



NEWSLETTER

18th December 2023

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Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last week of term and the children will be looking forward to lots of fun activities over the next few days.

Please look out for a letter from me in the next couple of days informing you of a few exciting changes after the Christmas holidays, including updates to the school curriculum.

To help us keep our curriculum up to date with the diversity of our school community, please continue to contribute to our parent survey (link below).



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

From the start of term, the school will move away from the class Whatsapp groups. The school will be communicating directly with parents with updates on the ParentPay system, so please make sure you have an active account. If you need more information, please contact the school office.

Kindest regards,

Mr N Whitehouse

Attendance News

Attendance for the week 11th-15th Dec 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	92.2%	6
Y1	91.8%	7
Y2	93.8%	9
Y3	94.9%	4
Y4	93.7%	12
Y5	93.5%	13
Y6	94.1%	3

Mental Health Wellbeing For Families

If you think you or your family might need any mental health support during the festive period, please click on the link below. Thank you.

[Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing during the school holidays \(place2be.org.uk\)](https://place2be.org.uk)



Goodbye

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bailey this term. We would like to thank her for all she has done for the school and wish her well on her new adventures.





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.



Winter Art Competition



Thank you for all the wonderful artwork produced at home for Harborne's Winter Art Competition. We were blown away by the standard and effort put into all the children's work, Please see further in this newsletter the winners and runners up. Well done. Mrs Jesson.

Winter Art Competition Winners

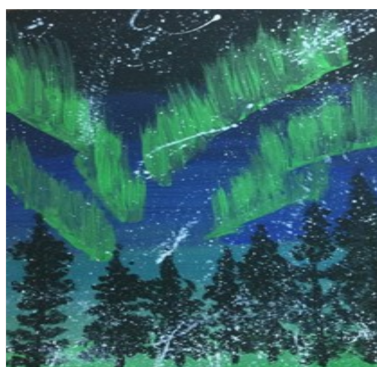
Winners

Main Site/KS2

Emma 4NB



Aditya 6KP



Main Site
KS1 & Reception

Clara 10Q



Layla 2SF



Runners Up

Jude 3E



Harry REC



Winners

Alfred 3S

Annex KS2



Runner Up

Samira 5LM



Emily RTD

Annex KS1
Reception



Sophia 1M





Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners - w/e 15/12/2023

REC	Waead Abdullah	Musa Raza	
RGD	Muhammad Amin	Alfred Jefferson	
ROC	Evelyn Davies	Anas Emam	
RDT	Ryan Amirize	Bella Nayak	Whole Class
1M	Whole Class		
1OQ	Whole Class		
1G	Whole Class		
1B	Whole Class		
2P	Whole Class		
2O	Whole Class		
2OB	Whole Class		
2SF	Whole Class		
3PR	Noura Jaffer		
3S	Alicia Basra	Victor Braicu	
3E	Bilel Falah		
3D	Lily Wright		
4W	Maanvi Malhi		
4GV	Amber Garton	Zain Ashoub	
4NB	Lucas Andrews		
4RB	Pavel Ismail		
5LM	Adam Ashraf	Kenzie Jones	
5BC	Katherine Simionescu		
5C	Parmin Sharifi		
5B	Autumn Prabhu		
6D	Abhinav Sadhu		
6KP	Rose Barry		
6J	Kayra Alting		



Dates in the Diary

Mon 18th Dec	AM — KS1 Visit from Ronnie Crackers (main site)
Mon 18th Dec	PM — KS1 Christmas Reading Reward (main site)
Mon 18th Dec	2-3pm — KS2 Christmas Magic Show (main site)
Mon 18th Dec	PM — KS1 Visit from Ronnie Crackers (annex)
Tues 19th Dec	PM — EYFS Christmas Party (main site)
Tues 19th Dec	1.30pm — Y3/Y4 Christmas Parties (main site)
Tues 19th Dec	2.00pm — Y4 Sparks visit (annex)
Wed 20th Dec	10.30am — KS2 Christmas Magic Show (annex)
Wed 20th Dec	PM — Whole school reading awards
Wed 20th Dec	School Christmas Luncheon
Thurs 21st Dec	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Parties (main site)
Thurs 21st Dec	1.30pm — Y5/Y6 Christmas Parties (main site)
Thurs 21st Dec	1.30pm — KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties (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
Fri 12th Jan	10.00am — Y4 Sparks visit (main site)
Mon 15th Jan	Y4 Roman Day
Wed 24th Jan	9.05am — Y2 Kingswood Residential Meeting - Studio (main site)
Mon 29th Jan	9.30am — BCM Assemblies (main site and annex)
Thurs 1st Feb	9.00am — Y6 Young Shakespeare Company (main site)
Tues 6th Feb	4.00pm — 6.00pm — Parents Evening (both sites)
Thurs 8th Feb	4.00pm — 6.00pm — Parents Evening (both sites)
Fri 9th Feb	Last Day Of Term

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.



Break the **CHRISTMAS** Rules day

**WEDNESDAY
20TH
DECEMBER**

1

Wear Christmas clothes instead of school uniform

2

Swap playgrounds

3


Decorate your head. Wear a Christmas hat or headband or Christmas hair

4

Have squash in your water bottle- for one day only

5

Call the grown ups by their elf names.



Have fun breaking the Christmas rules, suggested donation £1 for every rule you break, or donate what you can. Cash or QR code payments on the day or pay online via parent pay.