



NEWSLETTER

22nd January 2024

Telephone 0121 464 2705

Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that the school is continuing to develop its Reading provision. We thank you all for your ongoing support by reading with your children. It is really powerful when families are able to read with their children at home at least twice a week. By maintaining this reading at home, families and school work together effectively to promote fantastic progress and a love of books.

With each class starting the day with reading, it is even more important that children are in school on time and punctual. Doors open at 8.50am and gates close at 9.00am. Please ensure that pupils are in school by this time to ensure that your child does not receive a late mark. Even more crucially, strong punctuality will ensure that your child does not miss any of the essential and exciting Reading lessons carried out each day at 9am.

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

Attendance News

Attendance for the week 15th-19th Jan 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	94.8%	12
Y1	95.8%	15
Y2	95.3%	10
Y3	94.9%	9
Y4	94.8%	20
Y5	97.0%	13
Y6	96.7%	11

Lateness



Can we again please remind parents/carers if your child/ren are late to make sure you bring them to the school office and sign them in on the entry system. We have had cases where parents are dropping their children off outside the front gate at the main site and driving off without signing them in. It is your responsibility as parents/carers to make sure your children are safely delivered and signed in on the entry system if they are late. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS

Can we please remind all parents/carers that if your child is off school due to illness can you please make sure you phone the school **EVERY MORNING** they are off ill. Our telephone lines are extremely busy in the mornings, therefore if you are leaving a message can you please make sure it is clear with the child's full name, class and reason why they are off ill. 'Not feeling well' isn't enough we need an actual reason why they are not attending school. Thank you.

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. 

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 19th January 2024 and run until 2nd 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 19th January at both sites.



Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners — w/e 19/01/2024

REC	Elaine	Elias
RGD	Zakariya	Ralph
ROC	Liam	Leone
RDT	Zain	Nirvair
1M	Melissa	Joseph
1OQ	Nathan	Asiya
1G	Eadie	Zahra
1B	Nibras	Jai
2P	Melisa	Duke
2O	Bethan	Victoria
2OB	Ismail	Aisha
2SF	Laila	Zayn
3PR	Martha	
3S	Aradya	Shanaya
3E	Polly	
3D	Charlotte	
4W	Adela	
4GV	Hitesh	Samuel
4NB	Violet	
4RB	Muhammad	
5LM	Daya	Sum Yau (Ashley)
5BC	Emma	
5C	Ankar	
5B	Autumn	Malak
6D	Shakur	
6KP	Yehir	
6J	Dina	Soujanya



Dates in the Diary

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)
Fri 2nd Feb	9.20am — Reception-Woodgate Valley Fire Service visit (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
Fri 8th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 11th Mar	9.30am — Annex tour for prospective parents
11th-15th Mar	Y4 Condoover Residential Trip

Think measles



Cases are rising...

People who have not been vaccinated with 2 doses of MMR vaccine can get measles.

"Think measles" when treating children, young people and anyone from an under-served community.

Symptoms to look out for:

- Aching and feeling unwell
- High fever
- Rash – sometimes starting behind the ears*
- Sore red eyes
- Cough
- Runny nose



*Images of the rash on different skin tones can be seen using the QR codes.

Measles is a serious illness that is highly infectious.
If you suspect measles:

- ensure the patient is in an area where they cannot pass the infection to other vulnerable people such as infants, the immunocompromised and pregnant women.
- immediately notify your local Health Protection Team (HPT)

Remember, the best way of preventing measles is vaccination.

Use every opportunity to check immunisation history and offer MMR to those who haven't had two doses.

For more information go to:
<https://cks.nice.org.uk/topics/measles/>



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.



HARBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL FILM CLUB



FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY
3.30-5.30

INCLUDES
SNACK BAG
£4

Both sites and all year Groups

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event=shop](https://www.pta-events.com/friendsofharborneprimary/index.cfm?event=shop)

