



Hindhayes Infant school

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Attendance
Whole School 83.6%**

**Sycamore was the class
with the highest 89.3%**

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

Thursday 7/3 - World book day

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

Fun in the Snow!

Thank you for your patience and support with our decision to close the school on Friday of last week. As I am sure you can appreciate it is never an easy decision as we know the impact that it can for those of you who are also trying to co-ordinate your working day. When we close the school there are many factors that we take into consideration; how many staff can travel into Street, how safe the grounds will be for families arriving into school in the morning, will the building be warm enough for the children to learn in during the day, have we got sufficient resourcing to feed all of the pupils at lunchtime. If we have not made the decision to close the school the night before our conversations and deliberations will normally begin at 6.00 a.m. with telephone calls between Mrs. Shakesby and myself and then we very quickly start the chain of calling to ensure that families know as quickly as possible about the decision that we have made. If you were able to stay home I hope that the bonus day together gave you time to make some memories. Playing in the snow has so many benefits! Problem solving to see who can make the biggest, tallest, roundest snowman. Team work, collaboration and communication as you work together and our older children help the younger ones. Whatever you got up to, we hope that it was a rare opportunity to make memories. Hopefully that will be the end to the snowy weather for this winter.



Mrs. Shakespeare/Mrs. Jones

Parents of Chestnut class will already know that Mrs. Shakespeare will be leaving us at the end of next week. Mrs. Shakespeare has worked with Hindhayes for a number of years and we are very grateful for all that she has done for the children and families that she has worked with across the years. I am sure that if you see her in school next week you will want to wish her well and thank her for her dedication to our children. In her place we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Ally Jones. Mrs. Jones has worked with Hindhayes for a number of years providing continuity as a regular supply teacher. She has also taught at St. Johns and so is very familiar with working in an infant school setting. We wish both of them the very best in their new roles!

At School Next Week

INSET DAY

Please remember that Friday is a training day for teachers in school and so the children will finish on Thursday February 14th. Just in time for the valentines disco.



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 after half term. Reception pupils will have their celebration assembly at 9.00am and Year 1 and 2 will have their assembly at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing the parents of the following pupils:

Work of the week: Oakley Brock/Arliya Lawrence & Zac Walmsley/Rosie Goolden & Marni Poyntz-Wright/Ivy-Grace Thompson & Brandon Iglesias/Kaylem Satchwell & Harvey Reeves/Laura Petherbridge & Emmie Foster/Cohen Cooper Farrington & Grace Phillips/Francesco Cinque & Oscar Ware/Eilah Foley & Ava Spencer/Florence Turner

Better Learning Powers: Tamzin Austwick/Jake Spencer & Lexi Sharland/Nancy Whatley & Mark Daymond/Avrora Macleod & Aurelia Loud/Jamie Daymond & Bobby Cribb/Eden Watkins & Oscar Miller/Cherry-Mae Turner & Jessica Jordan/Zack Bartlett & Zak Warder/Callum York-Rivers & Jazmin Tidball/Finlay Lamb

Highest weekly attendance: Sycamore was the class with highest weekly attendance so Bonnie, our school donkey will be going home with Laura Petherbridge

Messages from the Office

Parent Governor

As you know we had a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Hindhayes Board. Thank you to those of you who voted. We are pleased to confirm that Danielle Hart has been successful in gaining this role and will start her training and induction as a Governor shortly. Thank you.

Valentines Disco Thursday February 14th. Tickets are £3.00 and still available 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.

Parking outside the School

Please could all parents have a little bit of thought for others when parking outside the school. It has been noted this week that parents are parking on the corner opposite the gates which then makes it difficult for others to turn into the Victoria club and dangerous for the children crossing the road. Also quite a few parents have started parking on the other side of the road blocking local residents driveways and causing congestion for buses and local traffic. Thank You.

Traffic Crossing Officer

We are looking to recruit a Traffic Crossing Officer in order to help with the safety of our children and parents. The hours and payment can be discussed with the school office and full training will be given.

Messages from the Teachers

Reading at Home

Please remember that the homework that we ask you to do with the children at Hindhayes is to read with the children. 15 minutes every day sharing a book from your collection at home or their school reading book will provide them with the support that they need to develop their reading skills. Asking questions about what happened and making links to other books are all a key part of this reading time.



Future Events

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. We would like all children to come to school dressed as a character from a story on the theme of goodies and baddies!

