



Hindhayes Infant school

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Attendance
Whole School 96.9%**

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

Diary Dates:

4/10 - Open morning
16/10 - Individual Photos
26/10 - Last day of term
05/11 - Inset day
06/11 - Back to school
6/11 - Start of new menu
9/11 - Flu vaccinations
for all years

At School This Week

The Importance of Reading

As a school we have always expressed to our families the importance of reading with children. We have prioritized funding within school to provide and maintain one of the most beautiful libraries for our pupils so that they have a quiet space to read and enjoy the adventures within the range of books on offer. We have always done this to develop a love of reading and to ensure that the children are able to access their learning and are ready for the next step of their learning journey. This week we have had further confirmation of the needs to ensure that we are reading with our children. Research published this week has shown a clear link between children who enjoy to spend time reading and writing in their free time and emotional well being. It has been stated that those who are less likely to choose to read and write when they are at home have poorer mental health.

Jonathan Douglas, director of the NLT, said: "Children and young people today face a multitude of pressures at school, at home and in their social lives. "It is imperative that we do everything we can to enable our children to develop the resilience they need to cope with life's challenges – and our latest research shows that the joys of reading and writing can be hugely beneficial. Not only does a love of reading and writing enable children to flourish at school, but we now also know it can play a vital role in supporting children to lead happy and healthy lives." There are few more important tasks for schools and families than teaching children to read. It is the key that unlocks the door to a world of opportunity, information and even adventure. Please talk to us if you are not able to read with your child at home.



At School Next Week

Parent Committee

Last year with the support of a core group of parents we raised £5,000 for the school through the family events that took place during the year. Our Christmas market, children's Christmas Fayre, Easter Bingo Evening, May Fayre and 90th Birthday celebrations could not have taken place had we not had the support of these parents and carers. The money raised has paid towards our lovely new Yurt, buys the leavers presents for our Year 2 pupils and the book bags for our new Reception pupils. I am sure that you will have heard that a number of Head Teachers have been demonstrating in London today against the poor state of school budgets. As a local authority school we have returned to school this September to face further cuts and the forecast is that this is only going to get worse. The additional things that we provide for our pupils at Hindhayes can only be continued if we can continue to work with the support of our families to work with our staff to plan fundraising events. Please do come and join our parent committee meeting next week. We will be talking about the fundraising calendar for this year but also how we would like to further develop the use of parent forums in our setting. We would like at least two parents/carers representatives from each class. If you are working an unable to attend the meeting but want to help our school in this way please let you class teacher or the school office know and we can arrange to ensure that information is shared with you.

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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 in next Friday's assembly at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing the parents of the following pupils:

Work of the week: Tamzin Austwick/Eva Panter & Emily Churchill/Ada Payne & Melek Ozsevgec/Logan Ashdown-ford & Amaia Valentin/Jessica Cook & Tyler Wigley/Willow-Eve Owen & Sophie Parsons/Cohen-Cooper Farrington & Mylo Miller/Leela Farmer & Joshua Bryan/Jazmin Tidball & Elif Selim/Bliss Moulder

Better Learning Powers: Oakley Brock/Oscar Hart & Willem Parr/Jack Molland & Mark Daymond/Daisy Higgins & Jamie Daymond/Phoenix Callow & Liam Hunt/Laura Petherbridge & Maria Zhivkova/Dominyka Austynaite & Lily Beal/Izzy Clare & Abe Evans/Betsy Gamble & Mia Whitty/Ayla Robinson

Highest Weekly Attendance: Oak 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 Willem Parr.

Value: Simplicity and Freedom

Learning Behaviour: Loving learning and using your imagination



Messages from the Office

Lunch Menu

Polite reminder to return your lunch menus by Friday 5th October. If we do not receive a menu we will not be able to order lunches for your child. Any menus handed in after this date can not be ordered. Please return your menu even if you would like a packed lunch.



Messages from the Teachers

Year 2 Forest School

Just to clarify that it is only Hawthorn class who are doing Forest School this term. Birch and Orchard class will have their turn in the coming terms. Thank you to those families who have made a donation towards this activity.



Future Events

Anti- Bullying Week

We will be holding our annual anti-bullying week from November 12th –16th. This will be kicked off on Monday 12th by Odd Sock day and a visit from a touring theatre company who will present a production of 'The Ugly Duckling.' Please put this date in your diary and we look forward to seeing all the odd socks soon!