

# Houghton Regis

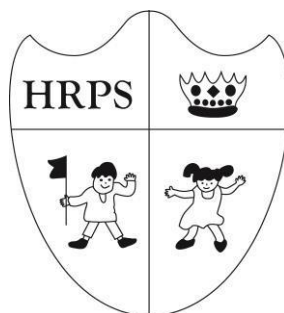
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# Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning this week including taking part in the wide range of co-curricular clubs and activities that have re-started.

## Football

Our Year 3 and 4 boys' football team enjoyed their tournament on Wednesday this week that both Mr Riordan and I also attended. Our boys were tenacious in the face of some tough opposition and although we did not place that high in the table, the boys did learn a great deal about tactics and positioning.



Next Wednesday our Year 3 and 4 girls' team will be representing our school in the girls' football tournament at Ashton St Peters. The girls in this club should have their football boots and shin pads available at school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week as we have some additional training planned for them. Mrs White and I will accompany the girls' team so I look forward to, hopefully, winning some matches then. All the girls who attend the after school Year 3 and 4 club on Tuesdays after school will be attending the festival next week.

## **Swimming**

Due to an administrative oversight, we have had to accept a different swimming slot for our Yellow and Red children this term than originally planned. This will mean the day (Wednesday) remaining the same but the slot moving to the afternoon. On the plus side, the group will have a whole 45 minutes in the water. However, due to the late timing of this slot pupils will now not return to school until just before 4pm. While there will be no additional charge and this may suit many parents I do appreciate, this is not ideal for all families.

Swimming will continue from Wednesday, 29 September 2021. There will be no swimming next week. The invoices for parents will reflect the reduced number of weeks attended.

In terms of Emerald Class swimming, Lewsey Pool's re-opening has been further delayed. This will mean swimming for Emerald will not start for at least another couple of weeks. I will let parents know as soon as Luton Council confirm the pool is ready for re-opening.

Please be re-assured that the SLT and I are currently working with Active Luton and others to secure a better swimming package, more in line with what the school was offered last year. The current arrangements certainly do not reach my expectations and I appreciate parents understanding around these delays and less than ideal time slots this term.

## **Governing Board**

I am pleased to share the make-up of the board of governors this year.

Chair of Governors: Ms Nicola Griggs

Vice Chair of Governors/Parent Governor/Safeguarding Governor: Mr Glyn Chapman

Co-opted Governor with responsibility for teaching and Learning: Mrs Deborah Pargeter, MBE

Staff Governor: Mrs Teresa White

Associate Governor: Mrs Rajneet Parmar

New Parent Governor: Mrs Claire Gradley

## **New Parent Governor**

I am pleased to share that Mrs Gradley (mum to Jessica in Reception) is our new Parent Governor. Mrs Gradley lives locally and is a graphic designer. We thank her for agreeing to take on this important role at our school.

## **Transferring to High School September 2022**

If your child is in Year 6

The application round is open for parents/carers to apply via the CBC website at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) the deadline for applying is **31 October 2021**.

## **Starting School**

If your child was born between 01/09/17 and 31/08/18

Parents/carers can now make a Starting School 2022 application online via the CBC website at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or via a paper application, the deadline for applying is **15 January 2022**.

## Taekwon-do Club

The school is now able to offer a Taekwon-do club in partnership with Luton Town Taekwon-do. This new exciting club will take place in the school hall and will be starting on Monday, 4 October 2021. Please book directly with the club if you would like your child to attend.

## Premier

In partnership with Premier, there will be an opportunity to join a new exciting club taking place on Mondays. Details have been sent via SIMS in touch. Please book directly with the club if you would like your child to attend

## Hot Academy

We are also pleased to share that we are the new venue for Hot Academy who are offering theatre school in our school hall and conservatory every Saturday between 10am and 1pm. Please find an extract below from the company's website.



“Professional Actress Hayley Emma Otway founded HOT (Hayley Otway Theatre) Academy Ltd in August 2016. She wanted to bring full-scale shows and performing arts training to all abilities in a nurturing environment to help kids and teens have exceptional performance opportunities at an affordable price.”

Please take a look at the company's website if you are interested in your child attending our contact Hayley directly at [hayley@hotacademy.co.uk/07886385799](mailto:hayley@hotacademy.co.uk/07886385799).

Wishing you all well for the weekend and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday.

Yours sincerely

*James Edwards*

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