



NEWSLETTER

19th February 2024

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Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half term. We hope that families had a safe and enjoyable time together. There are lots of exciting school activities to come, so please keep a look out for future diary dates.

Please can I remind parents about parking at the start and end of the school day. I have been contacted by the Police that where parking restrictions are not been followed locally at the beginning and end of the school day, there have been significant difficulties for residents and neighbours nearby. For the safety of all in the Harborne community, please respect traffic and parking regulations.

Kindest regards,

Mr N Whitehouse

Attendance News

Attendance for the week 5th—9th Feb 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	93.6%	20
Y1	94.5%	24
Y2	92.8%	11
Y3	96.3%	8
Y4	95.3%	16
Y5	93.0%	13
Y6	96.1%	16

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.



Y2 SATS TESTS

Dear Year 2 Parents,

As you have undoubtedly heard in the media, this year there is no statutory requirement for the children in Year 2 to sit end of key stage assessments (SATS).

As you may know, unlike Year 6, in Year 2 the SATS tests were always only **part** of the whole assessment picture. The overriding driver for the final judgement is always from the class teacher's in-depth knowledge of their children's progress and attainment.

This year we will continue to moderate judgements, both internally and within our consortium, to ensure we are confident in our decisions and on a par with colleagues in other Birmingham schools. We may use some of the tests to help inform these judgements, but the children will not sit all 4 English and Maths SATs papers as in previous years.

We will update you further as the Spring term progresses.

Can we ask that the concept or language of 'SATS testing' is not something that you share with children in Key Stage 1, we do not want children becoming anxious about Year 2 assessments.

Mrs Walters and Mrs O'Brien

World Thinking Day—Girlguiding



One of the special events within the Girlguiding year is World Thinking Day, which takes place every year on the 22nd of February. World Thinking Day is when Rangers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows everywhere remember each other and their commitment to Girlguiding, international friendship and understanding.

We are therefore inviting girls who are part of either Rangers, Guides, Brownies or Rainbows, to come in their Girlguiding uniform and be prepared to answer any questions about the organisation, the promise that they have made, what they do and how they help others in their community and around the world.



Loose Parts please!

We need to refresh our Loose Parts collections at Main Site and the Annex. Half-term could bring the perfect opportunity for a clear-out! Please bring any donations to either School Office for Mrs O'Brien to sort. I will risk assess every item before letting them loose on the children, but no sharp or fragile items thank you (eg. no glass or crockery).

We are looking for lots of:

Bottle tops	Containers	Costume jewellery	Pots and pans
Kitchen utensils	Baskets	Pegs	Small world toys
Pieces of wood	Old CDs/DVDs	Cardboard tubes	Buckets
Empty picture frames	Blankets/bedding/ fabric	Guttering and pipe offcuts	Tyres (from bicycles, cars and toys)

We are also happy to be surprised with your found, random items!



Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners — w/e 09/02/2024

REC	Whole Class	
RGD	Whole Class	
ROC	Whole Class	
RDT	Yike	Rosie
1M	Edward	Morgan
1OQ	Gabriel	Dania
1G	Ranya	Jaxon
1B	Jessie	Amin
2P	Zoya	James
2O	Arshiya	William
2OB	Phoebe	Vincent
2SF	Mason	Layla
3PR	Evie J	
3S	Theo	Sava
3E	Luqmaan	
3D	Zoe	
4W	Marcus	
4GV	Rosha	Henry
4NB	Emma	
4RB	Monica	
5LM	Martin	Jack
5BC	Roshan	
5C	Sairah	
5B	Robert	
6D	Rose	
6KP	Aarna	
6J	Kavina	



Dates in the Diary

Mon 19th Feb	School re-opens for all children
19th-21st Feb	Reception Eye Tests (both sites)
Wed 6th Mar	9.15am-Mother's Day Assembly: RGD (MS)
Thurs 7th Mar	9.15am-Mother's Day Assembly: ROC (MS)
Thurs 7th Mar	9.15am-Mother's Day Assembly: RTD (Annex)
Fri 8th Mar	9.15am-Mother's Day Assembly: REC (MS)
Fri 8th Mar	Y1—Fairytale Day
Fri 8th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 11th Mar	9.30am — Annex tour for prospective parents
11th-15th Mar	Y4 Condoover Residential Trip
Fri 22nd Mar	Last day of term — Easter Break
Mon 8th Apr	School re-opens for all children

We're celebrating World Book Day® & you're invited!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

When:

Friday 8th March

Where:

**Harborne Primary
Main Site and Annex**

How we're celebrating:

**Dress up as a book character
or wear your own clothes and
enjoy a fun day of reading
based activities!**

Contact info:

**Speak to your child's teacher or email
enquiry@harborne.bham.sch.uk**



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MARCH 2024.**

**All the money raised will go directly to buying new books for
the children to enjoy. Every pound the children raise will be
matched by the friends.**

Why not kick start your sponsored read by coming to
the school book fair w/c 5th of Feb.

