

Houghton Regis

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NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to an exciting new year at Houghton Regis Primary School. Our new children have settled in really well and all the classes have made a great start to the new year. A big thank you to the staff team for putting in so much work into classrooms over the school holidays. A number of year groups and teachers have 'moved.' This has allowed us an opportunity to freshen everything up throughout the school.

Our new staff have also got to know everyone quickly and are therefore having a positive impact upon children's learning straight away.

New Charlotte Classroom

I am delighted to share pictures of our new Charlotte Classroom which is large, light and bright. The new Year 2 children have settled in really well. A big thank you to Mr Barry Evans and Mr Jackson Evans, our builders for doing such a brilliant job and to Mrs Scott Hyde for turning the new space into a wonderful learning environment.



School Clubs

Please note that all the school clubs will be starting next week.

SENSO

All children have received a copy of the Home School and Acceptable User Agreement. We please ask that you read and sign this agreement and return to the school office.

We ask that you pay particular attention to the updated E-Safety Policy (available on our school website), which covers the use of devices and the filtering and monitoring system that has been recently purchased. This enables us to closely monitor pupils' online activities during the period they are accessing their school user account.

Contacting class teachers

Each class in Houghton Regis Primary School has their own email address to enable parents to easily contact their child's teacher. The format of the email address is the class name followed by @houghtonregisprimary.co.uk.

Nursery:

- platinumjubilee@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- silver@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

Reception and Key Stage 1:

- platinum@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- gold@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- orange@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- green@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- charlotte@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- purple@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2

- yellow@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- blue@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- emerald@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- amber@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- sapphire@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- elizabeth@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- william@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk
- charles@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

If you have tried to contact your child's class teacher via email we would like to apologise for any delays in responding. We are working on allocating email addresses to the new teachers and hopefully everything will be updated next week.

Meet the teacher

We are holding our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Monday 9 September at 3:30pm for R-Y6 and Silver Nursery. Please note the 'Meet the Teacher' session for Platinum Jubilee Nursery will be held on Wednesday 11 September at 3:30pm.

These sessions are a chance for you to have an informal chat with your child's class teacher about the upcoming year. We are aware that some of you may have more than one child at the school and will need to visit several classrooms. Teachers will remain in the classrooms so all parents have an opportunity to visit their child's classroom, if they have more than one child at the school.



Reporting child's absence at school

It is important to inform the school if your child is absent. We ask that you contact the school office before 8.45am if your child is off school for any reason. You can call the school office on 01582 867487 or email office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk to let us know your child's name, class, and reason for their absence. If we have not heard from you and your child is not in school, this becomes a safeguarding concern as we need to know their whereabouts. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

Free school meals

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call the Local Authority on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- Dates of birth for your children
- If you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

If your application is successful, please contact the school office to confirm this to enable us to update our records to reflect this.

School money

If you are struggling to log into your School Money account, the school office will be more than happy to assist. You will need to bring your phone with you to enable them to help. Please note that we are not able to accept cash payments.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please come to the school office.

Nut free school

We would like to remind parents that we are a nut free school. Therefore, please ensure that your child's packed lunch or breaktime snack does not include nuts or contain any ingredients relating to nuts such as peanut butter or chocolate spread. This is a very important rule as it keeps members of our school community with certain allergies safe and well.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school with them, including plimsolls or trainers, all week as this allows us to have occasional additional PE lessons when there is the opportunity. We have some additional PE specialists working in school and we do not want children to miss out on additional sporting opportunities because they do not have their kit with them. Please only take home PE kits for washing at weekends.

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

Kind regards

Mr James Edwards

Headteacher



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM 2024





Club	Year group involved	Day	Time of Day
Ballet	Year 3- 6	Tuesday	Afternoon
Ballet	Nursery-Year 2	Wednesday	Morning
Football	KS2 (Boys)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Netball	Year 3-5 (Boys and Girls)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Football	KS2 Girls	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Science Club	Year 3	Thursday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Street Dance	Year 1-4	Thursday	3:30 - 4:30pm
Taekwondo	Reception- Year 6	Friday	Afternoon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Year groups involved	Date
Meet the teacher	Year Nursery (Silver AM)	Monday, 9 September 11:45am
	Year R-6	Monday, 9 September 3:30pm
	Year Nursery (Silver PM)	Monday, 9 September 3:45pm
Meet the teacher	Year Nursery (Platinum Jubilee AM)	Wednesday, 11 September 11:45am
	Year Nursery (Platinum Jubilee PM)	Wednesday, 11 September 3:45pm
Rescheduled Sports Day	Year 2, 3, 4	Tuesday, 24 September 9:15-11:15am
	Year 5, 6	Tuesday, 24 September 1:30-3:00pm
Residential Trip	Year 6	Tuesday, 8 October- Friday, 11 October
National Space Centre trip	Year 5	Thursday, 10 October
SLA Flu Immunisation Session	Year R-6	Friday, 25 October



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."
Mollie G	Oliver W-H	Tommy W	Silver
Soraiya T	Jake L	Anastasiia Y	Yannis K
Devrim B	Emilia C	Marcel K	Lilah M
Poppy T	Arian F	Alexandr P	Blayne F
Lilly S			Joel B
Izzy T			Harry A
Maya A			Joshua H
Hans W			Illia Y
			Chase W
			Marcus S

This week's Attendance Awards

Reception/KS1 Prince Louis–
Gold 99.4%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte –
Blue 96.9%

Upper KS2 Prince George–
Elizabeth 98.2%



School Admissions 2025

Central Bedfordshire Council have produced a booklet to help you with applying for your child's school place for 2025.

The following link will take you to the booklet

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions

The national closing dates for applications to be received by the School Admissions Team are:

31 October 2024

- Transfer to Secondary 2025
- Transfer to Upper 2025

15 January 2025

- Starting School 2025
- Transfer to Middle 2025



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**Was your child born between
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

**They will start school in September 2025, so you
need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025.**

 **Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions**

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school
or by contacting School Admissions  admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk  0300 300 8037

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