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Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter
Friday 20 December 2024

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This is our final newsletter for the term and an apt time to celebrate all that the children have achieved during the Autumn term. We have enjoyed the following: educational visits and curriculum WOW days; football tournaments; the launch of our Provision Map Tool and Studybugs app (please see below); Parents' Evenings; fabulous nativities, Jingle and Mingle; stay and play sessions and a Carol concert....to name a few achievements! Thank you to our wonderful staff for making these events possible.

An extended thank you to our kitchen staff for providing a lovely Christmas lunch for the whole school on Wednesday. Our PTA members arranged decorations and organised a magical Santa's Grotto, which the children visited with excitement and enthusiasm. Thank you to you all.

This is without mentioning some of the excellent learning that has taken place in classes and the fantastic work that has been produced. We have been hugely impressed with the children's growth in confidence and the progress they have made on their learning journey so far. The planning and dedication is a huge undertaking and I am sure that you will agree that our teaching and support team deserve a huge thank you for their efforts.

I am pleased to share that next term, we are reintroducing class assemblies. This will give children the opportunity to showcase their learning to their families. Dates for these assemblies can be found on the 'Upcoming Events' section.

Our Studybugs system will be going live in January. This is a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness. If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>), and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.

We are very excited about using this new system and appreciate your co-operation with this. If you have any problems registering, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us in the school office. Here are the top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:

1. It is integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It is quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You will be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

We do hope you have taken the opportunity to access your child's Learning Plan (previously called IEP), using the new online system called Provision Map. If you have not already, please take the time to read through the plan and leave a comment for the class teacher in the message box. This way, we can ensure you are fully aware of the support which is in place to help your child while in school. If you have any queries around this, please speak to your class teacher in the first instance.

We say goodbye to Mrs Tomlins who recently joined us in the school office. We wish her all the very best with her next venture. We also say 'happy maternity leave' to Mrs Pylik-Fornal and wish her well as she starts her new adventure. We will keep you posted with her news.

Please join me in extending a heartfelt thanks to all the staff, parents and members of the local community for all their support and dedication to the school. We really value and appreciate all your contributions.

All that is left is to wish you a relaxing break, whether you are celebrating Christmas or just taking time out to make special family memories.

Best wishes to you all and your extended families.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 7 January 2025.

Mrs R Parmar

VALUE OF THE MONTH
FOR DECEMBER:

Responsibility

The state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone.



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.

Christmas Card Competition

We would like to congratulate all children who entered the Christmas Card Competition organised by Alex Mayer, Member of Parliament. Children who took part received a special letter of appreciation. Antonia's card was in the top 4 out of over 700 entries from across the county.

A huge well done to Antonia in Blue Class!



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is £2.20 for Nursery and £2.40 for Reception-Year 6 children. This can be paid via SchoolGrid.

Weekly Attendance Winners

EYFS/KS1: Green with 98.1%

KS2: Emerald with 99.1%

Whole School Attendance: 94.2%

We were delighted to present 98 certificates for 100% attendance to children who have attended school every day this term. A huge well done to you all!

Weekly Housepoint Winners

EYFS/KS1:

Sandringham – 157 points

KS2:

Sandringham – 869 points

Overall Winning House: Sandringham – 1026

STAR AWARDS

			
Danny DETERMINATION says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	Colin CURIOSITY says, "THINK FOR YOUR-SELF."	Chloe COMMUNICATION says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, "DO YOUR BEST."
All of Silver Class	Oliver T	Esmee B	Damian P
All of Platinum Jubilee	Anayah J	Aria P	Crystal C
Arthur C		Poppy T	Lara R
Adalin I		Tattva S	Alfie S
Bibi P		Emilia C	Marcus S
Conor H		Toby P	Brianna O
Lou-Lou		Hans W	David W
Theo			
Annabelle M			
Antonia T			
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Upcoming Events:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Monday	6 January		School closed for all children	INSET Day
Tuesday	7 January		All children	Return to school
Friday	10 January		Year 6	National Childhood Measurement Programme Heights & Weights
Wednesday	15 January		Nursery	Deadline for Reception Applications Online
Thursday	23 January	9:00-10:00am		SEND Information morning for parents - invited parents
Tuesday	28 January	2:45-3:10pm	Year 6 - William Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Wednesday	29 January		Year 4 - selected children	A.I.M. High Maths Day at Chantry Primary Academy
Thursday	30 January	2:45-3:10pm	Year 6 - Charles Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Friday	31 January		Year 1	Trip to the post office
Monday-Thursday	3-6 February		Year 6	Mock SATs week
Tuesday	4 February	2:45-3:10pm	Year 5 - Elizabeth Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Thursday	6 February	All day	Year 2	WOW day
Thursday	6 February	2:45-3:10pm	Year 5 - Sapphire Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Thursday	6 February		Reception	Once Upon a Time WOW Day
Friday	7 February		Year 6	Ancient Egyptians WOW Day
Monday- Friday	10-14 February		All children	Cultural Week
Tuesday	11 February	2:45-3:10pm	Year 4 - Amber Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Thursday	13 February	2:45-3:10pm	Year 4 - Emerald Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Thursday	27 February	2:45-3:10pm	Year 3 - Yellow Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Monday	3 March		Year 6	National Offer Day - Secondary School
Tuesday	4 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 3 - Blue Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Thursday	6 March		All children	World Book Day
Thursday	6 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 2 - Purple Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Tuesday	11 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 2 - Charlotte Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Thursday	13 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 1 -Orange Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Friday	14 March		Year 1	Trip to the library
Tuesday	18 March	2:45-3:10pm	Year 1 - Green Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Thursday	20 March	2:45-3:10pm	Reception - Platinum Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
Tuesday	25 March	2:45-3:10pm	Reception - Gold Class	Class Assembly - parents/carers invited
			Years 3 & 4	Easter Performance - details will be confirmed nearer the time
Monday	31 March	3:45-6:15pm	All children	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday	3 April	4:00-7:00pm	All children	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday	4 April		All children	Last day of term – school finishes at 2.00pm, no clubs or after school club on this day