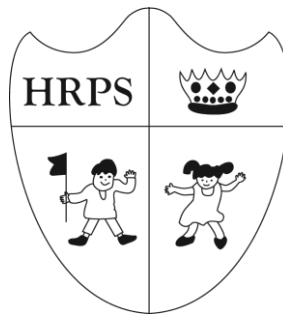


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NEWSLETTER

22 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers



Children in Need



On Friday 15 November, our school took part in raising money for Children in Need. This is the BBC's UK charity for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. Many schools such as ours take part annually to raise money. The overall vision is that every child in the UK has a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to reach their full potential.

"We made Pudsey bear boxes to collect the donations. We went to all the classes and collected the money. Pudsey bear was very heavy when we came back to Orange class!"

A big thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising for Children in Need. We had fun learning about working together to make a difference. As a school we raised £226.63 towards this worthy cause.



"Our Master Chefs baked the most delicious SPOTacular cupcakes and Pudsey biscuits. We absolutely love the detailed eye patch on Pudsey! We thank you all for taking the time to bake, bake and bake!"

Our School Parliament decided to run a competition to design a new friend for Pudsey bear. We had plenty of entries!

The School Parliament found it rather challenging to choose the winning designs. They were all so well thought out. Every design that entered the competition contained unique characteristics making it very difficult to choose. After much discussion, 8 designs were selected and the children were presented with a very special Pudsey certificate.



Thank you to everyone for their valuable contributions. We couldn't have raised this much money without you all.

Houghton Regis Primary v Limetree Academy

Girls' Team

It was on a very cold afternoon on Wednesday that our Girls' team managed to win their game 1-0. They showed great resilience and courage with Everly scoring in the first half. Our goalkeeper Danielle made a terrific save in the second half that stopped the opposition scoring.

Well done to all the girls that made the team: Alisia, Annabelle, Danielle, Diana, Dishana, Ellie, Everly, Hanna, Sophia and Lyra.

Boys' Team

We were very pleased to host Limetree Academy. The boys had a very difficult start to their match and despite patches of good teamwork and resilience and a handful of opportunities they eventually lost to a much stronger outfit.

This was a valuable learning opportunity for the boys as they prepare for future games. That being said, it was very pleasing to see the positive support the boys gave to the HRPS girls during their match.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 18 December 2024

Please select your child's Christmas lunch option on SchoolGrid.



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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
Tuesday	3 December	11.00-11.30am	Choir	Visit to All Saints View
Thursday	5 December	9.15am and 2.30pm		Reception Nativity
Friday	6 December	9.30am		Prospective parents and children starting school Sept 2025
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	1.00pm-2.30pm	Years 2, 3, Choir	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 2.00pm
Monday	6 January		School closed for all children	INSET Day
Tuesday	7 January		All children	Return to school
Friday	10 January		Year 6	Heights & Weights



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.”
Emily H	Adonis D	Elvin S	Kierah-Lily D
Antonia C	Mikael I	Logan S	Devrim B
Freya C	Harry O.	Marlowe	Natalia S
Ezra C	Hannah		Connor D
Alex P	Dishana S		
Victoria S	Saoirse H		
Sofia Y	Abigail BP		
Lois U			
Everly			
Ava H			
Laura M			
Elliott S			
Emily H			



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AUTUMN 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
Green

Lower KS2, Princess Charlotte
Yellow

Upper KS2, Prince George
William



School Term dates for the academic year 2024/25

AUTUMN TERM

Staff Training Days: Monday 2 September 2024; Monday 4 November 2024

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 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

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

15 January 2025

- Starting School 2025
- Transfer to Middle 2025



EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Penalty Notice Fines for absence from school are changing

From 19th August 2024 Penalty Notice fines
increase to £160 for each parent, for each child.



You can be fined if your child has a total of 5 days of unauthorised absences in 10 school weeks, for things like:

- being late after the register has closed
- truancy
- taking a holiday without permission from the school
- or if a headteacher isn't satisfied for the reason for missing school

Over a rolling 3-year period the sanctions are:

- 1st offence – £160 reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- 2nd offence – £160
- 3rd offence – Court hearing and up to £2,500 fine, or up to 3 months in prison and a criminal record

For more information go to:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/missing-school



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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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