



NEWSLETTER

Monday 3rd February 2025

Notes From the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support for senior leaders whilst they have been monitoring parking immediately next to school at the start and end of the school day. For additional information with regard to when and where you are able to park, please use this link from the RAC giving a guide on parking rules: <https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/legal/parking-guide/> The guide points out that parking and waiting on double yellow lines are not permitted at any time. It says that the yellow zig zags by school should be kept clear of stationary vehicles. It also says that you cannot park in a bus stop.

If you become concerned about a car being parked illegally or inappropriately, Birmingham City Council has a page on their website for making a report.

The link for the page is: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle

Thank you for all of the parent support for Film Club last Friday after school. Much fun was had by all and we thank the Friends of Harborne Primary School for their ongoing help and friendship.

We are looking forward to Friday's Mental Health Day with the theme 'Time to Talk.' Please see suggestions below for how you can support your child and family in talking openly about mental health.

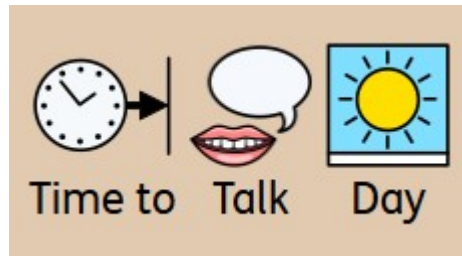
At the end of this half term we will be saying goodbye to two members of staff. We will be bidding farewell to Miss Hussain and also Ms Harvey too.

We thank Miss Hussain, our Pastoral Manager, for all the support she has given to our families and children during her time with us. Her dedication and commitment have made a real difference in the school community, and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in the next chapter of her career.

We also thank Ms Harvey too for her time here at Harborne. As a Teaching Assistant she has supported a wide range of pupils during her time at the school. She will also be missed. Good luck both on both of your next steps.

Kindest Regards,
Mr N. Whitehouse
Head Teacher

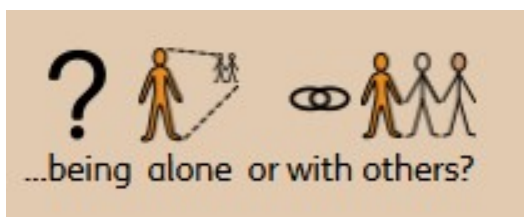
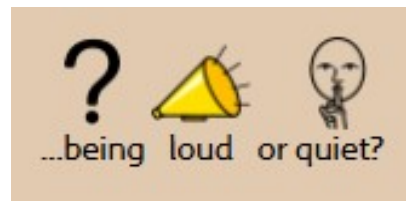
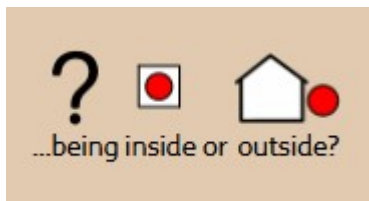




Friday 6th February is 'Time to Talk' Day. This is an event led by [Mind](#) and [Rethink Mental Illness](#) when we hope to promote opportunities for children and adults to talk at school.

Time to Talk Day 2024 revealed that nearly two thirds of the UK public put on a brave face to avoid talking about their mental health. And, nearly half of us are less likely to open up as we don't want to worry others in already difficult times. We aim to help our children connect with each other through conversation, giving them a chance to talk, listen and consider. Perhaps you could continue the talking at home by asking your child:

Do you prefer...



Talking openly and honestly can be the first step towards better mental health for everyone. It can reduce stigma and help people feel comfortable enough to seek help when they need it. |

It's good to talk!



Twinkl Phonics

At Harborne Primary School we use Twinkl phonics across the school to teach our children to read. It is really important that our children are able to pronounce the sounds correctly as this will enable children to be able to blend sounds to read words.

We are sharing links to videos how to say the sounds correctly which you could watch with your children. You could then use these sounds to play games and explore how to write words. Copies of the pictures linked to each sound can also be found in your child's reading diary and also their Rhino Reader book.

Click below for the correct pronunciation of the Twinkl phonics sounds.

[Twinkl Phonics Level 2 Sounds and Actions](#)

[Twinkl Phonics Level 3 Actions and Sounds](#)

[Twinkl Phonics Level 5 GPCs: Pure Sounds, Actions and Mnemonics](#)

Many thanks,

English Team



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.



Achievement Certificate Winners — W/E 31/01/2025

RS	Harriet	Zoya
RH	Hafsah	Martha
RP	Poppy	Christiana-Grace
RA	Evelyn	Jamil
1A	Ronia	Hamdaan
1H	Maahi	Luther
1P	Amelia-Rose	Roger
1S	Musa	Luca
2P	Zohan	Isaac
2H	Arthur	Aoife
2S	Rayen	Hoorad
2A	Agnes	Rory
3H	Alaya	
3P	Ben	
3S	Stuti	
3A	Naina	Mobahil
4H	Lyron	Maya
4P	Maya	Skylah
4S	Tobias	Clara
4A	Hashim	Taqi
5H	Owen	
5P	Sunny	
5S	Bea	
5A	Ravi	Danny
6H	Rafay	
6P	Samia	Emma
6S	Anna	
6A	George Ethan	Khadijah Ashley



Dates in the Diary

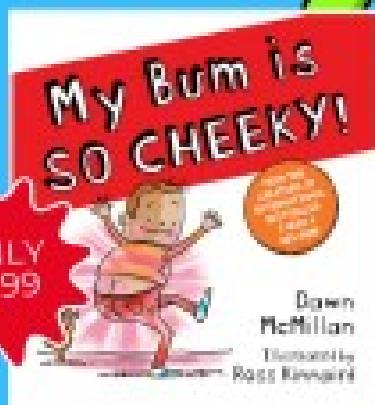
Fri 7th Feb	'Time to Talk' Mental Health Day
Mon 10th Feb	Book Fair (Mon to Fri)
Tues 11th Feb	4-6pm Parents Evening (both sites)
Thurs 13th Feb	4-6pm Parents Evening (both sites)
Fri 14th Feb	EYFS 'Who looks after me' Day
Mon 17th Feb	Half Term
Mon 24th Feb	Pupils back to school 8.50am
Mon 10th Mar	9.10-10.00am — Meeting for Y3 Residential Trip in Sept 2025
	For parents/carers with children currently in Year 2
Tues 25th Mar	REC Eye screening checks (main site)
Wed 26th Mar	REC Eye screening checks (annex)

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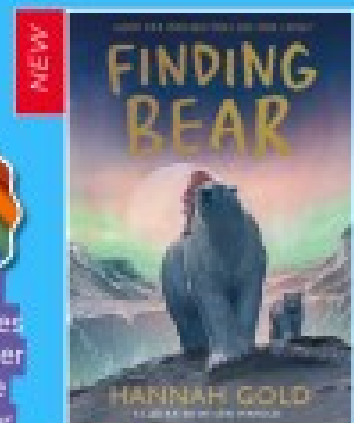


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IN CINEMAS FEBRUARY 2025

Date:

10th - 13th February

After school at both sites, with late opening on parents' evenings

Scan the QR code to pay online!





HPS Science mini-newsletter

Science Selfies!



Calling all budding scientists! We know that lots of you enjoy Science outside of school, fact-finding in science books and even carry out your own experiments. HPS are holding a Science Selfie challenge. Email us a picture of you doing your Science investigations or observations. You could send us a photo of something that you have created or an interesting find, but remember that you have to be in it too! We're very excited to see what you're up to! Even the teachers may have a go.

The best photos could end up right here on our mini-newsletter in the coming months. If you would like your Science Selfie on a future newsletter, ask your parents to give consent when they email us. Use the email address at the bottom of this page.

Have a look at the important dates for Science for this month. If you take part in any of the activities, or do some research, then let your class teacher know.

February 2025							White Rose EDUCATION	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
					1	2	RSPB — The Big School Birdwatch	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	RSPB — The Big School Birdwatch	
							NSPCC Number Day	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	RSPB — The Big School Birdwatch	
	International Day of Women & Girls in Science	Darwin Day					National Engineers Week	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	RSPB — The Big School Birdwatch	
							National Engineers Week	
24	25	26	27	28			WRE Winter Conference	
							International Polar Bear Day	

 February is National Heart Month.

This Summer, we are planning to bring back our Futures Day. This is where we can find out all about the different STEM careers that are open to the children in their future. If there are any grown-ups who have a job with a connection to Science or Engineering, in any way, and who would be happy to come in and talk to us, we would love to hear from them.

Please drop us an email at enquiry@harborne.bham.sch.uk , and mark it for the attention of Mrs Miller or Mr Williams.



Dates for your CALENDAR

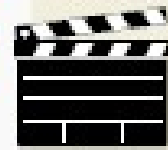
**MONTHLY
FRIENDS
MEETING**

**10TH FEBRUARY
10TH MARCH
7TH APRIL**



31ST JANUARY

**FILM CLUB
(ALL YEARS)**



16TH MAY

**SCHOOL
DISCO**



10TH APRIL

**BREAK
THE RULES
DAY**



9TH MAY

**EID
FEST**



14TH JUNE

**SUMMER
FAIR**



We would love to see you at these events.
If you want to help make them possible please email
friendsofharborneprimary@hotmail.com or join us at the meeting
dated above 8pm, upstairs at The Plough, Harborne



ROUND UP OF ACADEMIC YEAR 23-24

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

DURING THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR WE HELD LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS INCLUDING FILM CLUBS, A DISCO, CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING AND EID FEST TO NAME JUST A FEW. IT WAS LOVELY TO SEE SO MANY FAMILIES ENJOYING THESE EVENTS AND SUPPORTING THE FRIENDS IN RAISING AN INCREDIBLE £19,000 FOR THE SCHOOL!!

Over the course of the year, The Friends donated £33,130 to fund some amazing enrichment projects, which included new books, reading area furniture, shade canopies for the Annex and outdoor benches.

COME AND JOIN US

To run these events and raise funds for future projects we rely on parent and teacher volunteers.

With so many year 6 parents having left the school after many years of much appreciated efforts, we are looking for new parent volunteers to help support.

There are lots of ways you can get involved - why not pop along to our next monthly meeting on Monday 10th February, 8pm (Upstairs @ The Plough, Harborne) to find out a little more, or if you have any questions please email: friendsofharborneprimary@hotmail.com

