

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/carer

Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The children were highly respectful during our special remembrance assembly this morning where we remembered Queen Elizabeth and her life of service to others. We remember Queen Elizabeth II and the great life she led, her ability to combine gravitas with warmth and reach out to people from so many different backgrounds and places. We think about HM King Charles III, HRH Prince William Duke of Cornwall and Cambridge and their families at this sad time.

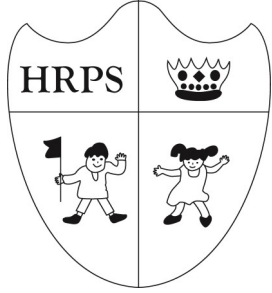
Welcome Back

We have had a strong start back at school. The children have been eager to impress their new teachers and have returned to school in their new uniforms in a very positive manner.

Our new members of staff have also settled into school very well. Miss Hannah Scotchford is the new teacher for Orange Class. I have been enjoying working closely with Miss Scotchford this week. The Year 1 children have certainly achieved a lot in their first week back. I was also pleased to introduce Mr Hugh Simmonds to the children during Monday's assembly. Mr Simmonds is the new Year 2 teacher and RE Leader. Mr Simmonds will also spend time in classes throughout the school supporting his colleagues with new ideas. Mr Simmonds is a highly experienced teacher having taught a vast range of ages from the very youngest in a private nursery school to more recently having taught Year 6 in a Hertfordshire Primary School.

There has been a slight change to room allocations from those published towards the end of term. This was due to both changes in class sizes and our governors' plans for the building. Miss McKune's Onyx Year 6 Class are currently allocated to Blue Classroom and Mr Steyn's Blue Class are working in the conservatory. I want to share that Blue Class working in the conservatory is a temporary arrangement as the governors are currently finalising plans for some building work and changes to the school buildings during half term and the weeks around this when Year 6 will be away on a residential trip. I hope to share these exciting plans in the near future.

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Attendance

The governors and I, working in partnership with the local council, continue to have very high expectations of school attendance. I therefore need to emphasise again that there should be no holidays taken during term time. Family celebrations should also be planned during the school holidays. We continue to only be able to authorise absence for highly exceptional reasons. The school had to put in place fines for a number of families last year due to families taking unauthorised absences during term time. I would very much like to avoid this moving forward.

To encourage children to attend school as much as possible we are commencing with a number of new incentives for 100%, or near, attendance as well as for high performing classes. There will also be some free trips and events to reward pupils with particularly high attendance.

Attendance Awards for Classes with the highest attendance in specific areas of the school

We will be shortly announcing new attendance awards. These will be named after the youngest members of our royal family. This will support pupils with both attendance and their understanding of our Royal family.

Examples of Rewards for 100%, or close attendance

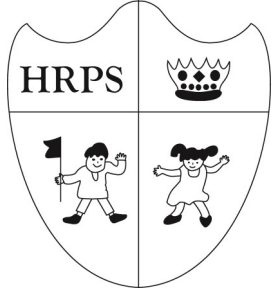
Termly, KS2	'Lunch Out' with the Head and Deputy
End of the Year, Year 1	Attendance on a seaside trip alongside Reception or Year 2 classes. This will be free of charge to those receiving the award.
End of the Year, Years 2-6	Fun Session at the Inspire Centre

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all in advance for supporting the school with our aim to have the best possible attendance over-all.

Yours sincerely

J Edwards

Mr J Edwards
Headteacher



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Educational Visit	Year groups involved	Date
National Space Centre	Year 5	Tuesday, 11 October 2022
Celtic Harmony	Year 3	Monday, 31 October 2022
Year 6 Information Evening (all parents)	Year 6	Wednesday, 28 September 2022

SUAVE WORD OF THE WEEK

abrupt

DEFINITION Sudden and quickly.

EXAMPLE The ending was abrupt.

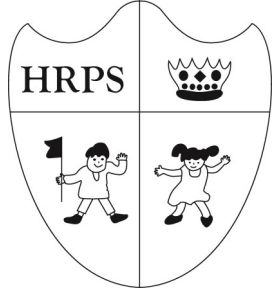
ACTIVITY Look up words of similar meaning in a thesaurus or online.

Talk Write

RW



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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

How to apply for free school meals

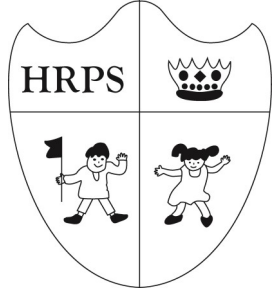
If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call the Local Authority on **0300 300 8306**. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- 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.

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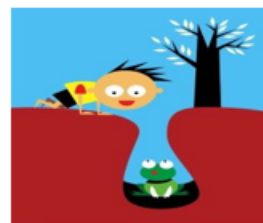


Danny DETERMINATION
says, "DON'T GIVE UP."

Noah E
Jessica G
Sherwain T
Aaira A
Liam D
Bailey C
Kyla S
Tommy D

Emma K
Jake C
Oskar B

Colin CURIOSITY says,
"THINK FOR YOURSELF."



Chloe COMMUNICATION
says, "RESPECT OTHERS."

Evie S
Theo K
Ruben S
Cillian M
Ella-Grace P
David T
Kade L

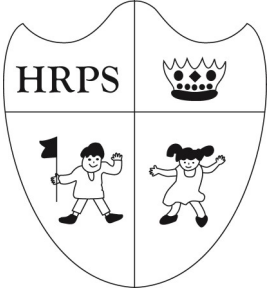
Zakariya H
Riley S
Poppy T
Jameson McC

Abeeha U
Jaden W
Patrick S

Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, "DO
YOUR BEST."



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**Was your child born between
1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019?**

**They will start school in September 2023, so you
need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2023.**

 **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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