



Hindhayes Infant school

Diary Dates:

Monday 9/9 - Tea, Toast & Reading from 8.15am in the assembly hall

Thursday 3/10 - Open House

Friday 25/10 - Last day of term

Monday 28/10 - October Half Term

Monday 4/11 - Return to school

Friday 20/12 - Break up for Christmas Holiday

Monday 6/1 - Return to school

Welcome and Welcome Back!

Congratulations! We have made it to the end of the first week back. I am not sure about all of you but we have really enjoyed the school holidays in our house. Trips to the seaside, days out at the local parks, time playing with friends, family holidays, trips to the movies, picnics, ice-creams and barbeques have all filled our time in our house. I do believe that the school holidays are precious. A time for families to come together to make memories that hopefully the children will treasure for a life time.

After all of that the reality of school this week can be overwhelming! I am sure that some children will have jumped out of bed on Wednesday morning ready for a new term. Excited to put on their school uniforms and meet up with their school friends. However for some the day will have come with more anxiety and the thought of returning to school will be less appealing. For almost all of the children in Year 1 and 2 they are happy and settled. Staff at Hindhayes are so good at providing reassurance to those who find saying goodbye hard. Those who are upset when you leave are not upset for long.

It has been a delight to walk around school in the morning and see the children in their classrooms and ready to learn. I am sure before long they will all feel at home with their new teachers and the routines of the school week will feel normal once again.

Please remember that at Hindhayes we are lucky enough to have a full time learning mentor. Mrs Davey is now housed in our tree house next to the library and is happy to chat with any parent or child who feels anxious starting or coming back to school.

At School Next Week

Reception Pupils

Please remember that the Reception Pupils will be full time from Monday and will be in school until the end of the school day at 3.00 p.m. If you have not managed to make an appointment to meet with your new class teacher this week please do catch them to do so around the school day next week.

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Lets Celebrate



At Hindhayes we love to celebrate and congratulate the achievements of the children in our school. Once again, this year we are happy to invite parents and carers of those pupils who have achieved to our Friday celebration assemblies. For Reception pupils they will have their celebration assembly at 9.00am and Year 1 and 2 will continue to have their assembly at 2.30pm. Please look out in next weeks newsletter for the names of the children who will be receiving certificates on Friday September 19th.

Messages from the Office

After School Clubs: After School clubs will be advertised in next weeks newsletter. Sports clubs will continue to run by our visiting sports coaches on Wednesday and Thursday between 3.00 and 4.00 p.m. and by school staff on the other afternoons.

Walking Bus and After School Care: Please remember that all childcare must be booked and paid for in advance to enable appropriate staffing levels to be secured for the children.

A massive 'Thank you!': £866.05 was raised on the last day of term for the local charity 'Why?' The staff would like to pass on their gratitude for all the efforts that went into making the day such a great success for the children and their charity. It was soooooo hot! But the children, as always shone and ran around the field as fast as they could. We know that the money that you so generously gave will benefit local children who are trying to make sense of the impact of long term terminal illnesses such as cancer and Parkinson's. If you know of a child who you think may benefit from their work and you would like more information please speak to a member of staff. We will be supporting the charity in the future.

School Fundraising: Last year school fundraising events raised approximately £4,000. We will be confirming a time to meet and plan this years community events if you would like to join this group as a willing volunteer please let your class teacher know and look out for the date in next weeks newsletter.



Messages from the Teachers

Reading at home: Please remember that at Hindhayes the homework that we provide for our children is reading. We would like to remind you that if the children have a school reading book they can read it with you each evening and then change it the next day. If they are not reading yet they have library books from our school library that you can read to them. We are also very lucky to have a local library where you can borrow up to twenty books at a time on a child's card. What a great way to keep restocking your bookshelves at home!

Curriculum Overviews: The curriculum overview for this term is now available for parents to read. These give you a picture of the learning outcomes that teachers have planned for the children in each year group. There are also challenges that you can choose to complete at home as additional homework activities. Homework is planned in this way so that parents can choose a time when they are free over the coming term to complete the activities. We understand that family time is precious. Evenings can be filled with out of school clubs and some weekends are busier than others, so we find that choosing a time that suits you in this way works best for our families. Please ask your class teacher if you would like to know more about homework for your child.



Future Events

Having just welcomed all our wonderful new Reception children to Hindhayes we already starting to think about those pupils who will be turning four before August 31st 2020. To help parents make an informed choice for their child we will be holding an open house event to show prospective new families around our amazing school. Parents are welcome to drop in on Thursday 3rd October. When parents have made their decision and selected their school they will need to apply for their choice on line. Please note no paperwork is sent out to families to remind them to do this, they must go onto the local authority school admissions website.

