



# NEWSLETTER

## 15th January 2024

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### Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the recent cold weather, it is really important that families are aware of arrangements for snow at Harborne Primary School. Further information can be found in this newsletter, should we have some snow during the winter time.

Please be reminded to take care whilst driving and parking near to the school. It is important to respect parking restrictions on local roads as well as being mindful of car parking restrictions at the petrol station near to the Main Site. On these darker nights and mornings, please be extra cautious when driving and parking.

Also, I very much enjoyed attending January's meeting of the 'Friends' group last week. They do so much to support us as a school and have many great plans for 2024. They would love to have more parents on board to help those exciting plans to fruition. If you are interested in getting involved, please do not hesitate to find out more.

Kindest regards,

Mr N Whitehouse

### 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.

### Attendance News

Attendance for the week 9th-12th Jan 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	89.7%	4
Y1	96.3%	15
Y2	94.5%	2
Y3	91.5%	2
Y4	90.8%	9
Y5	94.1%	6
Y6	92.3%	4

### 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.



### **New Year Resolution...?**

You have probably seen our attendance and punctuality grid in the weekly newsletter. There was a definite dip at the end of last term. There may well be a good reason for this pre-Christmas dip but we are now at the start of a new year and a new term!

Let's try to improve these figures! Attendance should be over 95% in every year group. Arriving at school on time should be achievable for all families.

We want all children to benefit from a calm start to the day and access to the "early work" tasks that are an important part of the school day. As part of our new curriculum offer, most classes will be starting most days with reading and it is vital that children are in school on time and ready to participate.

We all know that New Year Resolutions can be hard to keep but if our parents can maintain the drive to support their child to maximise time in school in 2024 the benefits should be clear in the child's progress!

Remember....No none emergency appointments that take time out of the school day  
No holidays or days off in term-time  
Establish good morning routines so you can arrive on time

Thank you for your support in this matter!

### **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](http://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.



### **Parent Governor Nominations**

Following on from our recent request for Parent Governor nominations, we are delighted to have had two parents come forward to stand for election. The ballot process will begin on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and run until 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Voting will be via an electronic poll, details of which will be sent out via ParentPay. Should you wish to vote via paper ballot, you may do so by collecting a form from one of the main school offices and returning it anonymously to the ballot box at either site. These will be available from 19<sup>th</sup> January at both sites.



## Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners — w/e 12/01/2024

REC	August-Behrouz Conway	Arthur Smith
RGD	Liyana Shwan	Margot Wrigley
ROC	Antoni Kowalski	Claudia Zvesper
RDT	Aylin Ciosa	Theodore Kelly
1M	Polly Jackson	Vani Yarra
1OQ	Rayen Dhouibi	Henry Elcock
1G	Innes Kelly	Amelia Twaseen
1B	Arthur Simionescu	Zhan Zhu
2P	Patrick Borrington	Alexandros Vlachopoulos
2O	Jake Andrews	Thea El Badwi
2OB	Sophie Abigail Law	Mya Scicluna
2SF	Ricardo Hurlock	Jai Rai
3PR	Hanen Zaidi	
3S	Elijah Mamujee	Jocelyn Ng
3E	Serenna Tank	
3D	Nada Asharif	
4W	Ethan Osinuga	
4GV	Ali Dosani	Nova-Bella Hodgkinson
4NB	Elias Junaid	
4RB	Lucas Cartwright	
5LM	George McCumiskey	Anthony Reece
5BC	Ho Sen Wong	
5C	Leela Buncher	
5B	Muhammad Anton	
6D	Isobel Edmunds	
6KP	Dana Marie	
6J	Nishaan Singh	



## Dates in the Diary

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
Mon 11th Mar	9.30am — Annex tour for prospective parents
11th-15th Mar	Y4 Condoover Residential Trip

# 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.



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