

Houghton Regis

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Primary School

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NEWSLETTER



13 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Boys' Football Festival

On Wednesday, 11 September, a group of 10 Boys attended the Dunstable and Houghton Regis Year 5&6 Boys' Football Festival at Creasy Park. The boys played 5 matches and they finished top of their group, with 3 Wins and 2 Draws, and without conceding a goal.

As the festival was running slightly ahead of schedule and time allowed, we were invited to play a last match against a winning team from another group. Unfortunately, we conceded a late goal in this match and we lost 1-0.

All the boys played extremely well and they gave of their best throughout the day. Alex P (Year 6) was selected as our Player of the Festival.

We are extremely proud of their efforts.

Reporting child's absence at school

It is important to inform the school if your child is absent. We ask that you contact the school office before 8.45am if your child is off school for any reason. You can call the school office on 01582 867487 or email office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk to let us know your child's name, class, and reason for their absence. If we have not heard from you and your child is not in school, this becomes a safeguarding concern as we need to know their whereabouts. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

Free school meals

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call the Local Authority on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- Dates of birth for your children
- If you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

If your application is successful, please contact the school office to confirm this to enable us to update our records to reflect this.

School money

If you are struggling to log into your School Money account, the school office will be more than happy to assist. You will need to bring your phone with you to enable them to help.

Please note that we are not able to accept cash payments. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please come to the school office.

Nut free school

We would like to remind parents that we are a nut free school. Therefore, please ensure that your child's packed lunch or breaktime snack does not include nuts or contain any ingredients relating to nuts such as peanut butter or chocolate spread. This is a very important rule as it keeps members of our school community with certain allergies safe and well.

School Admissions 2025

Central Bedfordshire Council have produced a booklet to help you with applying for your child's school place for 2025.

The following link will take you to the booklet

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/5/school_admissions

The national closing dates for applications to be received by the School Admissions Team are:

31 October 2024

- Transfer to Secondary 2025
- Transfer to Upper 2025

15 January 2025

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Parking on St Michaels Avenue

This week I have had a number of emails and conversations related to the very poor parking behaviour of our parents and carers. I am sorry to have to, yet again, bring up this subject but I have been shown pictures of cars parked across people's driveways, across give ways and in other dangerous places. Firstly, for the children's safety it is very important that everyone follows the highway code (and does not break the law). Secondly it is equally important that we all model good manners to our easily influenced young audience. It has been reported to me that neighbours have had people swear at them when asked to move cars that are inappropriately parked. Indeed, earlier this week I met with a neighbour/previous parent who is very embarrassed around the situation and was himself sworn at earlier this week. Please can I ask that everyone does their part here?

There are also other better options for parking when using the Mill Road entrance to the school. I would advise parents use this side if at all possible.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr James Edwards

Headteacher







Upcoming Events

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Monday	23 September	4.30pm	Year 6	Parent meeting for year 6 residential trip
Tuesday	24 September	8.30am	Year 6	Parent meeting for year 6 residential trip
Tuesday	24 September	9.15 - 11.15am	Years 2,3 & 4	Rescheduled Sports Day
		1.30-3pm	Years 5 & 6	Rescheduled Sports Day
Wednesday	25 September	6pm	PTA	PTA AGM
Wednesday	2 October		All Children	Book Fair
Tuesday-Friday	8-11 October		Year 6	Year 6 residential visit
Thursday	10 October		Year 5	National Space Centre
Thursday	10 October		Years 3 & 4	Harvest Assembly
Monday	14 October	4-7pm	All Children	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday	17 October	3.30-5.30pm	All Children	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday	23 October		Year 6	World War 2 Wow Day
Friday	25 October		All Children	SLA Flu Immunisation Session
Friday	25 October			School closes for half-term
Thursday	31 October			Deadline for submitting High School application to the Local Authority
Monday	4 November		School Closed for All Children	INSET Day
Tuesday	5 November		All Children	Return to school
Wednesday	6 November			Prospective parents and children starting school Sept 2025
Friday	15 November		All Children	Children In Need
Thursday	5 December	9.15am and 2.30pm		Reception Nativity
Wednesday	11 December	9.10am and 2.00pm	Nursery	Jingle and Mingle
Thursday	12 December	10.30am and 2pm		Year 1 Nativity
Monday	16 December	1pm-2.30pm	Years 2, 3, & 4	Christmas Carol Concert-All Saints Church
Wednesday	18 December			Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Friday	20 December		All Children	Last day of term – school finishes at 2pm
Monday	6 January		School Closed for All Children	INSET Day
Tuesday	7 January		All Children	Return to school



Star Awards

			
Danny DETERMINATION says, "DON'T GIVE UP."	Colin CURIOSITY says, "THINK FOR YOURSELF."	Chloe COMMUNICATION says, "RESPECT OTHERS."	Izzy INDEPENDENCE says, "DO YOUR BEST."
Askel G	Lily H	Ayann S	Emily B
Paul D	Iosua U	Oliver G	Elijah B
Imogen H			Klaudia K
Teddy C			Avyukta G
Theo R-S			Isla D-S
Leon S			Conor H
Mia P			Levi
Zakariya H			Annabelle H
Zara A			David T
Cezary G			Benjamin C
Zahra R			Jessica L



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUMMER TERM 2024

Club	Year group involved	Day	Time of Day
Ballet	Year 3- 6	Tuesday	Afternoon
Ballet	Nursery-Year 2	Wednesday	Morning
Football	KS2 (Boys)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Netball	Year 3-5 (Boys and Girls)	Tuesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Football	KS2 (Girls)	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Science Club	Year 3	Thursday	3.15 - 4.00pm
Street Dance	Year 1-4	Thursday	3:30 - 4:30pm
Taekwondo	Reception- Year 6	Friday	Afternoon

This week's Attendance Awards

Reception/KS1 Prince Louis–
Platinum and Gold 100%

Lower KS2 Princess Charlotte –
Blue 98.4%

Upper KS2 Prince George–
Elizabeth 96.4%



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School Term dates for the academic year 2024/25

AUTUMN TERM

Staff Training Days: Monday 2 September 2024; Monday November 2024

Term Starts: Tuesday September 2024

Half-Term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024

Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2024 at 2pm

SPRING TERM

Staff Training Days: Monday 6 January 2025

Term Starts: Tuesday 7 January 2024

Half-Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Term Ends: Friday 4 April 2025 at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5 May 2025

Staff Training Days: Tuesday 22 April 2025; Monday 2 June 2025

Term Starts: Wednesday 23 April 2025

Half-Term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025

Term Ends: Tuesday 22 July 2025 at 2pm



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**Was your child born between
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

**They will start school in September 2025, so you
need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025.**

 **Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions**

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school
or by contacting School Admissions  admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk  **0300 300 8037**

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