



NEWSLETTER

11th December 2023

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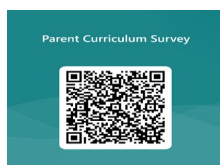
Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have lots of exciting Christmas based activities across school. We hope that everyone enjoys such a lovely occasion.

At this exciting time, please can I remind all families of the importance of punctuality. Being at school on time is just as important as high attendance. Please maintain these good routines throughout the school year.

The Spring Term brings exciting curricular developments, so please continue to contribute to our survey. The link is below.



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

Kindest regards,

Mr N Whitehouse



Attendance News

Attendance for the week 4th-8th Dec 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	93.7%	11
Y1	90.1%	24
Y2	95.8%	10
Y3	92.3%	18
Y4	95.7%	19
Y5	93.3%	16
Y6	96.4%	10

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.



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.



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)

SNOW POLICY—SCHOOL CLOSURE



In the event of extreme inclement weather, such as when heavy falls of snow develop overnight and continue into the following day or extreme icy conditions occur, parents should take the following advice about the possibility of school closure. Whenever possible, Harborne Primary School will remain open. However, we have to consider the safety of all our children and staff, some of whom travel a great distance into school each day. Should the need arise, in severe weather a decision will be made by 7.30am if the school is to be closed. A text message alert will be sent informing you of school closure. The closure will also be announced on the school website at www.harborneprimary.co.uk. I would ask all parents to check for a text message if heavy snow is falling or has fallen overnight or if there is other extreme weather and there have been school closures announced. Please do not telephone the school before 8.30am. If you do arrive at school, please do not leave your children without confirming that the school is to remain open. Once the school is open we will intend to open until the end of the normal school day at 3.30pm. If heavy snow falls during the day and you are concerned about getting your child home, you are welcome to collect your child earlier. Please do not telephone in these circumstances, just call into school to collect the children. Phone lines do become extremely blocked as you can imagine. Our aim is to open every day but hopefully, this information will give some clarity.



Y2 Kingswood Information Meeting

There will be a meeting about our Kingswood Trust residential for parents/carers of Year 2 children. Please join me to find out key details about the trip, the payment plan and have any of your questions answered. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th January 2024 at 9.05am Main Site Studio and is for main site and annex families. Mrs Tamsin O'Brien Y2 Group Leader.



Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners - w/e 08/12/2023

REC	Safiya Abdelrahman	Poppy Whenham
RGD	Anoop Rai	Rosie Scott
ROC	Keyaan Akbar	Maryam Junaid
RDT	Talia Abdel-Maksoud	Jagroop Kalsi
1M	Rhia Yallappa	Elena Chougleva
1OQ	Zhyon Simmonds	Claire Tan
1G	Charlie Molloy	Alastair Virgo
1B	Milos Ismail	Yash Singh
2P	Caleb Povendler	Dharaa Gunwant
2O	Norah Aladwani Safiyah Mohamedbhai	Teuta Pepaj
2OB	Eleanor Swallow	
2SF	Nina Barton-Howes	William Mackay
3PR	Avni Virdi	
3S	Nuriya Adris	Thomas Simoni
3E	Aymal Muthir	Reggie Sutherland
3D	Karam Bains	
4W	Meher Bajaj	
4GV	Soham Khedkar	Wren Bowpitt
4NB	Aamir Ahmed	
4RB	Bertie Barry	
5LM	William Borrington	Shreeya Patange
5BC	Pippa Steer	Ben Miller
5C	Joseph Harvey	
5B	Leon Saunders	
6D	Sama Akasha Khames	
6KP	Eddie King	
6J	Nga Kiu Leung	Luca Sherwin



Dates in the Diary

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)
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
Wed 24th Jan	9.05am — Y2 Kingswood Residential Meeting - Studio (main site)

Winter Water Safety

In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a walk on a cold day with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

Here are some useful tips to keep safe this winter:



Ice can be extremely dangerous even during periods of prolonged cold. **Never go onto the ice.**

Call 999 – do not enter cold water or ice to rescue.

Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

Fall in or become tired - **stay calm, float on your back and call for help.** Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. **Preserve heat** by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. **Keep your head clear of the water.**

Make sure the **whole family knows basic water safety** and what to do if they find themselves in the water unexpectedly. You can access FREE RLSS UK resources to help.



**FILM CLUB RAISED
£930 FOR THE SCHOOL**

THANK YOU

To every parent that brought tickets.

It was lovely to see so many children enjoy the film and
popcorn



With special thanks to Kaneez, Ciara, Kate, Becky, Kate, Claire,
Jenni, Kay, Gemma and all the wonderful teachers that gave up
their Friday evening to make it possible.



THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas fair. It was so lovely to see so many people there to support our school. What an amazing community we have here at Harborne Primary.



A special thank you to all the school staff, and families who helped make this event Possible and to Santa for visiting our school. All proceeds go directly to the school to enhance and inspire our children's experience of school.



CHRISTMAS
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PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS



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Harborne Academy Christmas Holiday Camp!

Premier Education are pleased to announce that we will be running a Multi-Activity Holiday Camp at Harborne Academy this Christmas. Children will need a packed lunch, a water bottle and appropriate clothing for plenty of FUN activities!

Venue	Date	Age	Daily price	Weekly price
Harborne Academy, Harborne Road, B15 3JL	Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 5th January	4 - 11 years	£18.84 (30% off)	£67.84 (£16.96 per day)
		Time		
		9am - 4pm*		

*4-year-old children are welcome and can attend our camps between 9 am – 1 pm (£10.77 daily price/£38.77 weekly booking price)

What to expect: There is always a wide range of new and engaging activities on our camps! From Dodgeball to Dance, Archery to Arts and Crafts, Fencing to Football. There really is something for every child, with plenty of opportunities to learn new skills, make friends and create memories!

Scan the QR code or visit the link to book: [HTTPS://FAMILY.PREMIER-EDUCATION.COM/ADD-COURSE/865411](https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/865411)

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