



# Hindhayes Infant school

**Hindhayes Infant School  
Attendance  
Whole School 94.1%**

**Sycamore was the class  
with the highest attendance  
99%**

## ***Diary Dates:***

Wednesday 4/12 - Costume's  
to be in school by this date

Monday 9/12 - Rehearsals for  
Christmas Nativity

Tuesday 10/12 - Whole school  
Christmas Nativity @ Millfield  
School 11.00 a.m., 1.30p.m. &  
6.00p.m.

Friday 13/12 - Christmas  
Jumper Day

Thursday 19/12 - Children's  
Christmas Fayre Time TBC

Friday 20/12 - Break up for  
Christmas Holiday

Monday 6/1 - Return to school

## **This Week**

At school this week we were pleased to welcome our school education partner from the local authority, Linda Bird. Linda makes an annual visit to school to ensure that we are clear in our vision and understanding of where the school is at this time. She is delighted with the continued improvements that she has seen within the phonics teaching and how these have been reflected this year within the Year 1 phonics results. This year our pupils attained 89% which is above their national peers. Two years ago in 2017 this percentage was 57% so in two years the teaching and learning team have raised this percentage by 32%! Well done everyone. Linda was also delighted to see the hard work that has gone on this year in anticipation of the introduction of the new OFSTED inspection framework that was published in September 2019. There is now a drive for schools to provide a curriculum that reflects their local community and embraces the development of the whole child. In previous years schools have been driven to prove their attainment, particularly and primarily in the areas of literacy and maths. We are now able to return to focus on the wider curriculum which is great for Hindhayes as this is what we love to do! Linda commented that the senior leadership team have been very forward thinking in their planning for this area as we are not due re-inspection until September 2020/21. She was also happy to spend some time with our youngest pupils in Reception and as always was amazed by the outside classroom that they have to learn through play within. We are delighted to now have Anita Forsyth as our play leader working in the outside area with the Reception children. This week the children have been enjoying turning their carnival float (with lights) into Father Christmas's sleigh.

Linda is very confident that the school continues to be well led and agrees that the strengths of our school are:

- The teaching of phonics and early reading
- The support that is given to our pupils and families in need of support for emotional wellbeing and the provision for our vulnerable learners e.g. those with barriers to their learning such as children in receipt of pupil premium funding
- Leadership across the school and the opportunities we provide for staff professional development
- Outdoor learning, Forest School and the development of the whole child through an inclusive curriculum

## **At School Next Week**

Please remember that school applications for new children have to be done within the next few weeks. We hope that lots of new families will have decided to join us next September and allow us to continue to mould Street's young learners. If you are unsure about how to make your application please chat to the school office and they will help you.



## Lets Celebrate

Congratulations once again to all those pupils who have achieved so well in their learning this week and have been chosen to receive certificates on Friday 6th December. Reception pupils will have their celebration assembly at 9.00am and Year 1 and 2 will continue to have their assembly at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing the parents of the following pupils at these times:

**Work of the week:** Harrison Baillie/Harper McDonald/Tyler McComb/Jaxon White/Narla Nurse/Arthur Moran/Alainey Moran/Harry Greedy/Zac Walmsley/Zachary Clark/Archie Chipperfield/Charlie Richards/Leon Gibbons/Finley Brook/Emily Bryant/Aurelia Loud.

**Better Learning Powers:** Rupert Parr/Mark Daymond/Lola Govier/Harper-Lily Garner-Hamilton/Carla Muresan/Rayan Raman/Poppy Stobart/Lily-May Cattermole/Alfie Ashton/Rufus Moorshead/Dexter Chant/John Hampton/Maya Mitchell-Jordon/Phoebe Caitling/Bobby Cribb/Theo Spokes.

**Highest weekly attendance:** **Sycamore** was the class with the highest weekly attendance and as a reward for achieving the highest attendance, Bonnie, our school donkey will be going home with Freya Levitt.

## Messages from the Office

SEND News: <https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/>

### Parent Talk

Welcome to our Christmas issue! [Click Here](#) to access the paper directly.

### Judo

We are very sorry to hear that some parents are not very happy with the Judo providers that are running their club from the school hall. Just a reminder to families that this club is not run by any of our staff. The club simply lease the space to run their business from. It is the same arrangement that we have with other organisations such as Wade Dance and Slimming World. If you have any concerns please do speak directly to the Judo leaders.

### Thank you for your generosity

The final amount raised for Just one Tree was £140.73. Thank you all so much for you donations. The children all looked great in their own clothes and the money raised will help to plant 140 new trees across the world. A final total for Children in Need was £182.00.



## Messages From the Teachers

Story time with the Shakespebies!

Don't call me Choochie Poo!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDK-CjzZxtQ>



### Poem of the Week Nobody Rides the Unicorn

His coat is like snowflakes  
Woven with silk.  
When he goes galloping  
He flows like milk.



His life is all gentle  
And his heart is bold.  
His single horn is magical  
Bailey, sugar, gold.

Nobody rides the Unicorn  
As he gazes under a secret sun.  
His understanding is so great  
That he forgives us, every one.

Nobody rides the Unicorn,  
His mind is peaceful as the grass.  
He is the loveliest one of all  
And he sleeps behind the waterfall.

Antonia Mitchell

## Choosing Video Games for your Family

With Christmas around the corner, many parents and carers will be considering games consoles and new video games as presents for their children. But knowing which devices and games are most suitable for your children can be difficult. Child net have produced advice for parents specifically about choosing games for your children. They suggest that parents:

- **Talk to other parents.** Are their children playing the game? What do they think about it?
- **Try the game yourself.** This is the best way to really find out whether it is suitable for your child.
- **Get information from reliable sources,** such as [Netaware](#) and [Common Sense](#).
- **Trust your own judgement.** Even if other children are playing the game, it is important you make your own decision for your child.

The full blog can be found at: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/but-everyone-else-is-playing-it-how-do-i-decide-if-a-game-is-right-for-my-child>

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**To: Schools in South West**

22 November 2019

Dear Head Teacher

#### **Increase in Influenza Outbreaks**

We are writing to inform you that influenza is beginning to circulate in certain parts of the UK. There are a large number of schools affected in the North East of the country and, over the past week, there have been several schools affected in the South West, particularly Somerset and North Somerset.

#### **Immunisation**

The school immunisation programme is underway and if you are not already aware of the scheduled date(s) for your school, this information will be provided very shortly. If you have any queries, please contact [somersetssaint@sompar.nhs.uk](mailto:somersetssaint@sompar.nhs.uk) or **0300 3230032**.

The best protection against seasonal influenza is the annual influenza vaccination. All primary school children (up to and including Year 6) are eligible for flu vaccination this year.

In addition, any staff with the following conditions (those in "at risk" groups) are eligible. It is worth reminding your staff of this. People in "at risk" groups who are eligible for the flu vaccination are:

- People aged 65 years or older
- Pregnant women
- People with:
  - Chronic lung disease
  - Chronic heart disease
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Chronic liver disease
  - Chronic neurological disease
  - Immune-suppression (whether caused by disease or treatment)
  - Diabetes mellitus
  - Morbid obesity (BMI  $\geq 40$ )

Staff in these groups can receive influenza immunisation from their GP or pharmacy free of charge.

#### **Infection Prevention and Control**

Maintaining a good standard of infection control practice can reduce the likelihood of acquiring influenza-like illness in your school.

On the following website you will find lots of useful information including leaflets, posters, guidance on infection control and guidance on recognising and managing outbreaks:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/public-health/infection-winter/care-guidance/>

Guidance you may find particularly useful at this time of year is:

- Checklist for flu preparedness in schools and nurseries
- Integrated Care Pathway (checklist) for management of outbreaks of respiratory infection in schools and nurseries

These are available on:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/public-health/infection-winter/schools-nurseries/>

People with symptoms of flu should be excluded from schools until they feel recovered or 24 hours after the resolution of fever.

#### **Symptoms include:**

Fever  $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ , muscle aches, headache and  
Cough, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat

#### **Outbreak Recognition and Management**

An outbreak should be suspected if there are two or more people meeting the above criteria within a 48-hour period. This includes staff. If you suspect an outbreak, please contact your local Health Protection Team (HPT) who can provide expert advice, support and direction.

Telephone: **0300 303 8162 Option 1 then Option 1**

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Dr Fiona Neely  
**Consultant in Health Protection**  
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