



Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

This term feels like one of the longest I can remember... but I also can't believe it is now the middle of December!

We have achieved so much in all year groups this term and children have approached everything with high levels of enthusiasm, determination and produced some great hard work. Trips, visits into and out of school, plus the many events which have taken place, have all been highly successful and I am grateful to the pupils, staff and to you, for your support and cooperation in making these happen.

Well done to our Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children for their superb Christmas performances. 360 pupils provided two performances each and did so with such confidence, positive attitudes and enjoyment. Thank you to all of you who attended and supported the children.

The next term promises to be as busy and positive as this one. Children return on Thursday 4th January.

I would like to wish you all a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas and a very happy 2024. Thank you for your support, feedback and willingness to work with us. It makes a huge and valued difference to what we do and to your children.

Mr Andy Lyons

Headteacher

Attendance Report

Reception

93.54%

Year 1

96.27%

Year 2

96.78%

Year 3

96.21%

Year 4

95.94%

Year 5

95.40%

Year 6

94.88%

School total

95.61%

Hockey Festival





Some of our Year 3 and 4 children have had the opportunity to take part in a Hockey Festival at the City of Peterborough Hockey Club.

The children really improved as the festival went on, they loved playing and they all showed excellent sportsmanship.

All children did a fantastic job representing the school. Well done to those who took part.

Nativity! The Musical

Earlier this year The Cresset put on a production of **Nativity! The Musical**, which starred 2 of our amazing year 5 pupils, Ada and Emily!



Fundraising

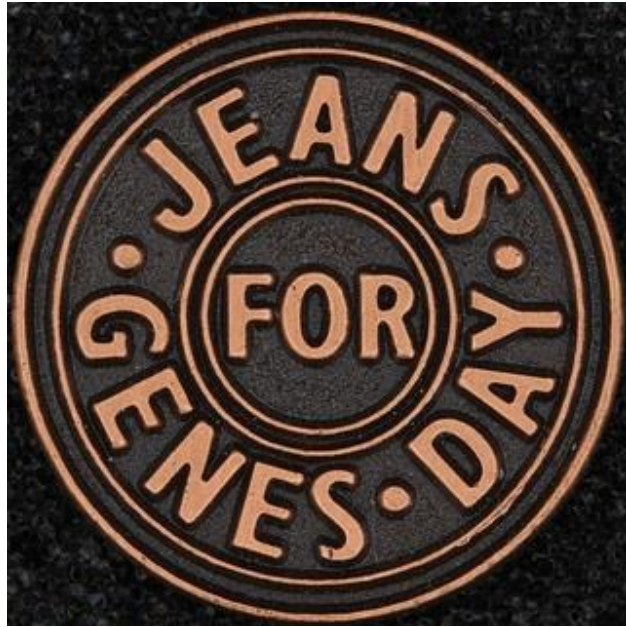
This term we have seen some amazing fundraising from our wonderful families.

For our non-school uniform day for Children in Need we raised an incredible **£496.73!**

Another non-school uniform day wearing jeans or denim, saw us raise **£343.29** for our Jeans for Genes day!

We also collected over **100** shoeboxes this year for The House of Opportunity Christmas Box Appeal, every shoe box makes a real difference to the person who receives them.

We enjoyed **TWO** Christmas Jumper days, and also raised an amazing amount donate to the The Alzheimer's Society.





Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to these causes.

School Grounds Reminders



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT MOBILE PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Please can we remind all visitors to the school to **NOT** push the front gate into the school grounds, this unfortunately causes the gate to break and is costly to repair, please ring the bell and wait for the gate to open for you, it is really important to keep this working properly to help keep the school grounds safe and secure.

- Please can we ask parents to park considerately when dropping off and collecting their children from school.
- Please can we also ask that parents wait until the gates have all been opened by our site manager before coming into the school grounds, the only people inside the school grounds before 8:35am should be those who take part in Sensory Circuits or those attending Swans, these will be buzzed in by the Swans Club team. We do understand you would like your children to be in school promptly, however this again is to keep the school grounds as safe as we can, please can parents of children who walk to also have this chat with their children and ask them to **NOT** buzz the gate open for other people.
- Please **DO NOT** smoke or vape on the school grounds.

- Please remember to lock up bikes and scooters, and to take them home at the end of the day. If your child takes part in an after school club or booster group, the grounds will be locked before they come out so please bear this in mind when leaving bikes and scooters.
- **No** biking or scootering is permitted in the school grounds.

Year 4 Peterborough Music Hub Concert



Earlier this term year 4 attended a concert hosted by Peterborough Music hub.

Some schools in Peterborough were able to showcase the musical instrument they have been learning during the Autumn term. The children performed exceptionally well and the standard of behaviour and engagement was very high.

Well done to everyone who performed we are very proud of you all.

Panathlon Event

A small group of KS2 children attended a multi-sports event recently and did a fantastic job of representing our school.

The children showed their passion, teamwork and determination in all of the sporting events.

We are very proud of how they performed, behaved and supported one another.

The children should be incredibly impressed with themselves and they all returned to school with smiley faces and beautiful medals.





The Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA



Following our plea for help, we had a huge number of parents and carers put their names forward to join our amazing PTA.

We are so pleased that the PTA are now able to continue the amazing work they do to help fundraise and provide wonderful activities for our school, some of these have already been happening this term such as face painting, the Christmas shop and the Christmas raffle!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help.

Special Visitor

This term we had a special little visitor - Obie who belongs to Miss Asplin.

Obie is a Cavapoo and came into school to meet the Year 4 children for a show and tell type activity, where they discussed new life and how we might care for a puppy.

He also got to enjoy plenty of cuddles with the children and staff.



School Dinners



Booking lunches:

Please remember that you are able to book your child's meal by midnight the day before they are required, if no meal has been booked, they will only be able to be offered a jacket potato.

Can we also ask parents to please remember to **cancel** meals when they are not required. We will only cancel meals for children who are absent or on a trip. If you decide to send your child to school with a packed lunch instead, or you know they will have an appointment over lunch, **please cancel the booking you have made.**

If you need to cancel this on the day, please call us or email the office by 9:30am.

This does also include children who are entitled to Free School Meals, and those who are entitled to the EYFS and Key Stage 1 free school meals.

When lunches are not being cancelled, this amounts to a large amount of food waste.

*These then also have to be paid for from the **school budget** and therefore has an impact on your child's education.*

Please remember that we are a **nut free school**, this includes all nut spreads such as peanut butter, almond butter and Nutella, and also includes donations, gifts and any birthday treats that are kindly brought in to share with the class.



Staff Updates



We sadly say goodbye to some members of staff this term. Mrs Cordes leaves us as a class teacher this term, after 15 years with us at Hampton Hargate. Mrs Tomson also leaves us as a class teacher temporarily to take her maternity leave.

We wish them all the best for the future and thank them for all of their hard work and commitment.

Mrs Reid will also be reducing her hours from next term, and will be now be class sharing with Mrs Finch who has already been working in our school, Mrs Finch will also be working alongside Miss Barks in Year 1.

We have also welcomed Mrs Prosser as a new HLTA.

Reading for pleasure

What a term we've had! Thank you to all those children and staff on our Reading Wall who have recommended a favourite book. Pupils and staff can watch these recommendations using the QR codes on the display. To give you a flavour, here is one by Mrs Mills...

Mrs Mills Recommends... [Find out here!](#)

Thank you again to all the families who visited our bookfair. It was great to hear cries of excited children browsing these books - testament to how much pupils at Hampton Hargate Primary enjoy reading!

Developing a habit of reading for pleasure leads to better educational, emotional and social outcomes. But what does 'reading for pleasure' mean? It means reading what you want to read, based on your own interests and preferences. It means reading without being worried about being graded or judged. It also means having someone read to you at any age or sharing a book. Click below to find out more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdh-OnBfJvU>

Thank you also to our Reading Ambassadors for your hard work this term: designing and carrying out a reading competition, taking part in an assembly, helping children with their Bookfair wish lists, gathering information from your classes about favourite authors and favourite books. Watch this space for more reading for pleasure news...

Ideas for the holidays

Here are a few ideas to get you started off from our Family Support worker.

An indoor picnic - Throw down an old sheet or rug and make some sandwiches, fruit and yogurt etc.

Make an inside den - Drape an old blanket over the settee or corner of the bedroom. Put down some cushions and let the children make their own fun.

Crafts - from crochet, sewing to air fix models and everything in between - many charity shops have needles, wool and sewing kits that are donated to them. Poundland do some kits with glitter and glue etc. They also have paper, pens, and colouring books, maybe you could make a photo album or scrap book together.

Read a book together and talk about it afterwards .

Painting - Cover up the table or floor with newspaper, use washable paint and use your hands, feet or even potatoes!

Junk modelling - cereal boxes, egg boxes, toilet roll tubes, foil and bottle tops can be used to name a few.

Board games - Children love to play these especially if you are joining in. It also helps them learn a little patience by taking turns.

Cooking - Make some cakes, cookies, pizza or even an entire meal!

Have a film afternoon and eat some popcorn that you have made

Have a treasure Hunt - Hide some small items around your house, garden and give the children clues where to look.

Make musical instruments. Use dried seeds, beans or beads and yoghurt pots to make shakers, old tubs could be made into drums.

Children may say they are bored during the holidays, but that is absolutely normal and helps them learn to find things to do.

Vacancies



We do not currently have any vacancies.

You are able to check in the future [HERE](#)

Please remember.....

ABSENCES: If your child is going to be absent from school, please make us aware as soon as possible by either leaving a message on our absence voicemail service or by emailing office@hampton-hargate.peterborough.sch.uk

The school office is open between 8:00am – 4:15pm, Monday – Friday.

You can find more information regarding attendance [HERE](#).

Lost Property



Over the term we have had a large amount of lost property including coats, cardigans and jumpers, bottles, snack boxes and more at the main entrance to the school.

Unfortunately, the items were not named so we were unable to reunite with owners, please can we ask parents to make sure **EVERYTHING** your child brings to school is named, this way we can reduce the amount of lost property we have and also get the items back to their rightful owners as quickly as possible.

We love our planet...



Don't forget to bring your used batteries into the school reception area and deposit in our battery bin for recycling.

Term Dates and Events for next year.



TERM DATES: These can also be found [HERE](#)

Spring term starts: Thursday 4th January 2024

Half-term week: Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February 2024

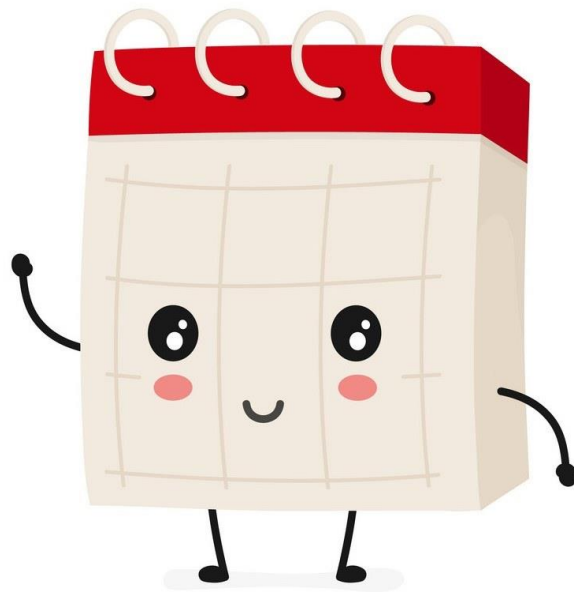
Spring term ends: Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer term starts: Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

Half-term week: Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June (Please note – children return on **Tue 4th June**)

Summer term ends: Friday 19th July 2024



Please note the following Class Assembly dates:

Wednesday 31st January - 5CW

Thursday 8th February - 4EW

Thursday 15th February - 2RW

DIARY DATES: These can also be found [HERE](#) please remember to check these regularly.

SPRING TERM 2024

JANUARY 2024

Thurs 4th Jan - Start of spring term for pupils

Thurs 18th Jan - Year 1 Multi Skills Festival

Thurs 25th Jan - Young Voices - Birmingham

FEBRUARY 2024

Thurs 1st Feb - Year 2 Multi Skills Festival

Tue 6th Feb - Safer Internet Day & Parent Evening 3.30 – 7.15pm

Wed 7th Feb - Parent Evening 3.30 – 5.15pm

19th – 23rd Feb - Half Term Week

Thurs 29th Feb - Year 3 Sports Hall Athletics

MARCH 2024

w/b 4th March - Science Week

Wed 20th March - Year 4 Performance – 9.00am / 6.00pm

Thur 28th Mar - Easter Egg Raffle 9.00am

Thur 28th Mar - End of term

SUMMER TERM 2024

APRIL 2024

Mon 15th Apr - Summer term starts for pupils

MAY 2024

Mon 6th May - Bank Holiday

W/B 13th May - KS2 SATs week

W/B 20th May - SPORTS WEEK

27th – 31st May - Half Term Week

JUNE 2024

w/b Tue 4th June - International Languages Week

Thur 6th June - Airport Day

Tue 11th June - KS2 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

Wed 12th June - KS1 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

Thur 13th June - Reception Sports Day 9.15am – 10.30am

Tue 18th June - **RESERVE** KS2 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

Wed 19th June - **RESERVE** KS1 Sports Day – 9.15am – 11.15am

19th-21st June - Year 6 Residential Week

Thur 20th June - **RESERVE** Reception Sports Day 9.15am – 10.30am

JULY 2024

Wed 3rd July - Move up day **TBC**

Mon 8th July - Year 4 Kwik Cricket Festival & Music Concert

Thur 11th July - Reports go home

Mon 15th July - Open Afternoon 3.15 – 6.00pm

Tue 16th July - Yr6 Performance 6.00pm

Fri 19th July - Yr6 Leaver Assembly (with parents) 9.00am

Fri 19th July - End of term

We will add more dates as they are confirmed. Please always refer to newsletters and letters sent home with your child or emailed to you for any late changes.

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