# Houghton Regis

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NEWSLETTER

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# **Primary School**

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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

#### **Duckling Experience**

The children in Early Years have had a very exciting week! On Monday, our duckling eggs arrived along with an incubator, brooding cage, food and bedding. This hands on experience links with our half termly themes named 'Ee-igh-ee-igh-oh' in Nursery and 'Growth and Change' in Reception.

Together we discussed how to look after the ducklings and established golden rules to follow when we are around them. We were lucky enough to watch one of our ducklings hatch from their shell. Next week we will begin to name each duckling and then write sentences and labels.



#### Greek WOW Day, Year 5

On Tuesday 28 February the Year 5 children had a Greek Wow Day and some of the children even dressed up for the occasion. The children started off the day by writing their names using the Greek alphabet. They also wrote the names of Greek Gods and Goddesses. They then painted paper mache vases a terracotta colour and added on designs using black paint. After this, they scratched designs on to Greek vases that they had previously drawn, coloured in with wax crayons and painted black. Children also created their own wreaths, using different shades of green and gold for the leaves. After lunch, children tried some Greek food which included pitta bread, houmous, Greek honey yoghurt, figs, tzatziki, olives and feta cheese. To finish off the day, the children held their own mini Olympics, which consisted of: javelin, discus, long jump and running. Overall, children had a fun day.



### World Book Day

On Thursday we joined thousands of other schools across the country to celebrate World Book Day 2023. As usual our pupils came to school full of enthusiasm, looking splendid in their book character masks or costumes.

Lots of different activities happened across the school from arts and crafts, music, drama and writing. The children enjoyed discussing the different characters and the stories they came from. Old favourites were revisited and new books and stories discovered. Pupils were confidently able to discuss their favourite authors and stories from home.

Reading is such an important skill, it is lovely to see our children engaging with books and characters in such a positive way.

Thank you to all of you for your donations. We collected £134.45 and these will be used to provide new sets of reading books for our children to enhance their experience of story and reading for pleasure.



### Red Nose Day, Friday 17 March

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 17 March 2023. The money raised will help support people struggling with the cost-of-living crisis and tackle issues such as homelessness, mental health problems, and food poverty here in the UK and around the world.

Children are able to wear a red top or jumper with the rest of their usual school uniform for a suggested donation of 50p.













## Glass bottles

A gentle reminder that glass water bottles should not be brought into school. We have had incidents where some bottles have smashed in school.

## Curriculum Maps, Spring 2

Please refer to the website for curriculum newsletters for this term.

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

Kind regards

James Edwards

Headteacher



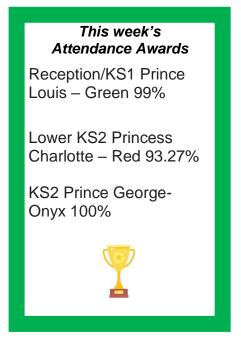












UPCOMING EVENTS				
Event	Year groups involved	Date		
Radlett Synagogue- visit in school	Year 2	Tuesday, 7 March		
Verulamium Museum and Roman Theatre Trip	Elizabeth Class	Tuesday, 7 March		
Red Nose Day	All	Friday, 17 March		
School Finishes	All	Thursday, 30 March at 2pm		
Training Day- school closed to pupils		Friday, 31 March		
PTA EVENTS				
School Disco	All	Thursday, 30 March 2023 2:30-6:00pm		
Easter Raffle	All	Thursday, 30 March		



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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."
Floeda M	Lilah	Vlad	Jessica G
Crystal C	Kaliah B-S	Paul D-J	Daniel P
Zakariya I	Haya Z	Freya R	Lexie S
Ayaan M	Emily K	Joshua H	Alexandru S
Mason R		Hans W	Arinze P
Pelageya G		Liam T	Oskar B
Ellie S			
Maya I			
Jude M			
Ronnie S			
Mia T			



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