



October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I really don't know where time goes; our first 8 weeks of the year are nearly complete! We've had a great start to the year. The transition into school every morning is seamless; the children enter the school and get straight to work on their morning activities. Teachers are waiting by their doors to meet and greet each pupil which is just a wonderful interaction to see. Every morning, I visit each class where I see everyone hard at work and showing lots of ambition. Have a lovely half term; school re-opens on Monday 6 November.

Kind regards,
Mrs Adlington

DATES

Key dates for the year were sent out at the beginning of September.

Copies can be found on our website: <https://www.harpfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk/main/term-dates>

Coming up:

- **26 October** – Harvest (deadline for Food Bank donations)
- **26 October** – Bonfire Special Lunch
- **26 October** – PTFA Halloween disco
- **15 November** – Y6 SATS meeting
- **17 November** – Children in Need (School Council chosen charity)
- **17 November** – Y6 Future First Mentoring day with Y7 pupils from Thistley Hough
- **29 November** – KS2 New Vic – Nutcracker (this date and cost was sent out in July)
- **29 November** – Parents' Evening (booked via Arbor)
- **14 & 15 December** – EYFS and KS1 Nativities (details to follow)
- **15 December** – Autumn term clubs finish
- **18 December** – Termly celebration assembly 1:45pm
- **19 December** – Christmas parties
- **20 December** – Christmas Lunch
- **21 December** – KS2 Carol Concert
- **22 December** – Inset day- school closed



ATTENDANCE PRIZES

Our attendance protocols were sent out to you in September.

Regular attendance and good punctuality are essential for pupils to make progress in their learning. Our whole school target for this year is **above 95%**. If a child falls below 90%, they will be classed as persistently absent and will require intervention from school. Mrs Lockett is our attendance officer and she monitors attendance regularly; you may be invited to an attendance clinic if your child drops below our whole school target.

It is important that we keep you updated of your child's attendance; therefore, you will receive an email every half term with the latest figures.

At Harpfield we celebrate good attendance in many different ways:

- Weekly recognition in celebration assemblies for the class with the highest attendance and punctuality. The class win the trophy for the week.
- The class with the most weekly wins for attendance and punctuality receive a half termly trophy and a class treat of their choice.
- Termly prize draw of a Kindle Fire HD for pupils with attendance of 98% or above.
- Individual prizes for the most improved attendance.
- Badges and £5 Love 2 Shop vouchers for termly 100% attendance.

EVENTS

Lots of exciting events have already happened over our first half term!

Keep up to date with whole school events via Dojo and our Facebook page.

- Y3 trip to Stanley Head
- Our library has opened
- 12 after school enrichment clubs on offer
- KS2 Bee Active team building day
- Y4 trip to Staffordshire Regiment Museum
- Guerrilla sessions
- Y6 meeting our local MP

SAFEGUARDING

Every term we hold an assembly about safeguarding and our protocols in school. Every child should know that every single member of staff is a trusted adult and that they can go to any of us with any worries or concerns. They also know that bullying is not tolerated at Harpfield, neither is racist or homophobic language. Should you have any concerns about anything, please speak to the class teacher or a member of the safeguarding team. We have also held our termly fire and lock down drills; the children were amazing, as ever. After Christmas, we will be holding our annual NSPCC – Stay Safe, Speak Out assembly. The children have also completed a well-being questionnaire to capture their voice on all things well-being and safeguarding in school.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

Y2: Adham and Virat

Y3: Teddy and Lucy

Y4: Zainab and Daniel

Y5: Grace and Harry

Y6: Hassan and Millie

Plus: Head Girl, Maddison and Head Boy, Lenny & Deputy Head Girl, Zahra & Deputy Head Boy, Hussain

The school council have decided to fundraise for the following charities this year: SOT Food Bank, Children in Need and MacMillan Cancer Research.

Y6 SATS RESULTS

We are really proud of our 2022-23 Y6 cohort. They did extremely well in their SATS from their individual starting points. This class missed out on the beginning of their Key Stage 2 journey due to the pandemic and worked so hard to catch up with their learning.

Reading: 64.5% expected standard, 22.5% greater depth standard

Writing: 64.5% expected standard, 22.5% greater depth standard

Maths: 64.5% expected standard, 25.8% greater depth standard

SPAG: 67.7% expected standard, 45% greater depth standard

Despite the difficulties of what the pandemic caused, this class also maintained good progress from Y2.

Zero is 'expected' progress: reading: -0.06, writing: +0.41, maths +1.09

RECEPTION AND Y6 ADMISSIONS

Reception places open on **1 November and close on 15 January**. Nursery parents – you **MUST** apply for your child's reception place for September 2024.

Y6 parents you **MUST** apply for your child's secondary school place **by 31 October**.

<https://www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions> - for households who pay their council tax to Stoke on Trent City Council.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-secondary/Apply/Overview.aspx#:~:text=The%20application%20system%20will%20open,include%20your%20catchment%20area%20school>

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx> - for households who pay their council tax to Staffordshire County Council.

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