



Hindhayes Infant school

**Hindhayes Infant School
Attendance
Whole School 95.1%**

**Chestnut was the class
with the highest
attendance 97.7%**

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

Help! I am having a meltdown!



At times we can all feel like we are on the verge of a meltdown. Whether we are a grown up or a child a meltdown is 'an intense response to overwhelming situations'. It happens when someone becomes completely overwhelmed by their current situation and temporarily loses behavioural control. This loss of control can be expressed verbally (e.g. shouting, screaming, crying), physically (e.g. kicking, lashing out, biting) or in both ways. A meltdown is not the same as a temper tantrum. It is not bad or naughty behaviour and should not be considered as such. When a person is completely overwhelmed, it is difficult to express that in an appropriate way, it is understandable that the result is a meltdown.

Meltdowns are not the only way a person may express feeling overwhelmed. Other behaviours that may appear are less explosive but are equally common, such as refusing to interact, withdrawing from situations they find challenging, or avoiding them altogether. If a child or young person has meltdowns, find out how to anticipate them, identify their causes, and minimise their frequency. If you would like to talk to anyone in school about how to support your child in situations such as these please do feel free to talk to a member of staff.

At School Next Week

Going Digital!

In our efforts to reduce the amount of paper that we are using in school we will no longer be printing copies of the school newsletter. We will continue to write a weekly update for parents and carers as we feel that it is an important way to communicate. We also print 250 copies a week and so we know that parents are still wanting to have a regular update.

Instead the newsletter will be emailed to families and available on the school website in a pdf version. This should enable our readers to download it on to their tablet/phone/computer easily. If you are not able to access the newsletter in this way please drop in to the office and let the team know. You know we will help if we can. We will also make sure that there is an up to date copy available for parents to read on the school notice board outside the main entrance to Reception.

As always we welcome your feedback on this change. If you would like to update your email address please do so as soon as possible.



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 1st February. 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: Archie Nutt/Katie Sparks & Poppy Broughton/Dexter Chant & Zachary Clark/Arrianna-Rae White & Lily Foster/Matilda Jefferies & Logan Proctor/Darcy Geldard & Eliza Priddice/Alex Squire-Lovelace & Izzy Clare/Eloide Bridger & Koby Davey/Poppy Thompson & Oscar Budden/Tyler Degregorio

Better Learning Powers: Rufus Moorshead/Eva Panter & Bo Birkett/Rosie Goolden & Daisy Huggins/Grace Mitchell & Armani Swayne/Damon Birch & Layla Williams/Tommy Chinnock & Billy Rowen/Finley Brook & Benjamin Reaney/Travis Govier & Marlon Perez/Mia Lee & Josh Bryan/Ava Warren

Highest weekly attendance: Chestnut 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 Eva Hislop.

Messages from the Office

Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you to all those families who have returned their questionnaires. We will be working our way through them next week and will let you know more about the responses that we have had.

Walking Bus

Note to all parents who's children use the walking bus it leaves Elmhurst promptly at 8.25am. Anyone arriving after this time will miss it.

Appeal

We would like to make a "Greatest Show" stage in reception and are looking for some long red curtains to create this. So if anyone has any they would like to donate that would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Also we are making a junk modelling /craft corner in reception so if you have any items such as paper, sweet wrappers, foil, tubes, egg boxes etc. please send them in with your children.



Messages from the Teachers

Additional School clubs

Mr. Matthews is happy to run a top trumps club for the children in Years 1 and 2 on a Thursday lunchtime in his classroom. If your child would like to join him please sign up through the school office. If you have any old versions of this game that you would be happy to donate to Mr Matthews he would be happy to take them off your hands.



Future Events

Valentines Disco on Thursday February 14th. Children will need to purchase a ticket from the school office. During the day children are welcome to wear something red to school in exchange for a packet of biscuits or cake that can then be used later on that evening to provide refreshments for parents and carers who are waiting to collect their child from the event in the Willow room. Please remember that all pupils are supervised by staff during this event and parents are asked to not wait in the hall unless they are a known volunteer. The cost of the disco will be increased this time to include a snack bag and tattoo. The children will not need to bring any money with them.