



Autumn Term Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy but also happy and positive return to school for this new academic year. After the disruption, challenges and difficulties faced by everyone over the last 18+ months, it has been great to reintroduce a sense of normality to school for our amazing pupils. They have hit the ground running and have already achieved a great deal over the first few weeks of term.

I would also like to welcome all of our new parents and families in our Reception classes, especially if this is your first child in our school. Also, to those who have a child joining us across other year groups, welcome to our school community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

Despite some restrictions on what we are able to do in school for parents, we are hopeful that this will improve over the coming months. We are frustrated that we cannot operate this term's Parent Evening appointments in school and face-to-face, but we are hopeful this will return in school in February, giving you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s), see your child's books and work and to look around the school and see where your child spends much of their day learning. Other events such as Parent Lesson Visits and Class Assemblies will be rearranged and will start again very soon. We are very keen to have these back in place as soon as we can.

We look forward to working with you and your child during this school year.

Attendance Report

Reception

94.17%	Year 3	96.54%
Year 1	94.10%	Year 6
93.58%	Year 4	95.91%
Year 2	93.67%	School total
94.38%	Year 5	94.65%

'This is us' bridge project in progress!

Many thanks to Mr Barker, our Site Manager who was busy over the summer holidays building the two bases for our new art installation called 'This is us!' Last term all pupils and staff painted a stone, Mrs Todisco and Miss Griffin varnished these beautiful pieces of art that represent us - all 700+ of us!

Next, we are going to fit a rope bridge that will join the two bases together. Many thanks to the wonderful FRIENDS of Hampton Hargate who donated the money for the rope bridge. Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Barrett will be calling on some of our more arty parents to help make a weather-proof sign for it.

This project came out of meetings around diversity, inclusion and well-being which also led to our 'Gift a Book' shelf full of wonderful books donated by our families that reflect our rich and diverse community.

The children are already enjoying walking on our river of stones and we all look forward to trip-trapping over the rope bridge when it arrives.



Black History Month

In the month of October, we will be reading stories from our 'Gift a Book' bookshelf to celebrate Black History Month. Thanks again to families who donated. If anybody else would like to donate, we would love to receive more texts which reflect the rich diversity of our Hampton Hargate Primary School community.



The Friends at Hampton Hargate

Thank you for all the kind donations towards our first ever "Break the Rules" day. The school was awash with brightly coloured hair, clothes, nail varnish and temporary tattoos and a fantastic £588.10 was raised.

PE



Calling all sports fans!

If your child is proud of any fitness activity that takes place outside of school we would like to hear from you. We would love to have a photograph of your child to put on our Sport Display. It will showcase some of the sporting talent we have at Hampton Hargate Primary School. Photos could be an action shot of them training, at a competition, receiving a medal or trophy.

If your child would like a chance to be on our Sports Display please can you email a photo to the school with your child's name, class and sport to office@hampton-hargate.peterborough.sch.uk .

Many Thanks

Miss Asplin and Mrs Williamson

Fundraising

Children in Need

We are holding a 'non-uniform' day on Friday 12th November to raise money for Children in Need.

If your child/ren would like to take part we are asking for a donation of **£1** per child which will go towards Children in Need. You can pay your donation online through ParentPay or if you are unable to do this, give a donation to your child's class teacher.

This is not a compulsory event and if your child does not wish to take part then they should come to school in their uniform as normal.



Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who took part and made a donation towards the school's Jeans for Genes Day last week. Together we raised an incredible £448.90 for the Jeans for Genes Charity.



Dogs

We have noticed an increase in our four-legged friends walking up to drop off and collect children at the start and end of the school day. We would ask you to be mindful that some of our children are very nervous around dogs, particularly when they are barking. Please can we ask that you ensure all dogs are on leads and that you stand away from the entrance and exits to allow the children to confidently arrive at and leave school.

Scooters and Bikes

Please can we remind parents to ensure that all scooters and bikes that are left in the bike sheds are locked to keep them safe.

We have had several incidents of scooters/bikes being removed or attempted to be removed over recent weeks. Please lock them while on school site and please do not leave them overnight.

Please remember.....



- Activate ParentPay Account
- School Dinner Payments

Leave of Absence - Holidays

We are aware of the change of restrictions regarding travel that were brought in on 4th October 2021.

We would like to remind you that all requests to remove a child from the school, during term time for the purpose of a holiday will not be approved by the Headteacher or Local Authority. Only requests where the reason for absence is due to an exceptional circumstance with evidence as such will be considered as per the legislation and the school's Attendance Policy.

Autumn Weather

As Autumn has arrived and the weather is changing, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather and bring their coats (and jumpers) with them..... with their names in!



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 the Spring and Summer Term

AUTUMN TERM 2021 SEPTEMBER 2021

OCTOBER 2021

25th - 29th Oct Half-term week

NOVEMBER 2021

Tue 9th Nov - New intake meeting for Reception September 2022 6.15pm

Wed 10th Nov - New intake meeting for Reception September 2022 9.15am

Fri 12th Nov - Children In Need Day - non-uniform

DECEMBER 2021

Wed 8th Dec - Christmas Dinner day - and Christmas jumper day 1

Fri 10th Dec - Christmas jumper day 2

Fri 17th Dec - End of term for pupils

Term Dates for 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Autumn Term starts: Thursday 2nd Sept 2021

Half term: Monday 25th - Friday 29th Oct 2021

Autumn Term ends: Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Spring Term starts: Wednesday 5th January 2022

Half term: Monday 14th - Friday 18th February 2022

Spring Term ends: Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Summer Term starts: Tuesday 19th April 2022

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022

Half term: Monday 30th May - Monday 6th June 2022

(Children return after half term on **Tuesday 7th June**)

Summer Term ends: Tuesday 19th July 2022



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