E	Dalel Bouabid	Jad Almasri
3D	Eesa Khan	
4W	No Assembly	
4GV	Prabhjeet Rai	Daniel Yeomans
4NB	No Assembly	
4RB	No Assembly	
5LM	Sienna Connolly	Cindy Tan
5BC	Leo Sevencan	
5C	Dallas Nyengedza	
5B	Anya Muthueloe	Serafina George
6D	Rumi Radford	
6KP	Erykah-Kaylah Yusuf	
6J	Jayden Chan	Xintong Li



## Dates in the Diary

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 10Q 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)
Tues 19th Dec	1.30pm — Y3/Y4 Christmas Party
Wed 20th Dec	11-12pm — Christmas Magic Show (annex)
Wed 20th Dec	School Christmas Luncheon
Thurs 21st Dec	1.30pm — Y5/Y6 Christmas Party
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



# 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