



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter - Week Commencing 30th April 2018

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Spring 2 Term

Dates for your Diary - May 2018

Thursday 3rd: Sage & Olive Learning Assembly
Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th: School photographs

Friday 4th: Coffee Morning

**Monday 7th: May Day Bank Holiday—
 School Closed**

Wednesday 9th: PTFA Cake sale from 3.30pm

Friday 11th: Coffee Morning

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th: KS2 SATs

Year 6 free breakfast club from 8.15am

Tuesday 15th: Teddy Bears Picnic

Friday 18th: Coffee Morning

Monday 21st-Thursday 24th: Healthy Choices Week

Tuesday 22nd: Sports Day

INSET Day—Friday 25th May

Half term is Monday 28th May -Friday 1st June

Dates for your Diary - June 2018

Monday 18th-Friday 22nd—Year 6 World of Work Week

Friday 22nd: School Fayre 3.30-5.30pm

Monday 25th-Friday 29th: Hispanic Week

Wednesday 27th: Bags2School collection 9am

Term Dates

Summer 2018

Half term is Monday 28th May -Friday 1st June

INSET Day—Friday 25th May

End of term is Friday 20th July

Autumn 2018

INSET Day—Monday 3 September 2018—School closed to pupils

Start—Tuesday 4 September 2018

Half Term - Monday 22 October- Friday 26 October

Attendance Matters!

Whole school attendance 95.3%

Please support us to achieve the school's target of 97%

Class	Attendance%
Indigo	89.93
Saffron	94.7
Citron	94.1
Apple	95.9
Lime	94.6
Olive	93.9
Sage	96.0
Azure	95.4
Sky	97.7
Cobalt	96.7
Copper	95.2
Amber	94.4
Emerald	93.7
Jade	96.0
Diamond	96.6
Crystal	96.5

Headteacher's Message



Welcome back to another wet and windy week! Winter seems to have returned today but summer must be around the corner!

Both Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs take place in May in all English primary schools. Key Stage 1 SATs are used to test children's knowledge and understanding of English and Mathematics in Key Stage 1. They provide a snapshot of children's attainment and help Year 2 teachers arrive at a secure judgement for their final 'teacher assessment' at the end of Key Stage 1.

Schools are required to administer the English Reading, English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Mathematics tests to all Key Stage 2. Year 6 have been working very hard in preparation for the SATs and they have all done a great job so far! Key Stage 2 SATs week is from Monday 14th – Thursday 17th May 2018. It is vital children in Year 6 are not absent this week. We are offering a free breakfast club for the Year 6 children before school during the SATs week. At the breakfast club, the children will be able to relax with their friends and prepare themselves for the day's tests whilst being provided with a healthy breakfast. There is no charge for the breakfast club. However, we need you to sign and return the permission slip by Friday 4th May.

Last Wednesday, children in Years 3 to 5 were treated to a wonderful performance of 'The Railway Children'. It was amazing! Everyone was excited and we all enjoyed it. The actors did an amazing job. I overheard the Year 3s saying that it was a great experience.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the school council foodbank project! With your help, we managed to collect two big bags of donations which Alex, our caretaker, kindly delivered to the Foodbank in Hoxton last week. The foodbank were incredibly grateful for the donations and for our support.

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th May to take class, individual and sibling photographs. We ask that your child/children wear school uniform.

Mobile phones are not encouraged to be brought into school by pupils. In exceptional circumstances there may be no alternative but they must be switched off on entering the school grounds and then handed into to the class support staff for safe keeping during the day. Pupils must not use them inside the school grounds.

Improving school attendance is always a school priority. Attendance is significantly affected by requests for Leave of Absence, the majority of which were for holiday requests. All holidays are unauthorised. School is working with in liaison with the School Attendance Officer to work with families to address poor attendance. Thank you to all parents who ensure that their child attends school as regularly as possible. This week we have introduced a class incentive to improve attendance. The class that receives the highest attendance every week will enjoy extra 'Golden Time' every Friday.

I was delighted to read the first Harrington Hill PTFA newsletter issued last week which is available on the school website. The PTFA provide support to staff and pupils to assist in raising funds for extracurricular activities, outings and any additional needs by the school. The next cake sale will be on Wednesday 9th May from 3.30pm. Please come and support this event.

There has been an improvement in the consideration taken when dropping/collecting children in relation to parking. Thank you to all parents who make a concerted effort to consider the safety of our children and respect the impact that parking has on safety and local residents.

I am looking forward to a long weekend as it is a bank holiday next Monday 7th May and school will be closed on that day. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all Tuesday 8th May from 8.45am.

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May.

William Shakespeare

Best Wishes, Kirstie Barrett—Head of School

Messages!

Congratulations to **Sky Class** who had the highest attendance last week and will enjoy extra 'Golden Time' this Friday

CAKE SAFE—Wednesday 9th May from 3.30pm

The HHPTFA will be holding a cake sale on the Mount Pleasant Site in the playground near the Year 3 & 4 entrance on Wednesday 9th May

The cakes can be homemade or shop bought (although the homemade cakes always sell much better!). Please could you/your child take the cakes (wrapped, with the ingredient list, and these must be nut free) to the Mount Pleasant school office on the morning of Wednesday 9th May.

We would be very grateful of donations!

If you would like to help please email: hhptfa@gmail.com



The **Summer Fayre** is taking place after school on Friday 22nd June from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. We are looking for entrepreneurs to showcase and sell their products on the day. The cost of the stall will be £30. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please send a brief description of the items to sell to Rebecca Tucker via the school office.

We will be in touch with people nearer the time to let them know if they have been successful.

SUMMER fayre

Contact Telephone

It is important that the school office have current and correct contact details of parents/carers. In particular mobile and telephone numbers which are especially vital when children are ill and contact needs to be made. Please could you ensure the office staff are notified if you have changed address or telephone numbers.

Picking up your child at the end of the day

If you change arrangements for picking up your child at the end of the school day, please ensure you inform school to avoid any confusion at home times.

School Council Foodbank Project

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School council designing posters to raise awareness of the foodbank project



Micah speaking to our KS2 children about the project during an assembly