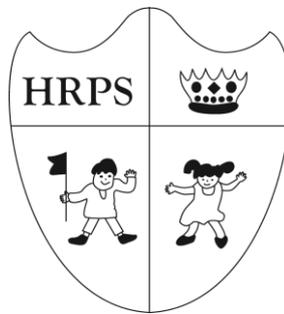


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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Orthodox Easter celebration

Diana, Brianna, Maya A and Maya I in Charlotte Class discussed Romanian Easter with their class teacher and class mates. The girls shared their family traditions around Orthodox Easter, which took place last weekend. A classic Romanian Easter tradition is to paint hard boiled eggs in onion leaves to use in egg tapping competitions. These were originally painted in red to symbolize the blood of Jesus Christ, but nowadays you can find them in any color. They can be also hand painted using a special brush. Diana, Brianna, Maya A and Maya I shared their knowledge and family traditions about this special time of the year.



During class assembly in Yellow Class Annabelle M, Natalia, Antonia and Pelageya also shared their knowledge and understanding of Orthodox Easter. The girls also compared and contrasted the local traditions found in Romania and Lithuania.

Year 6 SATs and breakfast club

The children have worked extremely hard in their preparations for the upcoming SATs next week. We are really proud of them and know that they will all try their best. The children are all looking forward to going bowling next Friday to celebrate all their hard work.

During SATs week (Monday 13 May- Thursday 16 May) all Year 6 children are invited to attend a breakfast club from 8:20am. The children will be offered various cereals, toast or fruit.

Hot weather

Please remember to send your child to school with a refillable water bottle and a hat.



Science - Air Resistance

This afternoon Elizabeth Class was learning about Air Resistance. They created a plastic parachute using a carrier bag, string, scissors, paperclip, and a bulldog clip.

The children dropped their parachutes and recorded how long it took to fall to the ground. They dropped it at the same height three times to ensure they made it a fair test.



Message from PTA

Houghton Regis Primary School urgently requires a new PTA Chair – is that you!

The role of the **PTA Chair** is crucial for the smooth functioning of the committee. As the chair, you'll be at the helm, steering the committee toward its goals. Here are the key responsibilities:

1. **Leadership and Facilitation:**
 - **Chairs and facilitates meetings** in a manner that encourages everyone to contribute.
 - Sets the **date and agenda** for meetings and keeps discussions on track.
 - **Delegates tasks** to committee members.
2. **Decision Implementation:**
 - Ensures that committee decisions are **implemented** effectively.
 - **Liaises with the school** regarding fundraising priorities.
 - **Welcomes and motivates new volunteers** to join the PTA.
3. **Financial Oversight:**
 - Acts as a **designated signatory** on the PTA bank account.
 - Ensures the PTA is **registered with regulatory bodies**, such as the Charity Commission, and submits necessary reports. (Already in place)
4. **Annual Report:**
 - At the **AGM**, writes the **annual report** summarizing the PTA's activities.

Qualities for a PTA Chair:

- **Strong leadership** skills.
- **Diplomatic** and fair.
- **Enthusiastic** and full of bright ideas.
- **Good delegators** who involve others effectively.

If you're interested in becoming our next PTA chair, or part of the PTA committee feel free to reach out for more information!

Please speak to Mrs White in Nursery Class or email twhite@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

Let's make a positive impact together!

If this role is not filled, then sadly the PTA will have to fold at Houghton Regis Primary School.

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

Kind regards

Mr James Edwards

Headteacher



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.

Contacting class teachers

Every class in Houghton Regis Primary School have their own email address to enable parents to easily contact their child's teacher. The format of the email address is the class name followed by @houghtonregisprimary.co.uk.

Nursery:

charles@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

platinumnursery@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

silver@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

Reception and Key Stage 1:

platinum@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

gold@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

indigo@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

orange@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

purple@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

green@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2

blue@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

yellow@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

charlotte@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

red@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

elizabeth@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

sapphire@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

amber@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

emerald@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM 2024

Club	Year group involved	Day	Time of Day
Ballet	Nursery- Year 5	Tuesday	Afternoon
Ballet	Nursery-Year 5	Wednesday	Morning
Multi-sports Club	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 4	Thursday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Taekwondo	Reception- Year 6	Monday	Afternoon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Year groups involved	Date
KS2 SATs week	Year 6	Monday, 13 May 2024- Friday, 17 May 2024
House on the Hill- trip	Year 1	Tuesday, 14 May 2024
Disney's Aladdin Trip	Years 4 & 5	Wednesday, 15 May 2024 at 2:30pm
Go Bowling	Year 6	Friday, 17 May 2024
May Day	Year 2	Tuesday, 21 May 2024
Inset day- school closed for pupils	All	Friday, 24 May 2024
Half-term	All	Monday, 27 May 2024- Friday, 31 May 2024



Star Awards

			
Danny DETERMINATION says, “DON’T GIVE UP.”	Colin CURIOSITY says, “THINK FOR YOURSELF.”	Chloe COMMUNICATION says, “RESPECT OTHERS.”	Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, “DO YOUR BEST.”
Thomas T	Mia D'S	India W	Jayden D
Nicolas V	Leo H	Levi U	Jessica L
Myahh-Rose P	Ava S	Connor D	Iyla D
Mia C-T	Lois U	Denas A	Soraiya T
Millie-Rose E	Riley S	Maya I	
Julia Z	Lola S-S	Maya A	
Lia P	Poppy T	Brianna O	
Cezary G		Diana P	
Matei L			
Nevaeh G			
Kade K			
Louis T			

This week's Attendance Awards

Reception/KS1 Prince Louis–
Green 95.5%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte –
Yellow 96.5%

Upper KS2 Prince George–
Elizabeth 95.4%



Workshop for parents/carers:

Understanding and exploring 'masking behaviours' of children that are Neurodiverse (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)

Please see page 2 for dates and booking information

The workshop is suitable for parents/carers of children aged 0-12 years old with emerging needs, on the pathway to assessment, have a diagnosed condition and/or identified special educational need.



The workshop will cover:

- Neurodiversity
- How children may present when they are 'masking'
- Strengths and challenges
- Strategies to help children to manage 'masking'
(At home and possible reasonable adjustments for school)
- Signposting to other services, resources and further reading

The workshop will be run by the Early Years SEND Advisory Team and Children Centre staff

Please contact

Jade.Keyte@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Monday 15.07.2024: 9.30- 12.00 noon

Face to face at Flitwick Children Centre, families from all areas of Central Bedfordshire are welcome to attend (unfortunately no children can attend) to book the workshop, email Jade Keyte

Tuesday 16.07.2024: 12.45- 2.30 pm

(online via Microsoft teams)

to register for this event follow the below link

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/0facab03-499d-4b66-ac85-70ee31a7f994@21d8a1ee-0787-4374-b259-4e87058aff15>

If you are attending an online workshop you will be sent a Microsoft Teams link at the time of registration.

If you book the face-to-face workshop, you will be sent a reminder the week before with more details. Please note that the face-to-face workshop has **limited spaces**, if you book on and then no longer can attend, please let Jade know at least 48 hours before so the space can be offered to someone else.



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