

# Hindhayes Infant school



**Hindhayes Infant School Attendance Whole School 92.1%**

**Chestnut was the class with the highest attendance with 97.6%**

## Diary Dates:

### Happening soon:

18th Feb: End of half term

### Happening After Half Term:

28th Feb: Beginning of new half term

8th April End of Spring term.

25th April Beginning of Summer term

2nd May: Spring Bank Holiday

27th May: School closes for May Half term

6th June: School opens for final half term

24th June: INSET day 4

25th July: INSET day 5

26th July: Additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Birthday- School Closed

27th July: School Closed for summer holidays

## At School This Week

How does it get to be Friday so quickly? This week it was lovely to spend some time meeting and chatting with the Head Teacher Fiona Airy and her chair of governors. Miss Airy has now been in post for a full term and it was great to catch up with her about all of the improvement work that she has been doing. We are both very committed to ensuring a smooth transition for the children when they leave Hindhayes. We have already started talking about the Year 3 children and the priorities that they will need to have planned for them.

## Martin Luther King Junior Day

Monday the 7th of January was Martin Luther King day. A day which marks the impact of the work undertaken by this historic man. Together the children reflected on what it was like to grow up in America almost a hundred years ago and how people such as him made changes for those who were deemed at the time to be different. We also heard about Rosa Park and how she helped to make a stand. Perhaps you can ask the children what it was that Rosa Parks did in particular. If they mention a bus then they are on the right track.



## COVID update

A couple more cases have been confirmed this week. This time in Chestnut class. We also have a couple of staff who have been working at home this week due to positive tests as well. The staff who have been in school have been amazing. Providing cover outside of their normal class, leading their own classes alone, working on days that are not their normal working days and with age groups that they don't normally teach. The children have not been phased by these changes and their learning has not been interrupted. Our local data is still saying that Somerset's omicron peak is yet to come. However, we also don't know what the impact of earlier action locally will have done to lessen the numbers in our community. Following on from the announcement of planned changes from the 27th January we are still waiting for local public health guidance to tell us what Street schools will be auctioning at the end of next week. As always once I know, you will know. Please do continue to wear your face masks whilst on the school site until further notice.

## National Hug Day

Friday 21st of January marks national hug day. It is a day when we can reflect on those that we can't hug anymore. Those loved ones who might be living at a distance from us or whom we might have lost. Hugs are such simple gestures that we can take for granted until they are gone. So if you can, spend the whole weekend hugging! You might want to snuggle up over a story that is based around love. Here are some stories that might like to try at [www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/f/favourite-picture-books-about-love/](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/f/favourite-picture-books-about-love/)





# Lets Celebrate



We are delighted that we will be able to begin celebrating the learning that the children have been completing in the classroom once again. Congratulations to all those pupils who have achieved so well in their learning this week and have been chosen to receive certificates.

**Work of the week:** Pollyanna Nicholls, Eloise Priddle, Hendrik Arnold, Darcy Goodland, Leo Blackman, Darcy Milum-Shaw, Zak Forscutt, Lilly Buxton, Finley Coggan, Harper McDonald, Teddy Callow, Izzi Birkett, Arthur Palmer, Mabel Hooker

**Better Learning Powers:** Leighton Lovelace, Xander Callow, Ivy Martin, Mason Tully, Daisy Birch, Arianna Hussain, Alfie Lenton, Olivia Hart, Thomas Herbert, Elsie Owen, Lottie Downton, Lois Da Silva Ferreira, Devis Benghea, Oscar Morrison

## Messages from the Hindhayes Staff

### ParentMail Absence Reporting

We would like to thank those parents who continue to report their child's absences. Please remember that you are now able to do this via ParentMail.

### Christmas Performance DVD

Please remember that you are able to purchase a DVD of the Christmas Performance on ParentMail for £1 each. Please order promptly as they will only be available to order until Monday 24th at 12pm.

### Governor Vacancy

Dear Parents and Carers. We have a vacancy for a Governor on our Board at Hindhayes Infant School. If you are or know of anyone who may be interested in this important role and they want to know more, we can send a letter with further information and a Nomination Form. Being a school Governor is extremely rewarding and benefits the school and its community. The closing date to receive nominations is Thursday 3rd February 2022. There is also further information on the school's Facebook page, Parent Mail as well as our website. Alternatively, please feel free to contact Mike Sales in the school office via email on [MSales@Educ.Somerset.Gov.uk](mailto:MSales@Educ.Somerset.Gov.uk) or call (01458) 444931 for an informal discussion. Thank you

### Medicine, Plaster and EPI pen permission slip

Please remember to complete your child's permission slip on ParentMail as soon as possible. This will enable the school to provide your child with Calpol and administer plasters as and when required.





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## Understanding Self-Injury in Children and Teens. A Place to Start:

- Why do they do it?
- Is it attention-seeking?
- Do primary-age children self-injure?
- Where can I find support for them?
- Where can I find support for me?
- Is the internet the problem?
- Is it because of the pandemic?
- Are they mentally ill?

If you are looking for answers,  
come to one of our events:

Wednesday 24th November 2021  
4pm - 5:30pm • Yeovil Town Football Ground

Monday 6th December 2021  
4pm - 5:30pm • Taunton Racecourse

Wednesday 26th January 2022  
4pm - 5:30pm • Wells & Mendip Museum

Wednesday 2nd March 2022  
4pm - 5:30pm • Bristol Rovers Football Club

**Tickets are only: £15**



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