



NEWSLETTER

11th March 2024

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Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week brings Ramadan for the members of our school community who are Muslims. Please keep us up to date with regards to absences for Eid, when it comes, as well as fasting arrangements too.

The end of the school term often brings changes to staffing. We will keep you up to date with any changes in arrangements as required. At the Easter holiday, we say goodbye to Miss Abdullah and Miss Black and wish them well on their career journeys.

We also have Year 4 attending their residential visit this week at Condover Hall. We all hope that the pupils have a wonderful and exciting time this week.

Kindest regards,

Mr N Whitehouse

Attendance News

Attendance for the week 4th-8th Mar 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	95.9%	8
Y1	97.6%	15
Y2	98.3%	5
Y3	95.8%	7
Y4	97.0%	5
Y5	94.2%	10
Y6	96.3%	8

Easter Reminders

A reminder to parents for some upcoming dates for KS1 and KS2 children (both sites) to bring in their Eggshibition and Easter Bonnet entries.

Tues 19th March KS2 Eggshibition

Thurs 21st March KS1 Easter Bonnets





Attendance

Last week our school attendance figures went up to 96.3% which was 1.7% more than the national average attendance figure for Primary Schools over the same period. Thank you to all the families who have responded positively to our requests to wipe out avoidable absences from school. 96.3% attendance in a drizzly week in early March while the cold and winter virus bugs are still hanging around is a really positive figure.

The Government is really pushing the attendance agenda. There will be further initiatives coming the way of all schools next academic year so it is really encouraging to see small but significant improvements here at HPS. Remember you can ask for support with attendance from the Pastoral Team here or if a child's persistent absence is health related there may be support to help families with better management of long term conditions from the School Nurses or your GP.

Late Items

We have noticed a huge increase in the amount of late items being dropped off by parents for their children eg: bookbags, water bottles, PE kits etc. It would be very much appreciated if you can make sure that your child comes to school fully equipped with everything they need for their school day. Mornings are an extremely busy time in both the school offices and as such if late items are brought in they will be taken to the children when the office staff get the opportunity to do so.

Ramadan

Dear Parents,

As many of you will be aware, the holy month of Ramadan is due to start around Monday 11th of March. This is a very important time for many of our families. Children, (particularly in Year 5 and 6) would like to observe this period of fasting and we respect their commitment to their faith and commend the dedication and resilience they show by wishing to participate.

A prayer room will be set up in 6KP to enable children who wish to say their Duhr prayers an opportunity to do so. We ask that they bring in their own prayer mat and are responsible for it.

If your child would like to fast, we ask that you let us know in writing. This is important so that staff can monitor children who are fasting in case they become unwell.

If there are concerns about any pupils who are fasting, the school has an overriding safeguarding duty and will apply judgement and common sense if the situation arises that a child is unwell or otherwise in distress.

Leave of Absence

Can you please make sure that if your child is going to be off school that you complete a Leave in Term Time Form. If it is to go overseas, it is imperative that travel documents/flight details are attached to this form. This form can be downloaded from our school website or you can collect a copy from either of the school offices. Thank you.



Commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion

As you know, we are very lucky to enjoy a broad and culturally diverse community here at Harborne Primary School. By valuing diversity of ideas and experience, our children are able to share and learn about many different faiths and cultural backgrounds. We are aware, today more than ever, how important it is that our children learn about, and are respectful of this rich diversity. In response to a parental question, we have been thinking about how we ensure all our children, staff and parents feel valued and respected at Harborne Primary School. As you know, we follow the SACRE Religious Education syllabus which teaches our children about 9 main faith groups and 4 non-religious world views. We also follow The Birmingham Approach which supports us to deliver our statutory responsibilities for Relationships and Health Education.

In the Summer and upcoming Autumn terms we are scheduled to revisit PSHE education, (Personal, Social, Health, Economic) and we will be placing equality, diversity and inclusion at the heart of this work. We will be consulting with children, staff and parents. Please watch out for details in the Newsletter over the next two terms.

Until then, we trust that our whole school community continues to share a commitment to respecting all 9 of the protected characteristics outlined in the 2010 Equality Act.

We aspire to be a school in which difference and diversity is truly celebrated, but we expect to be a school in which such diversity is respected by our entire school community.

<https://www.gov.uk/discrimination-your-rights>



At HPS, we set a range of homework tasks (practical, verbal and written) for children to access at home. The most important of these is reading and we ask that every child reads at least twice weekly with an adult, at home. Many other tasks set will require some adult support. Homework is provided for the children to revisit and consolidate learning from school and we hope that it will start conversations about what they have learned. Sometimes, the children are independently inspired to continue their learning further and practice more—this is always a pleasure to see! We can not use homework tasks to assess pupil attainment so, whilst we will always value work that the children have completed and provide appropriate feedback, we will not complete detailed, written comments for most homework tasks.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's learning journey.
Mrs Preddy and Mrs O'Brien
Assessment Leads



Dates in the Diary

Mon 11th Mar	9.30am — Annex tour for prospective parents
11th-15th Mar	Y4 Condoover Residential Trip
Tues 19th Mar	KS2 — Great Eggshibition (Both Sites)
Thurs 21st Mar	KS1 — Easter Bonnets (Both Sites)
Thurs 21st Mar	9.15am — Y5 Assembly to parents (main site)
Thurs 21st Mar	2.15pm — Y5 Assembly to parents (main site)
Fri 22nd Mar	Last day of term — Easter Break
Mon 8th Apr	School re-opens for all children
Fri 12th Apr	5C/5BC Walking to Lordswood Boys School
Wed 17th Apr	9.00am — Y6 Sat's meeting to parents (MS Studio)
Fri 19th Apr	5B/5M — Walking to Lordswood Boys School
Thurs 2nd May	TED Day
Tues 21st May	9.30-11am - New Reception Intake Stay & Play (Main Site)
Tues 21st May	5BC/5C — Think Tank
Thurs 23rd May	9.30-11am — New Reception Intake Stay & Play (Annex)
Thurs 23rd May	1.30-3pm — New Reception Intake Stay & Play (Main Site)
Thurs 23rd May	5LM/5B — Think Tank
Fri 24th May	Last Day of Term
Mon 3rd Jun	School re-opens for all children



Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners — w/e 08/03/2024

REC	Whole Class	
RGD	Whole Class	
ROC	Whole class	
RDT	Noah	Francesca
1M	Bertie	William
1OQ	Srithejas	Dania
1G	Edward	Bethany
1B	Etta	Ari
2P	Milan	Dharaa
2O	Alfie	Yusuf
2OB	Henry	Sophie
2SF	Mya	Arvin
3PR	Hadi-Ali	Nieco
3S	Lia	Taqi
3E	Danyar	
3D	Ella	
4W	Meher	
4GV	Amaya	Jiwoo
4NB	Harris	Anaya
4RB	Jayden	Kavi
5LM	Olivia	Oscar
5BC	Sariya	
5C	Kareem	
5B	Ayaan	
6D	Layan	
6KP	Satnam	
6J	Hiranya	

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 th March – Friday 5 th 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:



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