

# Houghton Regis

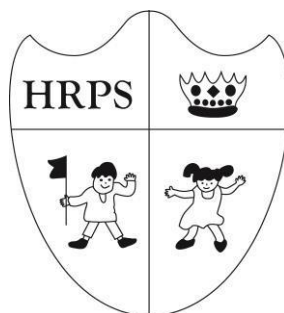
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# Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Star Awards

Well done to all of our pupils who have received star awards this week.

Silver	Ayma	Danny Determination
	Mikael	Danny Determination
Platinum Nursery	Ava-Kate	Izzy Independence
Gold	Joshua	Danny Determination
	Jaxon-Jay	Izzy Independence
Platinum Reception	Tala	Chloe Communication
	Phillip	Danny Determination
Orange	Isobel	Danny Determination
	Zara	Chloe Communication
Green	Annabelle	Izzy Independence
	Maya I	Chloe Communication
	Conor	Danny Determination
	Fraky-Ray	Izzy Independence
Purple	Louis	Chloe Communication
	Daniel	Danny Determination
Yellow	Kaliah	Danny Determination
	Lexie	Izzy Independence
Blue	Aaira	Izzy Independence
	Oliver	Colin Curiosity
Red	Alfie C	Chloe Communication
	Chloe S	Danny Determination
Amber	Daria	Izzy Independence
	Kalina	Chloe Communication
Emerald	Ronnie	Chloe Communication
	Danielle	Colin Curiosity
Sapphire	Tilly	Danny Determination
	Linden	Danny Determination
	Faith	Colin Curiosity

## **Football**

Our Years 5 and 6 boys' football team battled valiantly against The Vale today at home with goals from Pele, Harvey, Tommy and a couple from Evan. The Vale outmaneuvered our boys and eventually finished ahead but it was an exciting game to watch. A big thank you to Mr Riordan for preparing our team and Mrs White for organising the football fixtures this year.

## **PTA**

The PTA are organising a Sponsored Walk on Friday 5 November within the school grounds. A sponsor form was sent out this week. The children can wear fiery colours on the day with sensible walking shoes. Please support the PTA so that we can help with additional educational resources for the children.

Other events coming up will include a Christmas Disco and Christmas Raffle more details nearer the time.

If you would like to help at any of the events, please contact Mrs T White/Mrs S Banfield

## **MacMillan Coffee Event**

Thank you to everyone who attended the coffee afternoon and contributed by donating cakes. A special thank you to our 'super bakers' from KS2 who baked a selection of cakes and cookies with the support of our kitchen team. We raised £124.15 which has been sent to MacMillan which will go some way to supporting people who access their services.

## **Parent/Carers Consultation Evenings**

If you have not already signed up for an appointment to see your child's class teacher to discuss your child's progress, which are taking place on the dates/times below, please contact the school office on 01582 867487 or email: [office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tuesday, 2 November 2021	3:30-6:30
Wednesday, 3 November 2021	4:00-6:00
Thursday, 4 November 2021	5:30-7:30

Location for consultations:

<b>Room/s</b>	<b>Classes</b>
Orange Classroom and Conservatory	All KS1 Classes (Purple, Green and Orange)
Gold Classroom	All Early Years Classes (Gold, Platinum and Silver)
School Hall	Yellow, Blue, Amber and Emerald Classes, Red
Sapphire Classroom	Year 6 Sapphire Class

Football for years 3 and 4 will not take place on Tuesday 2 November.

Please note Ballet collection will be from the main school entrance on Wednesday 3 November.

Kidzone collection will be from Silver class.

## **Class email accounts**

Each class has a designated email account, if you wish to contact your child's teacher, you can do so by emailing: Colour class followed by @houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

Example: [orange@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk](mailto:orange@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk)

## **Attendance**

We will be relaunching class attendance awards when we return in November. Unless your child is unwell, please encourage them to attend school, research shows that attending school regularly is proven to significantly improve children's learning.

## **School Money**

We are aware that some families have had trouble with accessing their accounts to make payments, if this is the case please contact the school office on [office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk) who will assist in resolving any technical issues. If you have any monies owing to the school, please arrange to make payments as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **Miss Esson and arrangements for Blue and Green Classes**

Miss Esson's health is improving and we are hoping she will return to HRPS after October half term. However, as I know Mr Steyn has built such positive relationships with the pupils and parents in Blue Class we are retaining his services as the main class teacher in Blue for the remainder of the year. This will provide consistency for the children having worked with Mr Steyn for almost a term now. Mr Steyn will be conducting all parent consultations for Blue Class.

Miss Esson will, moving forward for the second half term, work mainly in Green Class with some hours in Blue Class and a particular focus on pupils in Years 2 and 3. After feedback from parents and others, we are looking at where possible teaching pupils in the 'mixed aged classes' (Blue and Green) in smaller, separate, single year groups for some key subjects. For example, in mathematics, Mr Steyn will work with Year 4 Blue pupils, Mr Miah (our new Graduate Maths HLTA/Sports Mentor) will work with Year 3 Blue pupils, Miss Esson will work with Year 2 Green Pupils and Mrs White and Mrs Abdalla will work with Year 1 Green pupils.

I am sure the children in these classes will benefit from the small group teaching that this new arrangement provides.

**Please note that after half term the doors will return to opening at 8.45am and registration at 8.55am.**

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful half term break.

Yours sincerely

*J Edwards*

Mr J Edwards  
Headteacher

