



NEWSLETTER

15th April 2024

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Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

We thought we would advise you of some TED days for the next academic year, please note that children do not attend school on these dates:

TED1 - Monday 2nd September 2024

TED2 - Date to be confirmed —
General Election

TED3 - Monday 6th January 2025

TED4 - Friday 11th April 2025

TED5 - Monday 21st July 2025

Please can I remind parents about parking at the start and end of the school day. Where parking restrictions are not being 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 8th-12th April 2024

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception	87.8%	5
Y1	87.4%	17
Y2	88.3%	6
Y3	86.1%	7
Y4	85.6%	11
Y5	88.8%	8
Y6	88.8%	7

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.



2024 Key Stage 2 Assessment and Reporting Arrangements

Key Stage Two SATs (Standard Assessment Tests)

Calling all Year Six parents!

We will be hosting a parents' meeting on:

Wednesday 17th April at 9am in the Main Site Studio.

Come along and find out how we are preparing your child for their SATs, what happens in SATs week and ways you can support your child.

We look forward to seeing you there, if you are unable to make it, we will be sharing the slides on the Year Six page of the school's website. Mrs Khand and Mrs Preddy

Board Books Wanted

We are seeking some good quality, unwanted board books (hard pages). If you have any you are no longer using and are happy to part with, please pass them to your class teacher to pass on to the English Leads.

Book Giveaway

We have been spring cleaning our book stock to ensure that our library is appealing and appropriate for our children. As a result, we have some books we are no longer using and that we would like to give to families to enjoy at home. On **Tuesday 30th April** we will be putting books out at the Annex after school and on **Wednesday 1st May at Main Site**, we will be putting these books in the outdoor classroom on the infant play ground. If you wish to come along and grab some books then please do! Many Thanks -The English Team

Friends reading challenge

We would like to congratulate the winners of the reading challenge and sponsored read.

Oceana (RDT)
Keyaan (ROC)
Leilani (1M)
Gabriel (2SF)
Meher (4W)
Mira (5LM)



We hope you enjoy spending your book voucher from the Friends.

Thank you to everyone who shared pictures, got involved and contributed to the sponsored read total. We will be buying lots of new books for classrooms very soon!

Mrs Oakley and Mrs Killarney (English leads)



Peripatetic Instrument Lessons

Sign-up for September 2024

Deadline Wednesday 5th June 2024 12pm.
No payment. No place.

Payment, registration and instrument selection

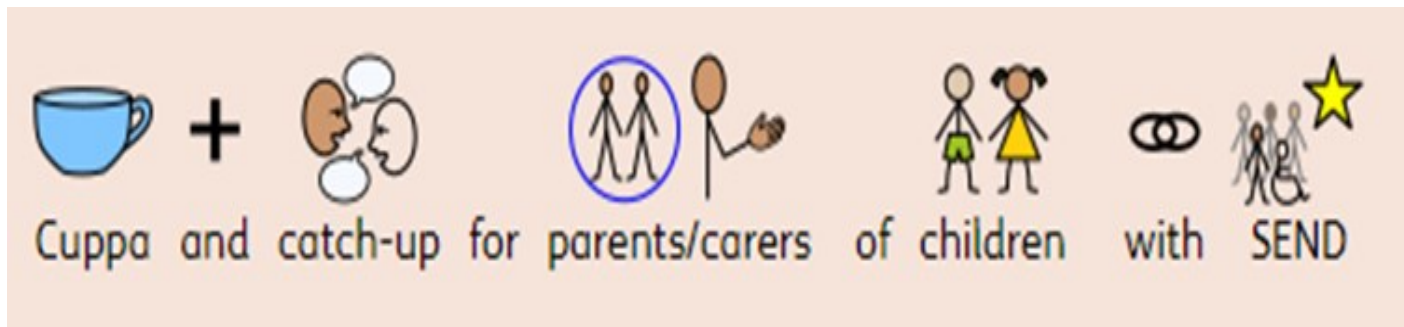
- Payment, registration, and instrument selection for lessons should be made via Parentpay. Payment will be required upfront. Fees for the Autumn Term will go onto ParentPay on Wed 22nd April. Fees for each term are £110.
- The deadline for payment will be **Wednesday 5th June 12pm.** No payments or applications will be accepted beyond this date and time and refunds will be issued.
- Your payment of lessons confirms your acceptance of our Terms and Conditions and registration for lessons.
- When you have paid for lessons, your ParentPay receipt will secure and confirm your child's place.
- Lessons are available for children who will be in Year 2-6 in September 2024. (If your child is Pupil Premium, please contact Dawn Foley in the Main Site office before making any payments).
- Lessons will begin in the first two weeks in the Autumn Term. Further updates will be shared in September.

Instruments available are as follows:

Available for Years 2 to 6	Available Years 3 to 6
Guitar Violin Recorder	Woodwind Brass Cello

TERMS AND CONDITIONS- IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

- I understand that this is my only opportunity to sign my child up for the next academic year.
- I accept the expectation that my child is committed to have lessons for the duration of the entire academic year.
- I understand that payment will be required in advance of each new term.
- I understand that should the payment deadline for the upcoming term be missed, my child will not be able to continue having music lessons for the remainder of the year.
- I understand that my child can only learn one instrument at school.
- I understand that should we choose not to continue with lessons at any point, we will not be refunded for the term already paid for and my child will be taken off the register for the rest of the year.
- I understand that the Music Service commit to offer 30 lessons across the academic year.
- I understand that Music Service teacher absences will be made up in extra weeks should they fall short of the 30-week minimum. Any refunds due will be issued at the end of the academic year.
- I accept that should my child miss lessons due to illness, trips, TED Days, strikes or unforeseen closures, there will be no refunds.
- I understand that my receipt of payment on ParentPay is confirmation of my child's place.
- I understand that lessons are held in small groups of children, lasting for 20-30 minutes.
- I understand that lessons take place during the normal school day (including breaks and lunchtimes). Please note that school lessons may be missed, and timings are non-negotiable. Lessons are scheduled by the music teachers themselves.
- I understand that all communication and enquiries will be between myself and the instrument teacher via the child's practice diary as well as via email (teacher emails will be shared in September).
- I understand that instruments will be loaned by Services for Education - Music Services free of charge. I will ensure that instruments and cases are clearly labelled with my child's name and class. I understand that the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to instruments or contents of cases, either privately owned or belonging to Services for Education - Music Services. All repairs and maintenance costs of Music Service instruments are covered by the Music Service. Any borrowed instrument is returned to school, in good condition, at the termination of this agreement.
- I shall encourage my son/daughter to undertake an appropriate amount of practice each week as directed by the instrument teacher and that he/she brings music, instrument and other materials to the lesson as required.



You are invited to join our SEND Governor, Rob Powell, and members of our Inclusion Team to find out about our SEND provisions, our School's Inclusion Development Plan and to gain an insight into the opportunities, experiences and provisions for SEND children at HPS.

At this informal meeting, we will share key information with you and there will be opportunity for you to meet other parents/carers, share your children's experiences, offer your feedback/suggestions to us and ask questions.

Date: **Thursday 9th May**

Time: **9:00-10:00am**

Place: **Main Site, Studio (parents/carers from Annex and Main Site invited)**

We very much hope that lots of you can join us.

Tamsin O'Brien
Inclusion Project Lead



Achievement Assembly Certificate Winners — w/e 12/04/2024

REC	Lucas	Rafeal
RGD	Amelia-Rose	Etian
ROC -	Marco	Daniel
RTD	Alia	Adrian
1B	Diana	James
1M	Polly	Zayn
1NG	Amelia	Harveer
1OQ	Ander	Robert
2O	Edith	Ben
2OB	Luc	Sophia
2P	Charlotte	Harry
2SF	Jai	Yash
3S	Ethan	Oscar
3D	James	
3E	Musa	
3PR	Issac	Saif
4BB	Libby	
4GV	Gaurav	Soham
4NB	Aarnah	
4W	Mingxi	
5B	Victoria	
5C	Arjun	
5BC	Ainara	
5LM	Anthony	Nicholas
6D	Amara	
6J	Luis	
6KP	Adway	



Dates in the Diary

Wed 17th Apr	9.00am — Y6 Sat's meeting to parents (MS Studio)
Fri 19th Apr	5B/5M — Walking to Lordswood Boys School
Tues 23rd April	Reception library visits: RGD (9.30am-10.30am) REC (10.45am-11.45am) ROC (1.45pm-2.45pm)
Tues 23rd April	Reception local area walk RTD 9.30-10.30 am
Tues 30th April	Book Giveaway (Annex)
Wed 1st May	Book Giveaway (Main Site)
Thurs 2nd May	TED Day
Thurs 9th May	Cuppa & Catch up - SEND FAMILIES ONLY (MS Studio)
Mon 20th May	Y3 Woodlands Camp Trip
Tues 21st May	9.30-11am - New Reception Intake Stay & Play (Main Site)
Tues 21st May	5BC/5C — Think Tank
Wed 22nd May	9.00am-Y6 Residential Meeting with parents (studio main site)
Thurs 23rd May	Y3 Woodlands Camp Trip
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
5th-6th June	Y2 Kingswood Residential Trip
10th-14th June	Y6 Oakerwood Residential Trip
12th-13th June	Y2 Kingswood Residential Trip
Thurs 20th June	Reception Busy Builders Parent workshop ROC (9.30am, Infant hall); REC (1.30pm, Infant hall) RTD (9.30am, Hall)
Fri 21st June	Reception Busy Builders Parent workshop RGD (9.30AM infants hall)
Tues 25th June	REC Trip to Mount Pleasant Farm—RGD (AM) REC (PM)
Thurs 27th June	REC Trip to Mount Pleasant Farm—RTD (AM) ROC (PM)
Mon 1st July	Y1 Think Tank Trip
Fri 12th July	Y6 Leavers party 7pm—9pm (Annex Hall)



Dear Parents,

As a school on two sites we have been working on finding the best solution for arranging successful "Sports Days" for all our pupils.

We have been able to book **Harborne Cricket Club** so all pupils at Main site will go there for Sports afternoons in June.

Reception, and Years 1 and 2 at the Main Site will attend on **Tuesday 18th June**.

Our Annex Junior classes (3S, 4GV and 5LM) will also join the KS2 Main Site classes at the KS2 Sports afternoon which this year will be on **Thursday 20th June**.

Staff from both sites will walk the children to the cricket club (nearer the time we will ask for parent volunteers to join us) .

We then expect many children will leave with their parents after the events but staff can walk children back to school for collection from their normal school site or to go to after school club if their parents request it.

Having risk assessed it, we do not think that the journey from The Annex to the Cricket Club is suitable for our younger children.

Therefore, the Annex EYFS/KS1 classes (RTD, 1M, 2P) will have their own Sports afternoon at the Annex on **Monday 24th June**.

Moving forward this will be our plan so that the children on both sites benefit from a smaller event for their first three years in school but are part of a larger event as they get older and are able to enjoy participating with the entire year group. We look forward to welcoming parents to support their children at all three events and will provide more details nearer the time but thought you may welcome some advance warning of dates and locations.

Miss Davis and Miss Clifford
PE Co-ordinators





Booking link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofharborneprimary/index.cfm?event=Shop>

Tickets £4 each

Snack bag provided with each ticket, snacks are all nut free and vegan. Any allergies should be stated when buying a ticket.

A collection email will be sent to parents who have purchased a ticket but it is the same as film club. Collection from the reception doors on Emerson Road main site.

Teachers will be present at the disco at all times, there is 3 DJ's one for infants main site, one for juniors main site and one for annex mixed.

If you have any questions please email friendsofharborneprimary@hotmail.com

Friends of Harborne Primary