

# Houghton Regis

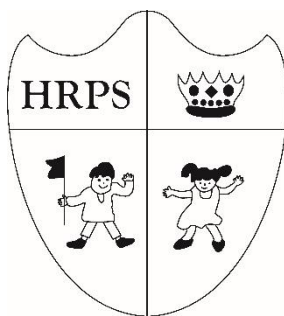
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# Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Mrs Parmar

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Parmar, our Deputy Head, has safely delivered a baby boy recently. On behalf of the school community, I would like to congratulate Mrs Parmar and her family on their new arrival.

## Arts Council Packs

I am pleased to inform parents that we have been provided with Let's Create Art Packs (*supported by Royal Opera House Bridge, University of Bedfordshire and Bedford Creative Arts*) for every child in Reception through to Year 5. Children currently in school will be provided with one of these on the last day of term.

Parents of pupils currently working at home are able to collect the packs from a station outside the main front door at the following times:

## Thursday, 16 July 2020

Year Group	Time
Two	9:45am -10:45am
Three	11:00am - Midday
Four	1:00pm -1:45pm
Five	1:45pm - 2:30pm

Thank you also to Houghton Regis Town Council who have kindly donated Family Fun Activity Packs.

## Staff goodbyes

We will be saying goodbye to three members of staff at the end of this term. Firstly, we are really pleased that Miss Brett will be developing her career by taking on an exciting new role as a Year 5 teacher at another school. We thank Miss Brett for her contribution to our school, particularly for sharing her love of musical theatre with pupils. Her contribution to running musical theatre club and supporting end of year performances was valued by all staff and pupils.



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Mrs Bannon will also be leaving us at the end of this term to work with her husband in developing their family business. Mrs Bannon has had a long association with the school and will be missed by pupils, staff and parents.

Mrs Tough, who has provided valuable support to pupils in KS2, has accepted a place on a Teacher training course locally and we wish her well in this next chapter.

### **Additional Teachers for next term**

In order to keep groups as small as possible during the return in September, I have appointed an additional teacher who will be working three days a week at our school. Chelsey Finn is an experienced teacher with five years' experience working in Milton Keynes and London. Mrs Finn will mainly be 'splitting' Blue Class and Sapphire Class with their class teachers. This will significantly reduce class sizes and ensure each child receives lots of individual attention during the important reintegration term. She is also a specialist in Spanish and will therefore be teaching many of our older pupils this subject.

Furthermore, our dance teacher, Miss Maisy Day will be working with Red Class for a term, again splitting the class with the class teacher to allow for small group time for each child.

### **Arrangements for next term**

We will be opening for all pupils from September 2020 and have all the necessary staffing in place. We will be keeping pupils in their new 'class bubbles' which may extend to 'year group bubbles' for activities such as swimming. In order to allow everyone to arrive safely at school, we will be operating an extended drop off and collection time so all parents do not need to arrive at the same time.

### **From September 2020:**

Window for morning drop off will be **anytime between 8:30am and 9:10am**

Window for collection pick up will be **anytime between 2:45pm and 3:10pm**

### **Farewell to Year 6**

Finally, we wish our current Year 6 pupils the very best of luck for their future school careers as they embark on the next chapter of their journey.

A reminder that our autumn term starts for all children on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Wishing you all a relaxing and safe summer break – we look forward to welcoming all the children back to school in the autumn term.

Yours sincerely

*J Edwards*

Mr J Edwards  
Headteacher

