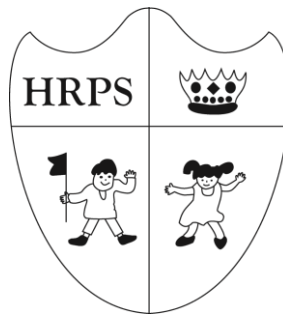


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NEWSLETTER

17 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Staffing Updates

We have been very successful with our recent round of recruitment. I have managed to recruit a very accomplished Year 2 teacher for Green Class. Miss Hayat has recent experience teaching in Dubai and interviewed very well recently. Miss Hayat will be working with Year 2 from Monday and taking over full responsibility for Green Class from the beginning of next term. Mrs Jenkins will take up the role leading Elizabeth Class and Mrs Abdalla will move to Silver Nursery Class.

New Behaviour Lead

With the increasing number of children with complex needs in the local area we have made the decision to appoint a behaviour lead/pastoral HLTA to ensure all children's needs are catered for and behaviour incidents are minimised. Miss Coleman has extensive experience in this area and I am sure will be a great asset to the school.

Whilst behavioural incidents continue to be rare I do understand that witnessing them can be upsetting for other children. The governors were keen for me to share this recent appointment fully because as a school we feel it is important that all children feel safe at school.

Miss Coleman will be working closely with Ms Alexis and the senior leadership team to ensure good behaviour is in place across the school.

Charles Class - Nursery

Due to the very high demand for places I am pleased to announce the governing board have agreed to a temporary additional nursery class for the summer term of 2023. Mrs Gammon will be leading the new class which will be based in the room between Gold and Indigo Classrooms. Charles class will have 8 morning and 8 afternoon pupils. The children will be selected from current Silver Pupils and then there will be a new intake working with Mrs White and Mrs Abdalla with Silver Class. The Nursery staff will inform parents of children currently working with Mrs Gammon who will be moving to the new class with Mrs Gammon. Charles pupils will make use of the outdoor space in the KS1 paddock as well as the other Early Years areas. The Nursery team will inform all parents of children in Silver about their child's class arrangements later on today.

Charles Class children should be dropped and collected from the doors at the back of the nursery. Indigo children from Monday will be dropped and collected from the conservatory.

Parents' Consultation

We will be holding our pupil progress consultations meetings for all year groups, with the exception of Gold class which will be held the day before:

Friday 31 March 2023

8am – 4pm

An appointment signup sheet will be displayed outside your child's class from next week. We will be able to provide childcare for younger children (aged 3 years or above) during your appointment. Please indicate whether you will require this on the sign-up sheet. 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.

Parents of children in the new Charles Class should see Mrs Gammon and other Silver children should see Mrs White. Please sign up on the clip boards outside classrooms next week.

Please note Gold class appointments will be on:

Thursday 30 March

8am – 4pm

HM King Charles III' Coronation

In celebration of His Majesty's upcoming coronation we will be naming our latest class HM King Charles III Class in his honour. Miss Naisby (History Lead) will also be planning special events for this special celebration.

Class Arrangements for next term in full

Number	Class Name and Age Range	Staff Responsible for Class
1	Silver Nursery Class	Mrs T White and Mrs K Abdalla
2	Charles Nursery Class	Mrs J Gammon
3	Platinum Jubilee Nursery Class	Mrs E Hill
4	Platinum Reception Class	Miss A Waller
5	Gold Reception Class	Miss J Yates and Mrs M Coates
6	Orange Year 1 Class	Mrs C Vera and Miss J Yates
7	Indigo Year 1 Class	Mrs S Scott Hyde
8	Green Year 2 Class	Miss S Hayat
9	Purple Year 2 Class	Mrs L Bonney
10	Yellow Year 3 Class	Miss D Mole
11	Elizabeth Year 3 Class	Mrs A Jenkins
12	Blue Year 4 Class	Mrs R Parmar
13	Red Year 4 Class	Mr W Hewitt
14	Amber Year 5 Class	Miss E Naisby
15	Emerald Year 5 Class	Mrs L Boland and Mrs C Henshall
16	Amethyst Year 6 Class	Miss A Rogers
17	Onyx Year 6 Class	Mr H Simmonds



SLT Focus Classes

Mr J Edwards	Purple, Green and Elizabeth
Mrs R Parmar	Blue and Elizabeth
Ms D Alexis	Red, Onyx and Amber

Voices Foundation

You may have noticed your child singing more! A big thank you to Mrs Henshall and Mrs White (our Music Leads) who have organised a partnership and relevant funding with the voices foundation. This has involved specialists working with our staff and children to enhance singing in the school. It has been wonderful hearing this in action around the school.

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

Kind regards

James Edwards

Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Year groups involved	Date
School Finishes	All	Thursday, 30 March at 2pm
Training Day- school closed to pupils		Friday, 31 March
PTA EVENTS		
School Disco	All	Thursday, 30 March 2023 2:15-5:45pm
Easter Raffle	All	Thursday, 30 March

This week's Attendance Awards

Reception/KS1 Prince
Louis – Platinum 99.1%

Lower KS2 Princess
Charlotte – Elizabeth
100%

KS2 Prince George-
Onyx 97.78%



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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."
Levi U	Chloe D	Lena	Devrim
Isobel B	Elliott A	Freya D	Ezra C
Evie S		Myahh-Rose P	Freddie A
Elsie H		Mia C	Emilia C
Andrei R		Siluan R	Lilly-May G
Tommy D		Lara-Eva C	Riley S
		Abeeha U	Alisia C
			Alfie J
			Lily B
			Chloe H
			Clayton G
			Danny G



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