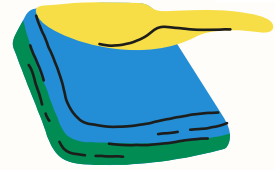




# Harpfield Newsletter



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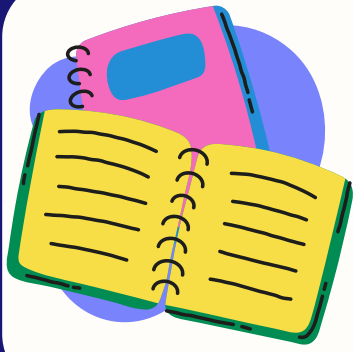
Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate all that our children have achieved.

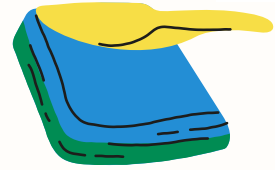
Last week, we were delighted to welcome a number of headteachers from across the Trust, alongside members of the central team, who spent the day in our wonderful school. They visited classrooms, spoke with pupils and staff and looked carefully at the children's writing books. I am incredibly proud to share that they were highly impressed with the children's behaviour, their positive attitudes to learning and the high standard of work seen across the school. The visitors commented on the calm, purposeful environment and the pride our pupils take in their learning—something we should all celebrate.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who have worked tremendously hard in completing their SATs this week. They approached the challenge with ambition, determination and resilience and represented the school superbly. We are all extremely proud of their efforts and the maturity they have shown throughout this important milestone. We will find out their results in July.





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Looking ahead, we have the next set of statutory assessments taking place after half term. Year 1 will be undertaking their Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 will complete the Multiplication Tables Check. There are only a few weeks remaining so please continue to support your children at home with reading, phonics practice and times tables. Every little bit of practice makes a real difference and we appreciate your partnership in this.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of our school community. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break when it arrives and we look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready for the final half term of the academic year.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Adlington



# Communication

Almost all of our communication is shared via email and Class Dojo. Please ensure that we have your correct email address on file and that you have signed up to Class Dojo so you don't miss any important updates. If you need any support with this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, we encourage you to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

For more serious concerns or incidents, please contact the school office (01782 234984 / enquiries@harpfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk). The office team will ensure that you are directed to the most appropriate member of staff, which may include a Senior Leader, Home School Link Worker, Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher.

Please be aware that, due to the busy nature of school life and teaching commitments, staff may not always be available immediately. However, they will always respond within their working hours as soon as they possibly can. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

## Ear Piercing

If your child is having their ears pierced this year, can I please urge you to do this at the beginning of the summer holidays as earrings have to be taken out for PE lessons. Your child should only be wearing one pair of small studs.

## Fidgets

Some items can be helpful for some children; however, they can cause a range of issues in school. These include distractions during lessons, items being broken or disagreements. To ensure that we maintain a calm, safe and focused learning environment for all, fidget items will only be provided by school staff and must be approved by Mrs O'Driscoll. The school has its own supply, which will be allocated to pupils where there is an identified need, clearly outlined within their Pupil Passport. We appreciate your support in helping us apply this approach consistently across the school.

# Attendance

At the end of every half term, Arbor will send out an automated email informing you of your child's current attendance. Our whole school target for statutory attendance (Reception to Y6) is 96%.

At the end of Summer 1- it is 95.9%!

Reception - 96.5%    Year 1 - 94.9%    Year 2 - 95.9%    Year 3 - 97.6%  
Year 4 - 96.4%    Year 5 - 96.8%    Year 6 - 95.7%

A polite reminder that holidays during term time are not authorised and may result in a penalty notice issued by the Local Authority. Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning, progress and wellbeing and we ask all families to support us in ensuring children are in school every day unless there is a genuine reason for absence. If you have any questions about attendance or need support, please don't hesitate to contact the school office or the attendance team (Mrs Adlington, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Ballantine, Mrs Lockett).

Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school and ready to learn by the start of the day. If you are experiencing difficulties that make punctuality challenging, please contact us—we are here to support you.



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

# Uniform

In preparation for September, please ensure that your child has the correct uniform for school, this also includes PE.

Jewellery - one pair of stud earrings and a watch (no smart watches) only. Earrings **MUST** be taken out for PE.

Children are not permitted to bring pencil cases, stationary or toys into school as they can get damaged or lost. School does not hold any responsibility for personal belongings.

## Boys (required items)

Navy blue polo shirt (with or without logo)

Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without logo)

Grey trousers

Black shoes

## Girls (required items)

Navy blue polo shirt (with or without logo)

Navy blue sweatshirt (with or without logo)

Grey skirt or trousers (grey tights)

Black shoes

Navy gingham dress if preferred for the Summer

## PE Kit – children will come to school dressed in their PE kit for their PE days (required items)

Light blue t-shirt (with or without logo) and navy blue shorts

Plain navy blue or black hoodie/ school jumper to go over the top of the above

Plimsolls or plain black trainers (slip-on or velcro fastening for younger children)

# Staffing Structure

Unfortunately, Mrs Powell is still too unwell to return to school. We hope that she will return over the next academic year.

Nursery: Mrs Carlyle and Miss Holland

Reception: Ms Ahmed and Miss Perry

Year 1: Mrs Edwards, Mrs Degg and Miss Cartwright

Year 2: Mr Clews and Miss Tooth

Year 3: Mrs Bebbington (Monday - Wednesday am), Mrs Wardle (Wednesday pm-Friday), Mrs Bradbury (Monday - Wednesday), Miss Sajid (Thursday- Friday) and Mrs Redhead

Year 4: Mrs Khoo, Mrs Cawley and Miss Collumbell

Year 5: Miss O'Neill, Mrs Rigby and Mrs Steele

Year 6: Mrs Hogg (Monday - Wednesday am), Mrs O'Driscoll (Wednesday pm- Friday) Miss Le'Queux and Mrs Scragg

Home-School Link Worker (safeguarding, attendance and pastoral): Mrs Lockett

Office staff: Mrs Bailey, Mrs Ballantine and Miss Shotton

Site staff: Mr Gregory and Mr Savage

Senior leaders: Mrs Adlington, Mrs O'Driscoll, Ms Ahmed and Mrs Edwards

SENDSCO: Mrs O'Driscoll

Safeguarding team: Mrs Adlington, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Hogg, Mrs Lockett and Miss Shotton

# Upcoming Events

*PLEASE NOTE - these events were shared with you back in September when we sent out our diary dates. Reminders of these dates are shared on the termly newsletters and events are also shared on Class Dojo.*

19 May - Reception assembly

19 May - Bee Active Circus Skills

22 May - Inset day

1 June - School opens

2 June - Reception trip to Apple Tree Town

3 June - Y2 trip to New Brighton

4 June - Shakespeare Showcasing Event

8 - 12 June - Y1 phonics screening test and Y4 multiplication check

8-12 June - Y6 Stanley Head

9 June - Nursery assembly

10 June - Y3 trip to Gladstone Pottery Museum

11 June - Nursery trip to Amerton Farm

16 June - Sports Day (back-up Sports Day 17 June)

18 June - Special Gentlemen's lunch (bookings only)

19 June - Athletics competition at Northwood Stadium (selected KS2 children)

29 June - School Council - community project litter picking and planting

1 & 2 July - Transition days (Y6 - some high schools may have different dates)

9 & 10 July - Matilda performances (Everyone welcome: 9th - 4:30pm, 10th - 9:30am)

13<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 leavers' party

16 July - Termly celebration assembly

17 July - Y6 leavers' assembly and last day of the academic year