



# NEWSLETTER

## 26th February 2024

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### Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone from Mrs Oakley and Mrs Killarney who came to visit the book fair before half term. We have raised £1430 in free books for our school. The children have been putting their book suggestions into a box in school and we have already ordered some of these books for the children to take home.

A quick reminder to ensure that you are following all parking restrictions around the school site to ensure safety for members of the school community.

Kindest regards,

Mr N Whitehouse

### Attendance News

Attendance for the week 19th—23rd Feb 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	97.2%	11
Y1	98.6%	14
Y2	94.5%	9
Y3	97.2%	14
Y4	93.4%	16
Y5	95.3%	10
Y6	95.9%	6

### Reception Starters for September 2024

Do you have a child due to start Reception in September 2024?

If so we hope you all remembered to apply for their place-there is no automatic offer for siblings although once you have applied you will be given priority for a place.

All the important dates for Reception transition are now available on our website in the Parents /Guardians section.

See Mrs Hallam or Ms Kyereh if you have any questions.

We look forward to helping the next 120 children make a happy start at HPS!



## 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

## Book Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who came to visit the book fair before half term. We have raised £1430 in free books for our school. The children have been putting their book suggestions into a box in school and we have already ordered some of these books for the children to take home. We would also like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to run the book fairs, it is very much appreciated. Mrs Oakley and Mrs Killarney.





## Loose Parts please!

We need to refresh our Loose Parts collections at Main Site and the Annex. 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 23/02/2024

REC	Eymen	Alex
RGD	Abdulrahman	Onkar
ROC	Sophie	Lucy
RDT	Mayra	Jaime
1M	Lei-Lah	Ottilie
1OQ	Shayan	Clara
1G	Bethany	Alayna
1B	Athena	Taylor
2P	Sanjana	Noor
2O	Ching	Eloise
2OB	Oliver	Eemaan
2SF	Vasudeva	Samuel
3PR	Henry	
3S	Heidi	Freddie
3E	Alex	
3D	Eyad	
4W	Tamiyah	
4GV	Harry	Yaseen
4NB	Dylan	
4RB	Sirin	
5LM	Eleni	Hattie
5BC	Zachary	
5C	Lanette	
5B	Anyia	
6D	Phoebe	
6KP	Henry	
6J	Isla	



## Dates in the Diary

Mon 4th Mar	A.I.M High Writers Day — Annex
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
Thurs 2nd May	TED Day



# 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](mailto:enquiry@harborne.bham.sch.uk)**



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# Harborne Primary

## Sponsored Read

*Inspiring a lifelong love  
of reading.*

**6TH OF FEBRUARY TO 7TH OF  
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.



## Harborne Academy Easter Holiday Camps

We're delighted to continue running our highly successful holiday camp at Harborne Academy. We are again offering two camps to choose from, either Multi-Activity or Football. Our Multi-Activity Camp offers a wide range of different sessions (from Archery to Fencing alongside many other sports/team games and enrichment activities) for children to enjoy. Our Football Camp will look to develop children's football skills each day with plenty of opportunities for games and lots of teamwork.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, water bottle and appropriate clothing for plenty of FUN activities!

To book either our Multi-Activity or Football specific camp, see details below:

Venue	Date	Age	Time	Discounted Price
Harborne Academy, Harborne Road, B15 3JL	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	4 -11 years old	9am-4pm*	£18.83 (30% off)
*4-year-old children are welcome and can attend our camps between 9 am – 1 pm (£10.76)				

Scan the QR Code to book online:



For any queries, please contact our  
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