



Hindhayes Infant school

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Attendance
Whole School 95.3%**

**Hawthorn was the class
with the highest
attendance of 98.7%**

Diary Dates:

Thursday 14/2 - Last day of term

Thursday 14/2 - Valentines Disco

Friday 15/2 - INSET DAY

Monday 25/2 - Back to school

Monday 25/2 - Start of new menu

Friday 5/4- Last day of term

Monday 22/4 - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 23/4 - Back to school

Monday 6/5 - Bank Holiday

Friday 24/5 - Last day of term

Monday 3/6 - Back to school

Friday 28/6 - INSET DAY

Tuesday 23/7 - Break up for summer holiday

Monday 2/9 - Back to school

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At School This Week

New Learning Behaviour

This half term we have moved on to rewarding the children for their risk taking and the bravery that they show when tackling new things. 'Have a go Harold', the super powered hedgehog, is encouraging the children to not only try new things themselves but also support others to do the same. In assembly this week we have challenged the children to try something new in the classroom, on the playground and when they are at home with you. Thank you for supporting them with this.



Talk 4 Writing

We were visited this week by an external trainer who works with a national organisation called Talk 4 Writing. Hindhayes has been a Talk 4 Writing school for a few years now but we have taken the opportunity more recently to update teacher knowledge and skill in this area to ensure that the children are well supported by this inspiring strategy. Learning to write is a hard journey. There is so much to remember when you are little. Talk 4 Writing provides simple structures for children to independently write exciting pieces such as stories. You can create a simple story at home with your child in 20 minutes. Together you can generate your characters. You need a goodie and a baddie e.g. a fish and a shark. They need a setting where they live e.g. a cave under the sea. The goodie needs to go on a journey where they encounter the baddie and then be saved by a hero such as an octopus and then live happily ever after. The oral retelling of a story with this structure will help to develop the children's vocabulary and confidence when facing story writing in the classroom. Please chat with your class teacher if you would like any more ideas of how to help your child at home with their writing.



At School Next Week

Tea, Toast and Reading

We have now had nineteen families joining us at 8.30 a.m. for a hot drink, some toast and the chance to share a book before school. It is lovely to see children enjoying this time with their families. Due to the success of the intervention we have decided to open the hall up every morning and so from Monday you will be able to come in every day. We look forward to seeing you all next week!



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 25th January. Please note a change of time for celebration assemblies. 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: Neve Winter/Harry Salmon & Freddie Gibbs/Harry Greedy & Josh Hart/Emily Churchill & Phoenix Callow/Jessica Cook & Armani Swayne/Sarah Otobicu & Theo Spokes/Jacob Fellows-Horsley & Joseph Dolman/Emily Rugman & Henry Seaward/Penny Goodman & Edith Whatley/Archie Pickles

Better Learning Powers: Roman Markey/Charlie Holmes & Alfie Ashton/Oskar King & Reuben Ferreira/Jack Molland & Alaine Moran/Lucas Sepinski & Willow-Eve Owen/Corey Edgecombe-Simms & Maria Zhivkova/Anastasia Ibinceanu & Betsy Harrison/Barnaby Richards & Gracie Beal/Jacob Hunter & Lola Robinson/Daisy Spencer

Highest weekly attendance: Hawthorn 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 Sofia Iglesias.

Value: Simplicity and Freedom

Learning Behaviour: Loving learning and using your imagination



Messages from the Office

Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you to all those families who have returned their questionnaires. Please remember that you are welcome to return questionnaires until Friday January 25th. Thank you.

School Lunches

Please remember that if you have requested a hot lunch for your child they do not need to have a lunch box sent to school. It is also a waste of food if the lunch is ordered, cooked and then not eaten. Thank you for remembering when you have and have not chosen a hot lunch for your child

Food Hygiene Rating

We had an environmental health visit in our school kitchen on Tuesday 15th January and have been Awarded 5 * which is the HIGHEST POSSIBLE RATING so amazing Well Done to all the Kitchen Team.



Future Events

'Tuning in to Teens'

Just to let you know and one for the diaries, Jane Tonkins from Crispin School and Andy Leafe will be running a 'Tuning in to Teens' at Crispin School for six weeks starting Thursday 28th February – 4th April. The goal of the programme is to help parents teach and support their young person to understand and express emotions in appropriate ways, all based on emotion coaching.

School Lunches in the event of extreme weather conditions

BAM, our school lunch provider, have organised a two day emergency menu in the event of bad weather and school closures so we can get back to the serving of hot lunches as quickly as possible.