



Hindhayes Infant school

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Attendance
Whole School 96.6%**

**Oak was the class
with the highest attendance
98.9%**

Diary Dates:

Monday 27/1 - Reception
children - Secret World
Trip

Tuesday 28/1 - Reception
children - Secret World
Trip

Friday 14/2 - Inset Day

Monday 17/2 - February
Half Term

Monday 24/2 - Return to
School

Monday 6/4 - Easter Half
Term

Monday 20/4 - Return to
School

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This Week

TUNING IN TO TEENS™: PARENTING PROGRAM

The School would like to invite you to take part in a **free program** that aims to help you and your child manage the many emotional challenges of this stage of life. *Tuning in to Kids/Teens* is a six-week parenting program run one evening a week for an hour and a half. The program will teach you how to manage your own and your adolescent's emotions in ways that help you to remain close and keep communicating. By learning these skills, you are less likely to have as much conflict within your family and your teen is more likely to talk to you about the challenging issues they face. These are factors that have been found to reduce the risk of mental health and substance abuse problems.

What is Emotional intelligence?

The program is based on the concept of Emotional Intelligence. Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is about using your emotions to guide you through the world. It is about being able to use your own knowledge of emotions to make decisions, to calm yourself down, to manage anger and conflict, to help you in your relationships with people, to know what is happening in social situations, and to assist you in many aspects of life where you or another person are involved.

Why is Emotional Intelligence important?

Research has shown that adolescents with greater emotional intelligence:

are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure

Have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers

are more able to cope when upset or angry

Have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties

Have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults

Have greater career success — Emotional Intelligence may be a better or doctor of academic and career success than IQ.

When parents focus on helping their teen learn about emotions, the young person is more likely to have higher emotional intelligence. In this parenting program we will teach parents what to do to help these skills develop, and in doing so we expect teens to manage adolescence better.

Would you like to find out more?

If you are interested in participating in this parenting program, please contact me on the number below. The groups will begin on Tuesday 4th February 2020 for six, hour and a half sessions each week from 6.30pm to 8pm at Crispin School not including half term. All participants at the end of the programme will receive a certificate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our PFSA: Andrew Leafe (Parent and Family Support Advisor) Telephone - 07500 882397

Email - aleafe@educ.somerset.gov.uk



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 31st January. 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: Luke Palmer/ Esme Cross/ Clark Coggan/ Anayah Pope/ Rayan Rahman/ Mya Davis/ Brandon Iglesias/ Poppy Stone/ Bo Birkett/ Cora-Mae Green/ Rosie Goolden/ Riley Winter/ Aedan Unger/ Armani Swain/ Phoenix Callow/ Harley Monaghan.

Better Learning Powers: Katie Sparks/ Ruby Doggrell/ Finlay Coggan/ Lucy Wall/ Ruby Chegwiddden/ Indie Etherington/ Anastasia Ibinceanu/ Jamie Fulton-Hughes/ Oakley Brock/ Nancy Whatley/ Emily Buxton/ Alfie Ashton/ Jacob Reed/ Eden Watkins/ Cohen Farrington/ Flynn Wakefield-Vowles.

Highest weekly attendance: **Oak** is the class with the highest weekly attendance and as a reward, Bonnie, our school donkey will be going home with Joseph Perry.

Messages from the Office

Sickness

In line with the school policy in the instance of absence due to a contagious illness (e.g. chicken pox, measles, diarrhoea) it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that the child is no longer contagious before returning to school, for the health and safety of all members of the school community. (Guidance: we recommend at least 24-48 hours after the last episode) Ideally children with prolonged periods of diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms should stay away from the school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours and feel well and have eaten again. If a child has been sick due to over eating, excitement etc. then parents may use their discretion to choose to send a child back to school.



Keeping Your Connected Home Safe for your Children

More and more families now regularly use a range of devices that connect to the internet, such as smart speakers, smart meters, fitness trackers, and even toys. Alongside the excitement and convenience of these devices, we also need to be aware of the risks associated with any device that connects to the internet. **ThinkUKnow** say that these risks include:

- Concerns have been raised about whether these devices are collecting **too much personal information** from children.
- Some children (either accidentally or on purpose) are able to search for and access **age-inappropriate material** via a connected device such as a smart speaker.
- Children may make **'in-app purchases'** and spend money, which is often taken from their parents' bank account without their knowledge or consent.
- Some of these devices may be more vulnerable to hacking and monitoring, as there are currently no security standards in place for connected devices.



Luckily, they have also released guidance to support us in keeping their connected homes safe for children: These tips, as well as further details can be found at:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot>

Messages From the Teachers

Story time with the Shakesbies!

Day Monkey, Night Monkey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzXkidUTpiQ>



Poem of the Week
Sir's a Secret Agent

Sir's a secret agent
He's licensed to thrill
At double-Oh-Severing
He's got bags of skill.

He's tall, dark and handsome
With a muscular frame
Teaching's his profession
But Danger's his game!

He's cool and he's calm
When he makes a decision
He's a pilot, sky-diver
And can teach long division.

No mission's too big
No mission's too small
Schoolkids, mad scientists
He takes care of them all.

He sorts out the villains
The spies and the crooks
Then comes back to school
And marks all the books!



Tony Langham

Future Events:

Please remember that February 14th is an INSET day for all the children here at Hindhayes.