

Houghton Regis

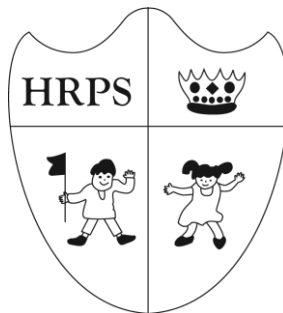
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NEWSLETTER



15 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Communication

Communication is essential for building positive relationships with our families.

At Houghton Regis Primary School, we communicate in the following ways:

1. Weekly newsletters from the Headteacher
2. The Website
3. Years N, R, 1 and 2 use Tapestry
4. Each class has an email address i.e. purple@
5. Meet the Teacher Meetings at the start of the academic year
6. Twice Yearly Parent/Teacher consultations
7. Termly Child Review Meetings for children on the SEND Register
8. Annual written reports to parents

In addition to the above, we encourage an open door policy at the school, so if you have any queries or concerns, do speak to class teachers. It is always preferable to meet with teachers after school, or email them by sending emails to either orange@ elizabeth@ etc or send the email via office@ to be forwarded to the relevant teacher. This is much better than speaking to them at the beginning of the school day when they need to settle the children. Alternatively, you can call the school office to make an appointment.

We also have a senior teacher/ key stage leader responsible for each class if you need a second opinion around something or need action beyond what the class teacher has already put in place.

| Person and Role | Classes Responsible For |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Miss Abi Waller (Early Years Lead) | Silver (All Groups) Platinum Jubilee Gold Platinum |
| Miss Megan Davidson (Key Stage One Lead) | Indigo Orange Green Purple |
| Mr Hugh Simmonds Lead Practioner, Lower KS2 Lead | Charlotte Red Blue Yellow |
| Mrs Rajneet Parmar Deputy Head, Upper Key Stage Two Lead | Elizabeth Sapphire George Amber Emerald |

New Gate

As you are aware from previous communications, we have a new entrance and gate. This has been installed to keep cars and children apart. The governors took advice from a health and safety expert before making the decision to make this important change. We will be seeking the views of parents and carers around this change once the trial period has been completed. There may also be further adjustments to the beginning of the school day as part of this process. Please keep reading school newsletters to stay abreast of these developments.

We are aware of some minor teething issues. A big thank you to Ms Clark for cleaning the pathway. We are currently awaiting the council to provide a date to clean and tidy the rest of the alley way.

Swimming price discount

Swimming is an essential life skill as well as an important part of the school curriculum. To ensure all children can attend we are putting in place a 25% discount to all swimming invoices for the remainder of the academic year.

Collection points for after school clubs

Please see collection points for the following clubs:

- KS2 Football- new gate
- KS2 Choir- main office
- Year 6 Boosters: Mrs Parmar- main office
Miss Rogers- main office
Miss Naisby- classroom door
Miss Konga- classroom door

Finally, 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.



**Was your child born between
1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?**
**They will start school in September 2024, so you
need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2024.**

Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school
or by contacting School Admissions admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk **0300 300 8037**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

| Event | Year groups involved | Date |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Sports Day | Early Years, Year 1 | Friday, 22 September 2023 |
| Paradise Wildlife Trip | Reception | Tuesday, 26 September 2023 |
| Residential Trip- Caythorpe Court | Year 6 | Sunday, 15 October- Wednesday, 18 October 2023 |
| Half-term | All | Monday, 23 October- Friday, 27 October 2023 |
| INSET Day- school closed for pupils | All | Monday, 30 October 2023 |

This week's Attendance Awards

Reception/KS1 Prince
Louis– Purple 99.5%

Lower KS2 Princess
Charlotte – Charlotte 100%

Upper KS2 Prince George–
Elizabeth 99.2%



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Star Awards

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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." |
| Nicolas V | Lilah M | Sofia H | Abigail C |
| Noah E | Ethan J | Davi A | Darcie T |
| Harrison P | | Zara A | Blayne F |
| Harry C | | Lara G | Mia B |
| Emmanuel A | | Lia P | Kray H |
| | | Jaxon-Jay R | Julia Z |
| | | | Arthur |
| | | | Everly K-A |
| | | | Alfie B |
| | | | Jorene B |
| | | | Kaliah B-S |
| | | | Jasmine Q |
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HRPS PTA are RECRUITING



TREASURER NEEDED

JOB DESCRIPTION

- MANAGES DAY TO DAY FINANCES
- KEEPS RECORDS OF PTA'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
- ARRANGES FLOATS
- BANKS TAKINGS
- FINANCIAL REPORTING

SUITS PEOPLE WHO ARE...
CONFIDENT AT HANDLING MONEY AND
BUDGETS. GOOD WITH NUMBERS AND
METHODICAL.

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Houghton Regis Primary School
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COME
ALONG TO
OUR AGM

Wednesday 27th September

6PM IN THE MAIN HALL

EVERYONE'S WELCOME

Free refreshments, children are welcome.

Working together for our children's future.

Contact us via email: ptahrps@gmail.com Onsite: Mrs T White
Or directly to a PTA member to save your seat or for more information.

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