



Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter
Friday 5th September 2025

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the new term - I hope you all had a lovely summer break and are well rested for the exciting year we have ahead of us! It is my pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to our existing and new families as we begin a fresh chapter together. It has been lovely meeting and greeting many of you at the gates this week.

The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, eager to share their summer news and adventures. It has been pleasing to hear the return of children's laughter; the reconnection of colleagues and the anticipation of new adventures ahead. The energy is renewed and has transformed our school into a vibrant, joyful place once more. This week has been filled with a mixture of emotions—from excitement to a few nerves. We are here to support all our families as we embark on each child's school journey. A huge well done to all families for a successful first week.

This week, we have introduced some changes around the school, particularly around the Early Years area. Thank you to everyone for welcoming this change and ensuring the safety of our children remains paramount during drop off and collection times. As always, we appreciate your feedback and suggestions—thank you to those of you who have shared these with us already.

All staff undertook training this week on the following themes: Developing the curriculum; Safeguarding; Supporting children with SEND and Expectations of behaviour around the school. There are positive changes being introduced this term to ensure we are consistent with our approaches to ensure all children have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked extremely hard to ensure the children have had a settled, exciting and fun-filled start this week. This term, there will be an opportunity for you to come into school and attend workshops with your child. Teachers will send the relevant details to you nearer the time and some of these events have already been added to the 'Autumn Term Events' on the upcoming page.

I would also like to mention the site team who have worked tirelessly during the holidays to ensure all areas of the school were ready for our return this week, from painting and decorating to deep cleaning areas both inside and outside. The school is looking fresh, revived and extremely clean, so a huge thank you to Mrs Jones, Miss Clarke, Mrs Vasiliou, Miss Szykiewicz and Mrs Voicu.

Our main communication platform will now be ClassDojo. You should have received an invitation to join via email or you can join via a QR code, which is displayed outside your child's classroom. If you are having trouble connecting, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff in the office.

A new school year is a powerful reminder of the privilege we, as educators, share in shaping your child's future. I am deeply honoured to be part of this community and am excited for the year ahead. Our expectations for learning attitudes, behaviour and uniform remain high. Thank you for ensuring that your children have returned to school with the right equipment and uniform.

Teachers will be offering a range of clubs this term and details have been sent out today via Google Forms. If you have any queries, please come and speak to a member of staff.

I wish you all a restful 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

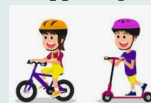
School Dinners

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

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

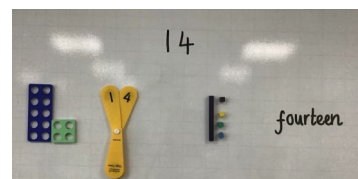
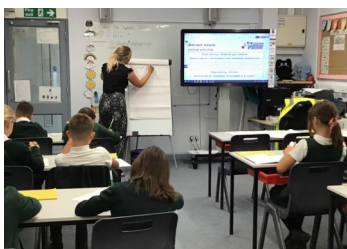
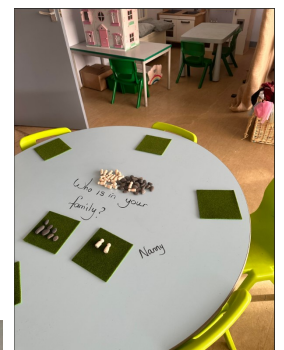
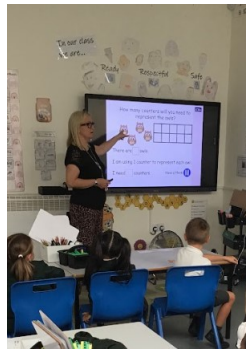


Congratulations to the following children:

<i>Early Years</i>	<i>Davina D, Theo R, Lucas C, Mason B</i>
<i>Years 1 & 2</i>	<i>Oliver W-H, Luca M, Chloe A, Kareem R</i>
<i>Years 3 & 4</i>	<i>Teddy C, Arvi K, Matthias O, Lara R</i>
<i>Years 5 & 6</i>	<i>Toby P, Pelageya G, Xivaan G, George T</i>



OUR FIRST WEEK OF LEARNING....



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
Monday— Wednesday	8th October— 15th October	Before school/ after school	All	Book Fair	Conservatory
Thursday	9th October	2:00-3:00pm	1	Parent workshop—Making fruit kebabs	Hall
Thursday	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	
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	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



Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

PINS is a national project that brings health professionals, educators, and experienced parent carers together to support primary schools.



Partnerships for Inclusion of
Neurodiversity in Schools

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome from SNAP Parent Carer Forum

You're invited

SAVE THE DATE

We are so looking forward to meeting you online at our welcome to PINS meeting.

There is no need to book and you can join via the Zoom link below. It is an opportunity to find out more about PINS and what it means for your school.

There is a choice of 2 dates just join via the zoom link. Click on the link to join 12:00 – 12.30 PM on Wednesday 17th September

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81866370603?
pwd=PS2R29nRRqVbYkhv3Lo7mo9u7oJOHF.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81866370603?pwd=PS2R29nRRqVbYkhv3Lo7mo9u7oJOHF.1)

Meeting ID: 818 6637 0603 Passcode: 994186

Or

12:00 – 12.30 PM on Thursday 18th September

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 864 5807 7528 Passcode: 364893

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The Goal

To help every child feel included, understood, and supported—especially those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

PINS is designed to:

- ✓ Help schools improve how they support children with SEND
- ✓ Offer early help to children who may be struggling—with or without a diagnosis
- ✓ Provide training for school staff to build skills and confidence
- ✓ Strengthen communication and partnerships between schools and families

MORE INFORMATION



For more information please email
PINS@snappcf.org.uk and see our PINS webpage

Exciting News... Central Bedfordshire is part of a national programme called PINS and your school has signed up to be involved. We are very excited to be working with you.



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HELP!

We need your help to ...acheive the goal

SURVEY

- ✓ We need every parent carer to fill out our speedy survey!
- ✓ Your lived experience will support us to provide bespoke support for your school
- ✓ It takes just moments of your time to help make a difference



A link to the survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8P6KXDS>

**Survey closes on the 14th
September**

MORE INFORMATION



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