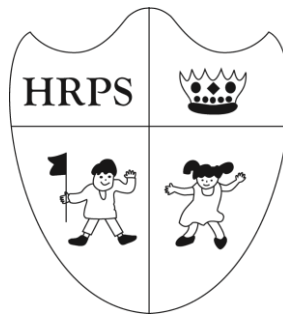


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NEWSLETTER

2 December 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Nativity Plays

I am looking forward to being able to showcase nativity plays in person this year. The children in KS1 and Early Years have been working hard learning their lines and rehearsing their scenes.

After discussions with governors and school leaders, I need to share that we will not be allowing parents to take pictures or film during the productions. Parents will be able to take a photo of their own child at the end of the event. We would like to encourage parents to enjoy the moment and not have to look at the nativity plays through a sea of smartphone screens. Furthermore, the governors wish to be fully GDPR compliant in this area. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Data Collection sheets

You should have received a data collection sheet to update your child's contact details and advise of any updates. It is really important that the information we hold on our school system is up to date, especially if we need to contact you in the event of an emergency. If for any reason you require a copy of your child's data collection sheet, please request one from the school office. Please return your signed data collection sheet to the school office by Friday 9 December.

School Clubs

Please note that on the last week of term there are no School Clubs, with the exception of Gymnastics on Tuesday 13 December and Maths on Wednesday 14 December. All Clubs return on week commencing 9 January 2023.

Christmas Post Box

If your child would like to send a Christmas card there is a post box in the main hall.

Changes to the School Day

Due to changes to school hours introduced by Central government we will be changing the finish time to 3:15 for all classes. This change will be actioned from January 2023.

National Measurement Programme, Thursday 19 January 2023- Year 6

The School Nursing Service routinely visits schools as part of the Healthy Child Programme and to support with the National Child Measurement Programme. The team will measure your child's height and weight. You will be informed of the results of the measurements and these will be recorded onto your child's electronic health records, which can be seen by your GP and other health professionals, such as the audiology service.

- If you are happy for the School Nurse team to see your child you do not need to do anything.
- If you do not want nurse to measure your child, please inform school office in writing.

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

Kind regards

James Edwards

Headteacher



***This week's
Attendance Awards***

Reception/KS1 Prince
Louis – Green 95.5%

Lower KS2 Princess
Charlotte – Elizabeth
100%

KS2 - Prince George-
Onyx 91.4%



Messages from the HRPS PTA

PTA – Christmas Gift Alley, Friday 9 December

Thank you for your kind donations on Monday, we have been blown away with your generosity and are looking forward to seeing you all, next Friday for the Christmas Gift Alley- Doors will open from 3.20 pm.

As we only have 1 card reader this will be a **cash only event**.

- Stalls for Years 5 & 6 will be in amethyst class and red class
- Stalls for years 2, 3, 4 and PTA will be in the main hall, with refreshments from the kitchen hatch.
- Stalls for nursery, reception, and Year 1 will be in the conservatory outside orange class and inside orange class.

Entrances:

- Playground ramp
- Door by the bike sheds
- Conservatory outside orange class

(You will be able to get into orange from the main hall and vice - versa)

Other the main gate, the remaining gates will be closed shortly after the event starts. The doors for the playground ramp will be the **ONLY EXIT**.

Please note this is for safeguarding purposes and the children that attend after school club, the pickup will be from Green class for this event.

Raffle tickets available for purchase all week commencing the 5 December before and after school in the gazebo. £1 a strip, we are unable to accept card payment for this.

£50 cash prize, Wine, chocolates, Mini Maines voucher and plenty more to choose from.

Raffle will be drawn at 5pm on Friday 9 December at the gift alley.

See you soon and thanks again for your continued support

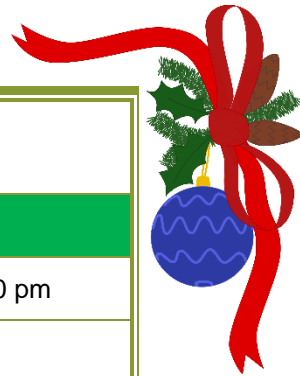


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Year groups involved	Date
KS1 Nativity - tickets available in school office	Years 1 & 2	Tuesday, 6 December 2022 - 1:45 – 3.00 pm
Christmas Piano and Choir Concert If your child learns piano at school or is in Mrs Henshall's choir and you would like to attend please contact the school office to reserve a place in the audience.	Choir and Piano Pupils	Tuesday, 6 December 2022 – 9:30-10:30am
KS1 Nativity - tickets available in school office	Years 1 & 2	Wednesday, 7 December 2022 - 9:15 am
Reception Nativity	R	Wednesday, 7 December 2022 – 2:00 pm
KS1 Nativity - tickets available in school office	Years 1 & 2	Wednesday, 7 December 2022 – 3:45 pm
Reception Nativity	R	Thursday, 8 December 2022 – 10:00 am
School Finishes	All	Friday, 16 December 2pm
Jingle Mingle	Nursery	Wednesday, 14 December 2022 Performance 1 at 9:10 am (Morning Nursery) Performance 2 at 2 pm (Afternoon Nursery)
School opens	All	Wednesday, 4 January 2023
New Nursery start	Nursery	Thursday, 5 January 2023
National Child Measurement Programme	Year 6	Thursday, 19 January 2023
PTA EVENTS		
Gift Alley	All	Friday, 9 December 2022 – 3:30 onwards
School Disco Reception, Year 1& 2- a few tickets remaining Years 3-6- SOLD OUT	All	Monday, 12 December 2022 3:00-6:00pm
Santa's Grotto	All	Wednesday, 14 December 2022
Christmas Jumper Day	All	Wednesday, 14 December 2022
Christmas Lunch Please select your child's option on SchoolGrid	All	Wednesday, 14 December 2022



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."
Arber A	Grace D	Ivy S	Keyan M
Lilah M	Alisia C	Harper H	Oliver G
Floeda M	Liam D	Theo C	Nathan S
Ella-Grace P	Andrei D	Layla M	Eleni W
Siluan R		Spencer A	
Antonia B			
Soraiya N			
Darius M			
Kyrie A			
Aaira			



Children's Flu Vaccination Clinics

(for children in Reception year up to Year 6 only)

If your child still needs a flu vaccination we have Saturday clinics available as follows: -

10th December 2022 - Milton Keynes

19th December 2022 - Milton Keynes

20th December 2022 - Bedford

21st December 2022 - Milton Keynes

22nd December 2022 - Luton Clinic

If you would like to book an appointment please call us on **0300 790 0594** and we will then give you the details of the venue.

