



# Hindhayes Infant school

**Hindhayes Infant School  
Attendance  
Whole School 94.1%**

**Birch was the class with  
the highest attendance  
97.9%**

## ***Diary Dates:***

Thursday 11/7 - Sports  
day

Friday 12/7 - Whole  
school to Greenbank

Saturday 13/7 - Street  
Library Launch Day 10.30  
- 12noon

Monday 22/7 - Year 2's  
leavers assembly @  
9.15am

Tuesday 23/7 - Head  
Teacher and Governors  
Award Assembly

Tuesday 23/7 - Break up  
for summer holiday

Monday 2/9 - INSET DAY

Tuesday 3/9 - INSET DAY

Wednesday 4/9 - Start of  
new school term

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## **At School This Week**

### **New classes**

We hope that the children enjoyed their first day in their new class on Wednesday. Thank you to the pupils and parents who have worked with us this week to understand the difficulty that we face when parents request for changes to be made to the classes. As we have explained, sadly it is never as easy as just moving somebody as to move someone into a class we have to move someone out.

At Hindhayes we offer the children more opportunities than any other school locally to be in their new class before the summer holidays. Please remember that as well as having one day this week (which we have to do to fit in with county transition day) we also then move the children into their new classes for three days on Wednesday the 16th, Thursday the 17th and Friday the 18th of July. These three days are when they get to show their new teachers how skilled they are as they participate in reading, writing and maths tasks. They also continue with their phonics and get to know their new classmates by joining in with circle time sessions. This year this will all be planned from the theme of the 'Hobbit' which a visiting theatre company will present an age appropriate version of on the Wednesday morning. By the end of that week we hope that the children feel ready to move and are excited about the forthcoming changes. As parents we do empathize with your concerns but we also ask you to trust us in our professional judgements.

There has also been some parental comments that have been very upsetting to those parents whose children are combining to make the mixed age classes. All of the classes are structured to provide a range of abilities. The children who are in the mixed Year 2 classes are not working at a lower level than any of the other children. Mrs. Simmons has 22 year 2 pupils and they are as diverse a group of learners as the children in the other classes. We do not and have never had streamed classes as we do not stand by them as professionals. Please do remember to read the information that comes from school and not from other parents, who do not always have the full picture. As always the governing body have been consulted about the move to mixed classes this year and are in full support of the decisions made by the senior leadership team at this time.

## **At School Next Week**



### **Sports Day**

Hopefully all parents and carers are ready to cheer their children on next Thursday afternoon to support the competitive part of our annual sports day. Once the children have participated in their races they will be permitted to go home should that be convenient with parents. All children will need to be signed out with a member of staff at the school gates before leaving. In previous years we have had difficulty with the number of parents parking at the Victoria Club. Please continue to be respectful to the parking requirements that the club accept. If the weather is nice we will be selling ice-lollies in support of the PTFA funds. Finally the children will need water bottles, hats, sun screen and a t-shirt that is their school house colour.



### **Greenbank**

On Friday 12th of July in the morning we will then be having our summer fun swim. Children will need a full swimming kit and arm bands (please blow them up before coming to school). Hopefully this will also be a lovely sunny day so hats, sun cream and water.

# 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 12th July. 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:** Grace Mitchell/Luke Palmer/Ada Payne/Jack Molland/Evie Judd/Oscar Hart/Alainey Moran/Blake Pople/Damon Birch/Liam Hunt/Anastasia Nicol/Zachary Nico-Consari/Faith Whaites/Elif Selim/Leela Farmer/Grace Lukins/Ava Warren/Lily Holloway.

**Better Learning Powers:** Marni Poyntz-Wright/Scarlett Downton-Lock/Poppy Broughton/Josh Humphries/Lois Weech/Bettie Davis/Nuala Thompson/Logan Proctor/Sonny Goodland/Pippa Walker-Paget/Theo Spokes/Marlon Edwards/Zara Metcalfe-Martin/Grace Philips/Ben Rios-Smith/Louis Rossi/Olivia Solomons/Tyler Degregorio.

**Highest weekly attendance:** **Birch** 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 Zack Bartlett.



**Value:** Courage and Responsibility

**Learning Behaviour:** Don't give up Donald - Embracing Challenge



## Messages from the Office

**STREET LIBRARY LAUNCH DAY** - Saturday 13th July - Friends of Street Library invite all children up to age 11, to a crafting, painting, exploring and discovering morning 10.30 - 12pm.

**SPACE CHASE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** - Join free At Street Library 13th July - 7th September 2019.

**Hot weather** - While we are having this hot weather please remember to put sunscreen on your child and provide them with a hat. Thank you.



## Messages from the Teachers

### New Classes

All of the teachers are very excited about working with their new classes later this month to get to know them before September. If you would like to make an appointment to chat with us about your child ahead of the new year we would be happy to talk to you. Please remember that as parents we can be more nervous for our children than they are.



## Future Events

### It's nearly the summer holidays!

If you're a parent carer of a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities you'll soon be receiving your Summer Hols Activity and Calendar in the post. You'll also be getting your Activity Day Passes - there are some great new venues and offers available this year. All these will soon be available to download. Don't forget about the Short Breaks Family Fun Day event on 6 July at Brookside Academy in Street - a great event for families to have fun and to get useful information on the Short Breaks services and what's available, in one place on one day. If you're not receiving the Short Breaks Calendar and Newsletter in the post and wish to call 01823 358117.

