### **Houghton Regis**

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# **Primary School**

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#### **NEWSLETTER**

**Dear Parents and Carers** 



8 September 2023

Welcome to this shiny new school term and shiny new school year! The children have been working hard in their classrooms with their new teachers. Our new children in Nursery and Reception, and throughout the school have settled into life in Houghton Regis well.

Elizabeth Class have been enjoying their new cabin classroom, working with Mrs Parmar and enjoying the new, bespoke, air conditioned space.

We have high hopes for all our children and what can be achieved this academic year.

A reminder that all clubs will start next week with the exception of KS1 football, which will commence the following week. Letters around this club will go out to the parents of eligible pupils next week.

#### 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.

Should you be experiencing financial difficulty, please come to the school office.

#### **Nut free school**

We would just 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.

#### Changes to school entrances

We are planning a positive change to school entrances. Some of you may have seen a new path created alongside the outdoor toilets. This will soon be coupled with a new gate and will replace the pupil entrance next to the car park. The other gates and paths will remain and their use will be unchanged. We will provide more details around this change in a separate communication next week.

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

Kind regards

Mr James Edwards

Headteacher













#### This week's Attendance Awards

Reception/KS1 Prince Louis-Purple 100%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte - Blue 99.5%

KS2 Prince George -Elizabeth 100%



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Event	Year groups involved	Date
Meet the teacher	All parents	Monday, 11 September 2023
Paradise Wildlife Trip	Reception	Tuesday, 26 September 2023















#### **Star Awards**

















## Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

They will start school in September 2024, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2024.

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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### Wednesday 27th September

#### **6PM IN THE MAIN HALL**

**EVERYONE'S WELCOME** 

Free refreshments, children are welcome. Working together for our children's future.

Contact us via email: <a href="mailto:ptahrps@gmail.com">ptahrps@gmail.com</a> Onsite: Mrs T White Or directly to a PTA member to save your seat or for more information.















