



NEWSLETTER

8th January 2024

Telephone 0121 464 2705

Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a wonderful break and that 2024 is a happy and successful year for all in the Harborne family and community.

There are lots of exciting developments for the school to look forward to in coming weeks and months. In order to keep up to date with all things happening at the school, please ensure that you are signed up for ParentPay. You will then be able to receive electronic updates from school staff as and when they are required. If you need help with this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

A quick reminder to make sure that when travelling around school by car you follow parking and road laws and restrictions, so that all in the community remain safe.

Kindest regards,

Mr N Whitehouse

Achievement Assembly

There was no achievement assembly on 22nd December.

Attendance News

Attendance for the week 18th-22nd Dec 2023

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	89.4%	6
Y1	94.9%	18
Y2	91.3%	7
Y3	91.6%	8
Y4	88.3%	7
Y5	90.3%	10
Y6	90.7%	6

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.



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.





Dates in the Diary

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)
5th–8th Feb	Book Fair
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
Mon 19th Feb	School re-opens for all children

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.