

# Houghton Regis

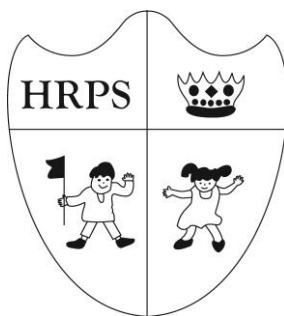
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# Primary School

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## Newsletter

8 January 2021

We hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well during these extraordinary times.

### Home Learning

We are delighted at the number of children who are engaging with home learning and we plan to introduce video lessons on google classrooms from next week. We understand there have been a few connectivity issues and are working closely with our IT support to resolve these, and appreciate your patience.

Please click on the link below to complete the survey on home learning 2021, by Monday 3pm

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QY83RJG>

### Word of the week

We will continue the 'Word of the week', which is a fantastic way for your child to broaden and extend their vocabulary. Typically the teachers will announce the word in class and on google classrooms on a Monday. Please encourage your child to use the word in variety of context. The child that has used the word most effectively in their written work will be rewarded.

### Little Christmas

Further to our previous correspondence, we have had to make some changes to arrangements for 'Little Christmas', which will be celebrated on 13 January 2021, when children will be encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper, whether in school or at home. If your child is in school, they can wear a t-shirt under their jumper alongside their usual school uniform.

We are now planning on having Christmas dinner at Easter time, when again we hope all the children will be back in school.

The PTA thanks you for your continuing support and will draw the Christmas Raffle, prize winners will be notified and arrangements will be made for you to either collect or put them aside for when we return to school. Total amount collected will be published in due course.



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## Reminder for deadlines to apply for Primary School

For those of you with children in our Nursery (Silver) classes, this is a gentle reminder that the deadline to apply for a primary school place for your child/ren is 15 January 2021. Even if your child currently has a place in our Nursery class, there is no automatic entry into our Reception class. You will need to submit an application to Central Bedfordshire Council. For further information and guidance, please visit:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school/admissions/landing.aspx>

## Parent Governor Deadline

You should have received a letter earlier this week regarding parent governor vacancies, please note that the deadline to apply is **13 January 2021**. Parents who are interested in this exciting role should in the first instance speak to me or Mrs Jones, School Business Manager.

## Covid Isolating

If you and any members of your family have tested positive for Coronavirus and are isolating, could we ask that you please continue to inform the school office, the contact details are below.

## School Office opening hours

If you wish to contact the school for any reason, the school office team continue to work from 8.30am to 4pm. If you need assistance outside of these hours, there is the option to either send an email to [office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk) or leave a message on 01582 867487 which the office team will respond to during the hours outlined above.

Where it is relevant, you can contact your class teacher on the dedicated email address which is simply the colour name of the class followed by @houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

## Nursery

In line with government guidelines we are looking at re-opening a Silver Bubble next Wednesday.

If you would like your child to secure a place in the first bubble (16 pupils) please contact the office by the end of the day on Monday. We may give priority to children accessing 30 hour provision.

As always we wish you good health and hope you have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

*James Edwards*

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Headteacher