

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer

Yesterday, Year 2 had a wonderful and very informative day at Radlett Reform Synagogue. The children had the opportunity to:

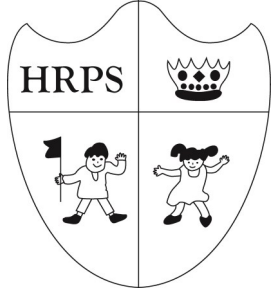
- look around the synagogue
- closely inspect historic Torah scrolls
- listen to stories about Hannakah, Passover and the escape from Egypt
- look closely at artefacts such as kippahs, yads and tallits
- taste Jewish challah bread and matzoh
- make a star of David
- look at the 'tree of life'

The visit very much secured the children's knowledge and understanding of Judaism.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Edwards
Headteacher





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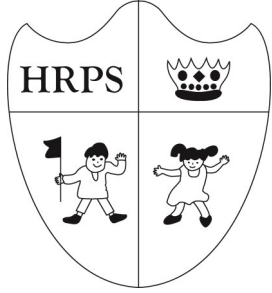
HOUGHTON REGIS PRIMARY SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY

We have been informed by Bedfordshire Police that, in conjunction with Central Bedfordshire Council, they are undertaking a clampdown on dangerous and inconsiderate parking around schools.

The Police will be regularly patrolling the perimeter of the school and those people found to be in breach of the law will be issued with fines and points on their driving licence.



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Word of the Week!

ancient

It means: Extremely old



Can you use this word in a sentence?



SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE

The school absence line will soon be moving to a voicemail facility. You will need to leave the following details:

- Name of child/ren
- Class/es
- Reason for absence

COVID UPDATE

We have received an update from Central Bedfordshire Council regarding COVID-19 precautions.

We are pleased to report that the wearing of face coverings whilst on school premises is no longer required. However, should you wish to continue to wear a face covering, please feel free to do so, we totally support your decision.



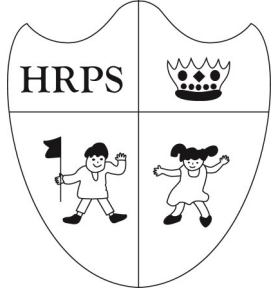
This week's Attendance Awards

KS1 - Purple - 95.31%

KS2 - Red - 95.43%



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SCHOOL MONEY

If you are struggling to log into your School Money account, the school office will be more than happy to assist. You will need to bring your phone with you to enable them to help.

Please note that we are not able to accept cash payments.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

How to apply for 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.

SCHOOL GRID

The lunchtime menus are on school grid and can be booked several weeks in advance. This gives you the opportunity to log into your account to make your child's lunch selections.

Please come into the school office should you experience difficulties accessing your account.

SCHOOL FORMS

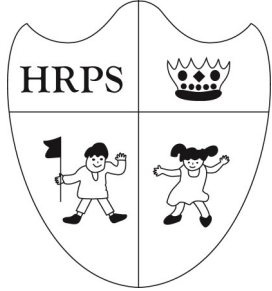
We are in the process of modernising our processes to maximise efficiency and decrease our carbon footprint. With this in mind, we will be creating electronic versions of forms that will be available on our website. We will notify you when these are available.

In the meantime, paper forms are available for collection from the school reception area, for your convenience.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

May we kindly request that school shoes are worn, not boots. There are a number of girls across the school with laced boots that regularly come undone.

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Danny DETERMINATION says, "DON'T GIVE UP."

George T
Noah E
Jessica G
Daniella C
Frankie S
Alexandra E

Alfie G
George G
Alfie G
Shani H
Ishina G

Teddy C
Simone B
Elsie H
Kai B
Lewis H

Ava O'D
Shani H
Evie S
Jesse H

Colin CURIOSITY says, "THINK FOR YOURSELF."



Chloe COMMUNICATION says, "RESPECT OTHERS."

Lilly S
Ellie S
Mia T
Nyah B

Winnie W.C
Marlowe K A
Violet H
Zara A
Thomas P

Brandon W
Dylan S
Aleksandra S
Jayce G

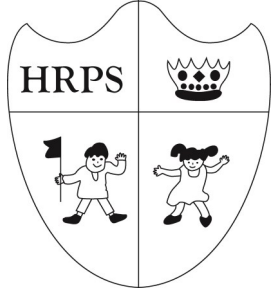
Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, "DO YOUR BEST."



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For a suggested donation of a shiny coin (50p or £1), you can wear something RED, or something colourful if you do not have anything red

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'Eat them to defeat them' is a campaign to encourage kids to eat more vegetables. It is award-winning and proven to make eating vegetables more fun. It is all here to help you on your mission to raise healthy, happy children.

The campaign is advertised on TV, schools are participating by having veg themed activities and parents are encouraged to support with veg themed activities at home.

If you would like some more information on how to support the campaign, take a look at the Eat Them to Defeat Them website.

YEAR 5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL



Friday 4 March 2022

Our year 5/6 Girls Team played Thomas Whitehead Primary in the Quarter Finals of the Cup and came away 4-2 winners. A hat-trick from Lily-Grace and a goal from Faith secured the win.

Well done girls a well-played game with everybody making a contribution.

Our year 5/6 boys' team also had a win against Thomas Whitehead this afternoon. We will share a full match report in next week's newsletter.

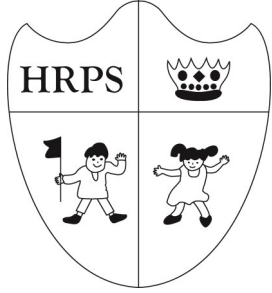
CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Following World Book Day, and aiming to maximise the enthusiasm for reading we hope it created, we have developed our own 'Reading Spines'. This is a core of books that create a living library inside our children's minds.

Teachers have carefully chosen a selection of books that sit at the very core of the curriculum for their own year group.

The Reading Spines can be found on our website under the Curriculum, English, Reading Spines tabs.

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Helping your child achieve their best

Happy children and happy adults!

Discussing life plans and ambitions with your child can be fun. You can open their minds to endless possibilities and opportunities; the world is their oyster and they can reach for the stars! Whether they want to be an astronaut, doctor, TV journalist, or teacher... what you do with your child now can really help them on the first steps of this journey.

Research has shown that if your child is absent for just **seventeen days a year this could mean they are far less likely to be able to read or write when they leave primary or lower school.** If your child's annual attendance is **85%, they have missed 29 days schooling, which approximately is half a term.** Similar statistics relate to arriving to school late; arriving at school **regularly 15 minutes late, can result in up to 10 days lost.**



Every minute counts and attendance matters!

Good attendance means...

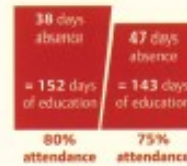
being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days.



Best chance of success
Well done!



Poor attendance – less chance of success
You should be concerned



Very poor attendance – serious impact on education and reduces life chances
You should be seriously worried

There are 175 non school days a year
...all this time for shopping, holidays and appointments

Getting your child into a good routine now will help them later.

Be prepared – Make sure the uniform and bag is ready.

Tiredness – Make sure your child goes to bed at a sensible time.

Set an alarm – Be up and out of bed on time.

Food – Eat a good breakfast.

Time – Talk to your child about what they have been doing at school.

Illness – Avoid illnesses by teaching your child to use a tissue and wash their hands.

Getting it right when your child starts school means:
mornings are easier | children learn more | everyone is healthier

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