

Where everyone matters and every day counts



Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter
Friday 19th September 2025

Headteacher: Mrs R Parmar
Chair of Governors: Mr T Muldownie

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a wonderful day of sunshine! We all appreciated some September sun before the weather turns again over the weekend. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine during lunchtime as they were fully involved in their activities in our zoned areas.

We have had a great week with children continuing to extend their learning on their current topics. During my Headteacher's lunch today, I was pleased to hear the children talk proudly about their work and achievements. Many of them are keen to also share their learning with you at home.

Earlier this week, the staff worked together as part of our training to recreate the school's aims, vision and values. We collated some ideas that are meaningful and pertinent to our school. We look forward to sharing these with you in the upcoming weeks.

Next week's assemblies will be teaching children about the start of the Jewish New Year, known as Rosh Hashanah. We will also be talking about the various languages that we speak in our school community as well as focusing on our weekly British Values Assembly.

As we enter the Autumn term, we will be celebrating the festival of Harvest at the beginning of October. Please can we ask for non-perishable items to be sent in over the next few weeks so we can collate these and donate them to a local charity. Some examples of items that can be brought in are: tinned foods, dried pasta, rice, granola bars etc. Please hand these to your child's class teacher. Thank you in advance for your donations.

On Friday 10th October, we will be celebrating 'Hello Yellow Day', which is an annual campaign by the YoungMinds charity. It raises awareness and funds for young people's mental health. We are asking all staff and children to wear yellow and donate £1, so we can support, raise money and let young people know that they are not alone in their struggles.

As the weather is changing next week, please can we remind parents and carers to ensure that children are sent to school with a named coat.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.



Mrs R Parmar
Headteacher

Uniform Expectations

- White plain polo shirt/blouse or white shirt and school tie (optional)
- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo - optional)
- Grey trousers or grey skirt/pinafore (knee length)
- Leggings are not permitted
- White or grey socks
- White or grey tights
- Black school shoes

PE Days 25-26

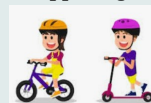
Nursery—Monday
Reception—Wednesday
Year 1—Thursday & Friday
Year 2—Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3—Monday & Friday
Year 4—Monday & Thursday (Yellow)
Friday (Blue)
Year 5—Monday & Thursday
Year 6—Monday & Wednesday

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is:
Nursery—£2.40
Years 3-6—£2.60
This can be paid via SchoolGrid.

Bikes and Scooters

A reminder that children must not be scooting or riding their bikes on the school premises before school and at the end of the day. Staff patrolling the playground will be reminding children to 'walk their wheels' in order to keep everyone safe by preventing any accidents from happening.



Kidz Zone Before and After School Club Information

If you would like further information on Kidz Zone, please visit our website or book on www.kidzzoneclub.com.

Snack at break times for Key Stage 2

A reminder that children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to bring a snack in for break times, however, this must be a nut-free healthy snack. Class teachers will be monitoring this.

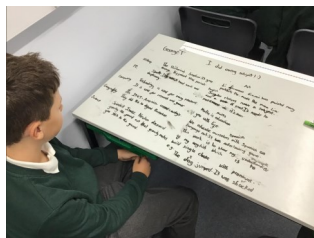
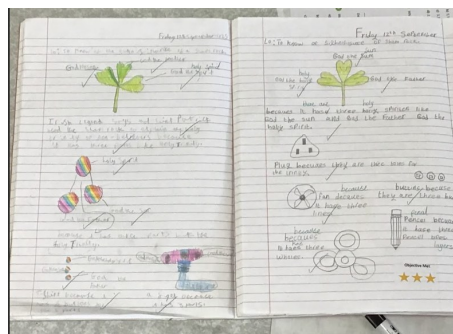
House Names

Here is a reminder of our new house names and colours:

Curie
Bell
Brunel
Johnson

A decorative banner featuring a repeating pattern of colorful triangular flags (yellow, orange, purple, green, and blue) and small confetti pieces (stars, dots, and swirls) in various colors. The banner is set against a white background with a green border at the top.

<i>Early Years</i>	<i>Isabella M, Sean J, Riley T, Ezekiel J</i>
<i>Years 1 & 2</i>	<i>Jaden T, Niko B, Bibi P, Lena G</i>
<i>Years 3 & 4</i>	<i>Chloe H, Ava-Kate B, Julia Z, Philip S</i>
<i>Years 5 & 6</i>	<i>Nathan S, Kira A, Daniel P, Malachi B</i>



AUTUMN TERM EVENTS:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Location
Monday	15th September		All	Clubs to start this week	
Wednesday	1st October	3:00-4:00pm	All	Coffee afternoon led by Zoe Francois (Mental Health Support Team)	Hall
Thursday	2nd October	5:00-8:00pm	6	Queensbury Open Evening	Queensbury Academy
Tuesday— Tuesday	9th October— 14th October	Before school/ after school	All	Book Fair	Conservatory
Thursday	9th October	2:00-3:00pm	1	Parent workshop—Making fruit kebabs	Hall
Thursday	9th October	4:00pm	6	Manshead Open Evening	Manshead C of E Academy
Friday	10th October		All	World Mental Health Day—Hello Yellow Day. This will be a non-uniform day and we invite children to wear a yellow item of clothing or accessory	
Monday	13th October	2:00-3:00pm	6	Parent workshop—Making Anderson shelters	
Wednesday	15th October	2:30-3:00pm	Reception	Parent Meeting—Phonics	Hall
Thursday	16th October	5:00-8:00pm	Year 6	Houstone School Open Evening	Houstone School
Monday	20th October	2:00-3:00pm	Year 5	Parent workshop—Ancient Maya	
Wednesday	22nd October	2:00-3:00pm	2	Parent workshop—The Great Fire of London	Hall
Monday— Friday	27th October— Friday 31st October		All	Half-Term	
Friday	31st October		Year 6	Deadline for submitting secondary school applications to the Local Authority	Online
Monday- Friday	3rd November- 7th November		6	Residential Trip	
Monday	3rd November		All	INSET DAY—school closed for all children	
Tuesday	4th November		All	Children return to school	
Monday	10th November	3:45-6:15pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening	Hall, Classrooms
Thursday	13th November	4:00-7:00pm	All	Parent Consultation Evening	Hall, Classrooms
Friday	14th November		All	Children in Need	
Tuesday	16th December	2:00-3:00pm	Year 2 & Choir	Christmas Carol Concert	All Saints Church
Wednesday	17th December		All	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day—children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform	
Friday	19th December	2:00pm	All	Last day of term—school finishes at 2:00pm. There will be no after school club on this day	

Meet our Leadership Team



Headteacher
Mrs R Parmar



**Assistant
Headteacher—
Pastoral & Inclusion**
Ms D Faure-Alexis



**Assistant
Headteacher—
Academic & Lower
Key Stage 2 Leader**
**Mr D de Gouviea-
Smith**



**School Business
Manager**
Mrs F Jones



Early Years Leader
Mrs R Baldwin



**Key Stage 1 Leader/
Lead Practitioner**
Miss M Davidson



**Upper Key Stage 2
Leader**
Miss E Naisby

Friends of HRPS!

What is a PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. Volunteer organisations like this are usually composed of parents, class reps, teachers and other school staff who come together for regular meetings to discuss the school year and upcoming events.

PTAs bridge the gap between parents, teachers and pupils, helping to build productive relationships and further ensure the school is a place where pupils can thrive.

PTAs are now established in most schools and parents enjoy working closely with teachers, creating bonds with other parents, fundraising for events, working with the local community and learning more about the curriculum.

At our school, we are known as Friends of HRPS.

What do we do?

Friends of HRPS aim to accomplish a range of things, all usually geared at making the school a better place to learn. We work together to raise money with a variety of creative events throughout the school year, encouraging the whole community to get involved.

Friends of HRPS events

In previous years, we have organised summer fetes, Santa's Christmas Grotto, discos and a sponsored walk to name a few.

Why is our role so important?

We give parents more of a voice and get them feeling involved. Parents can provide the school community with a fresh perspective and highlight any concerns in a supportive environment.

The organisations are also instrumental in providing additional opportunities for pupils by strengthening the overall school experience.

Why should you join Friends of HRPS?

Being a part of your child's school community has several benefits:

- Scheduled meetings allow parents to keep up to date with upcoming academic events and socials.
- It creates stronger relationships with staff members, where they can easily communicate expectations and standards of learning.
- It allows parents to establish relationships and network with other parents.
- Parents can support the school in creating the best environment possible for their child and other pupils, helping make a real difference.
- Friends of HRPS members can learn new skills, from fundraising and problem-solving to communication and creativity.
- As a member of Friends of HRPS, you'll be able to see measurable results and appreciate the impact of all your efforts!

Please email the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavrinides at: ptahrps@gmail.com if you would like to find out more information.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.



You can be fined if your child has a total of 5 days of unauthorised absences in 10 school weeks, for things like:

- being late after the register has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing and up to £2,500 fine, or up to 3 months in prison and a criminal record

For more information go to:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school



MHST Parent/Carer Coffee Afternoon



01.10.25

15:15–16:15pm

**Houghton Regis Primary
School**



A coffee afternoon for
both parents/carers and
their children to attend!



The event will provide
MHST information, advice,
support and activities for
adults and their children to
get involved in.



**We care
We respect
We are inclusive**

We would love to see you
there. We have ample
resources that could
support you and your
children.

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