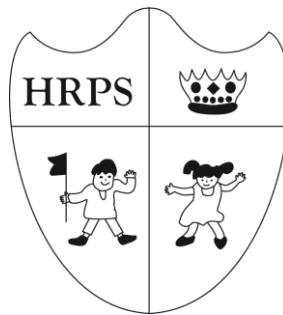


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NEWSLETTER



1 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Girls' Football League Finals at Creasey Park- Wednesday, 28 February 2024

Our girls put up a valiant effort in the semi-final game and were only outdone by a penalty in the shoot-out as the game finished 1-1 at full-time against Caddington. The next game to decide 3rd and 4th place was another courageous effort but unfortunately, we were unable to peg back the early 2 goal deficit with the game finishing 4-1 to Lancot School. A huge well done to all the girls who took part. They played with courage and conviction. They did extremely well to get to the semi finals.



A huge well done to Victoria, Ava, Chloe, Mia, Jasmine, Eleni, Jasmine, Denas, Everly and Alisia.

World Book Day- Thursday, 7 March 2024

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7 March 2024.

As part of our celebrations, children can come to school dressed as a character from a book in exchange for a shiny coin. All money raised will go towards buying new books for our class libraries.

We will also be holding a book swap event in each key stage to allow children the opportunity to take home a new book on World Book Day. If you would like to take part, please bring a book that you have read, loved and no longer want by Tuesday 5 March. You can donate as many books as you like and every book you bring into school you will receive a book swap token (maximum of 3 tokens). You can then use your token on World Book Day to select a new book to take home and keep. The book swap event will take place at the end of the day on Thursday 7 March so children are able to select a new book with their parents/carers.

Reception hearing screening- Thursday, 14 March and Friday, 15 March 2024

On Thursday, 14 March and Friday, 15 March the Audiology team will visit our school to perform hearing tests for Reception children.

This involves putting headphones on your child and asking them to respond when they hear a sound. In this way, we can measure if your child can hear normally or not. This is a safe simple test which is comfortable for your child and takes 5-10 minutes. Your child's ears may also be examined.

If you do not wish to have your child's hearing tested or if your child currently attends ENT/Audiology clinics there will be an opportunity for you to opt-out once registered on the parent portal, otherwise the Audiology team will assume you are happy for your child to be screened.

Parents' Consultation Evenings

We will be holding parents' consultations meetings for all year groups on:

Thursday, 21 March 2024- 3:40-5:40pm

Monday, 25 March 2024- 4:00-7:00pm

Please note Nursery classes (Silver, Charles, Platinum Jubilee) appointments will be on:

Tuesday, 19 March 2024- 4:00-7:00pm

Thursday, 21 March 2024- 3:40-5:40pm

An appointment signup sheet will be displayed outside your child's classroom or on the main playground from next week.

If you are unable to attend an appointment on this day, please speak to your child's class teacher about arranging this for an alternative day.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr James Edwards

Headteacher



Extra Curricular Activities Spring Term 2024

Club	Year group involved	Day	Time of Day
Taekwondo	Reception- Year 6	Monday	Afternoon
Gymnastics	Year 3-6	Tuesday	Morning
Ballet	Nursery- Year 5	Tuesday	Afternoon
Ballet	Nursery-Year 5	Wednesday	Morning
Football	Year 3-6 (Boys)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Football	Year 3-6 (Girls)	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Football	Reception-Year 2 (Boys & Girls)	Thursday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Science Club	Year 5	Thursday	3.15 - 4.00pm

Free school meals

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call the Local Authority on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- Dates of birth for your children
- If you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

If your application is successful, please contact the school office to confirm this to enable us to update our records to reflect this.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Year groups involved	Date
World Book Day	All	Thursday, 7 March 2024
A.I.M. High Science Day at Whitefield Primary Academy	Years 5-6	Monday, 11 March 2024
Reception hearing screening	R	Thursday, 14 March 2024- Friday, 15 March 2024
Parents' Evening	All	Thursday, 21 March 2024- 3:40-5:40pm
Parents' Evening	All	Monday, 25 March 2024- 4:00-7:00pm
Last day of term	All	Thursday, 28 March 2024 school closes at 1:30pm
Easter holidays	All	Friday, 29 March 2024- Friday, 12 April 2024

This week's Attendance Awards

Reception/KS1 Prince Louis–
Platinum 98.6%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte –
Yellow 99%

Upper KS2 Prince George–
Elizabeth 98.3%



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Danny DETERMINATION says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	Colin CURIOSITY says, "THINK FOR YOURSELF."	Chloe COMMUNICATION says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, "DO YOUR BEST."
Ellis E	Isla D-S	Caoimhe-Rose O	Henlie K-A
Adalin I	Saoirse D	Ainsley C	Lena G
Kira A	Eva C	Ruth P	Zainab P
Julianna E	Yasmin L	Ava-Kate B	Samira A
Jasmine Q		Jaxon-James G	Freddie C
Alfie B		Theo K	Maya A
		Frankie S	Laura M
		Summer G	
		Victoria T	
		Reina V	
		Kelsey-Jade S-G	

