



Hindhayes Infant school

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School Attendance
Whole School 95.6%**

**Orchard was the class
with the highest
attendance with
99.7%**

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

What a busy week! It has flown by and been filled with lots of learning and laughter. The children and staff are definitely back in their routines now. I want to say a particular well done to all those children who had their flu vaccinations. This is not a nice thing to let a stranger do to you. It was great to see the children trusting their adult and having the nasal spray when they would have probably chosen not to.

COVID update

We are aware of some concern from parents regarding COVID numbers. At this time we still have very low numbers within the school. Some families did not return to school as they contracted the virus during the holidays through being a close contact outside of the community. Since school opened there have been four new families who have tested positive and it is till possible to confirm that these children contracted the virus at school.

As you know we cannot stop the spread of the virus. What we can do is continue to take every opportunity to clean surfaces, use antibacterial soaps, wash hands frequently and be vigilant to where and when cases are identified.

At this time if we were able to make our own risk assessment and not be driven by the situation across the community we would still be operating with a green/blue risk assessment. We absolutely appreciate that with the new variant has come new anxieties for families but there is no reason for children to not be in school and learning with their classes at this time. If you have any COVID concerns please feel free to call the office or email the school inbox.

A Curriculum for Life

Since taking over the leadership of this curriculum area in the summer term of 2021, Mrs. Plummer has worked very hard to consider a clear intent for the implementation of the areas that must be covered by children aged 4-7 years old. We now have a detailed overview that teachers can plan and deliver their lessons from. At the beginning of each term, the whole school come together to consider the topics that the children will be covering in the classroom. This week we did that over teams. With the themes of belonging, rules, roles and responsibilities the children listened carefully and reflected on what it meant to truly belong, what they might belong to e.g. a club, a class, a family. What rules there might be that they have to follow and what role they took within these clubs etc. We also considered the roles of people who help us and in the words of Winston Churchill 'that with responsibility comes greatness'.

Forest School Accreditation

This week Mrs. Honeywill has been meeting with members of the Forest School Association to explore the possibility of our Forest School having national accreditation. One of the sticking points at the moment is the requirement for a third adult to always be available to the group. We have risk assessed that because our forest school is on site and that our team is so close to the school offices, have mobile phones and can send children for help we believe that two adults is sufficient. Where it has been possible we have, at times allocated a **volunteer to Forest School**. However, at the moment we do not have a volunteer in school who could be placed with this role. If you have a day or a morning/afternoon that you would be able to give we would welcome your support. We are hoping to overcome this sticking point so that the application can progress further.

Have a lovely weekend



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: Austin Hodder, Billie-Lou Isaac, Merve Sen, Safa Sen, Ella Westlake, Rudy Perry, Mya Davis, Anaelle Berry, Nieve Guy-Gibbens, Toby Windsor, Magnus Hunt, Lukah Povey-Borges, Jaxon Virdee & Roman Crew

Better Learning Powers: Narla Nurse, Lola Govier, Zack Eastoe, Jasmine Billing, Elisa Chandler-Humphries, Gracie-Mae Hunt, Felix Oram, Harry Reddin-Fear, Georgia Thomson, Harper McDonald, Lewis Crowther, Brooke-May Josling, Oliver Hooker & Noah Newick

Messages from the Hindhayes Staff

Designated Absence Line

Please remember that you must report your child's absence to the School Office each day by 9.30am. We have a designated absence line, you will find this by calling 01458 442978, then selecting option 1. You can now also report your child's absence via the ParentMail app.

Lunch Orders

Please remember that you are able to view your lunch orders by logging in to your ParentMail account. Go into 'Accounts', select 'Spring Menu' and then 'Statements' at the bottom of your screen.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

