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Houghton Regis Primary School Newsletter
Friday 25th April 2025

Acting Headteacher: Mrs R Parmar
Chair of Governors: Mr T Muldownie

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends and making lovely memories over the Easter break.

The children have settled back well and have enthusiastically engaged in their learning. They have been keen to share news and events from the Easter break and it is lovely to see them engage in conversations with such confidence.

In our assemblies this week, we discussed the importance of keeping safe by following rules and how this empowers our decisions to make positive choices. We shared what our school would be like if we did not have any rules and we agreed that rules are needed to ensure a safe learning environment for all. I was extremely impressed with the children's responses, particularly when they shared the most important rule for them at school.

We have a very busy term ahead with many activities planned for the children from educational visits to discos, workshops to sports days and transition days to enterprise week! Thank you in advance for supporting all of these activities and to the staff for organising them.

This term, we will have a strong focus on transition—whether this be year 6 children moving to secondary, nursery children to reception classes or year groups moving internally within the school. We understand that moving schools or classes is a big change, so we have planned to support our children in the best way possible. Our transition programme consists of: teacher information sharing, data analysis, pupil interaction time, transition booklets and additional targeted visits where required. We appreciate your support with this transition, as it will help your child to feel confident and successful about next year.

We are looking forward to launching our clubs next week. If your child has secured a place in one of our clubs, they would have received a letter before the Easter holidays.

A reminder that our Parent Consultation Evenings are being held for children in Yellow, Sapphire, Elizabeth and Green classes. Appointment sheets are available outside your child's classrooms. Please see below:

Day	Date	Time	Classes
Tuesday	6th May	3:45pm-6:15pm	Yellow, Sapphire, Elizabeth & Green
Thursday	8th May	4:00-7:00pm	Yellow, Sapphire & Elizabeth

We have accumulated a high volume of lost property. Next week, these items will be available on the playground by the gazebo. Please feel free to reclaim any items that have been misplaced.

PTA Updates

The PTA has organised an end of term disco on Friday 23rd May. On this day, children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 can come to school in suitable party wear, as their discos will be taking place during the school day. Please note that the finishing time for the Years 1 and 2 disco is 3:30pm.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming the sunshine next week! Please remember to send children in with a water bottle, sunhat and apply sun cream before school.

Mrs R Parmar

VALUE OF THE MONTH
FOR APRIL:

Ambition

a strong desire to achieve goals and excel



Kidz Zone Before and After
School Club
Information

If you would like further information on Kidz Zone, please visit our website or book on www.kidzzoneclub.com.

PTA School Disco
Friday 23rd May



Thank you to the PTA for organising our annual school disco. Please see the timings below:

Nursery & Reception—1:45-2:30pm
Years 1 & 2—2:30-3:30pm
Years 3 & 4—3:30-4:30pm
Years 5 & 6—4:30-5:30pm

A £2 entry fee will be charged and children will be provided with a drink and snack.

School Dinners

From 1st May, the cost of school dinners will increase to:

Nursery—£2.40

Years 3-6—£2.60

This can be paid via SchoolGrid.

Studybugs QR Code



Attendance Winners

EYFS/KS1: Platinum, Ruby & Orange with 100%

KS2: Amber with 99%

Whole School Attendance: 94%

Housepoint Winners

EYFS/KS1: Windsor—81 points

KS2: Balmoral—209 points

Overall Winning House: Balmoral—270 points

EARLY YEARS

Nursery

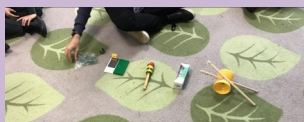
This week, we have been settling the children back into their school routine, as well as welcoming some new children to our school. The children in Silver class have enjoyed learning about minibeasts and using the magnifying glasses to take a closer look at the minibeasts set in resin. This has sparked great conversation amongst the children and their peers. Minibeasts play a crucial role in ecosystems, pollinating plants, breaking down waste, and serving as food for other animals. This has helped children to develop an appreciation for nature.



KEY STAGE 1

Year 1

This week, we have been working as history detectives. The children have searched for clues about the past and put them together to find out what happened about certain events. They were also keen to learn about toys from the past and had fun playing with them.



Reception

The children were very excited and eager to share their stories about their Easter holidays and how many chocolate eggs they ate! They were pleased to return to school and see all their friends again.

Our topic for the next two weeks is Travel. The children will be making passports and planning where they would like to go on a holiday. We will be packing a suitcase, making sure that we have everything we need to travel on an aeroplane.



Year 2

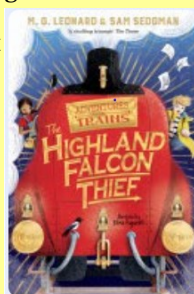
We have started the summer term with a bang! In English, we have started reading *The Magic Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton. We have loved hearing about all the different lands the children visit when they climb the tree and are looking forward to writing about a land of our own soon. In maths, we have started learning about fractions. We have been looking at parts and wholes and have used bar models and part whole models to demonstrate our learning.



LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Year 3

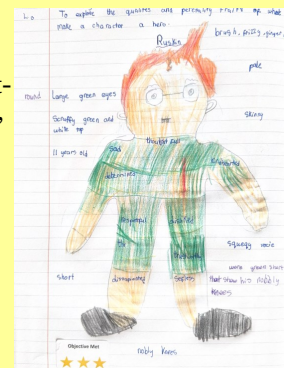
We are excited to read a new book for our English unit. We are reading *The Highland Falcon Thief*, which follows a young boy and his uncle on the last journey of the famous train *The Highland Falcon*. The children will be writing their own setting description of the train journey as it crosses the famous Forth bridge in Scotland. They will be using expanded noun phrases, subordinating conjunctions and even subordinate clauses. This adventure story has already captured their imagination, and we look forward to seeing some interesting writing.



Year 4

The children have returned from the Easter break with a positive attitude to their learning. This week, we started our new class reader, *Krinklekrax*, and the children are enjoying the book!

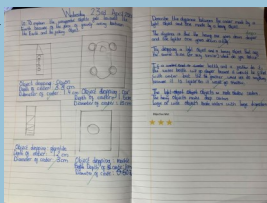
They completed a character analysis exploring a hero's qualities and personality traits, using information from the book.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

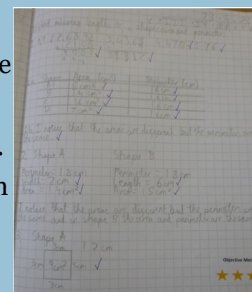
Year 5

This week, we have been diving into the features of diary entries, learning how to express thoughts and experiences with clarity and emotion. In maths, we have continued our work on perimeter by applying our understanding to solving problems involving unknown side lengths by using given measurements. In science, we have started our new topic on forces with a hands-on investigation: we explored the effect of gravity on falling objects by measuring the size of craters created in flour.



Year 6

This week, we started reading our new class book called *Holes* by Louis Sachar. We wrote a setting description based on Camp Green Lake and we worked hard to include descriptive language. In maths, we have been looking at the area and perimeter of quadrilaterals and compound shapes. We also looked at the area of triangles. In our lessons, we found out that shapes can have the same perimeters but have different areas.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Congratulations to the following children:

<i>Early Years</i>	<i>Sean J, Maria C, Vira K, Finley A, Abigail C</i>
<i>Years 1 & 2</i>	<i>Adalin I, Paul De J, Ruth P, Tattva S</i>
<i>Years 3 & 4</i>	<i>Tommy W, Israel A, Sherwain T, Oliver G</i>
<i>Years 5 & 6</i>	<i>Ciara-C M, Jayla G, Thomas P, Jessica L</i>



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Upcoming Events:

Day	Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Monday	28 April			All clubs to resume
Monday	5 May		All children	School closed—May Bank Holiday
Tuesday	6 May		Year 4	Trip to Tring Museum
Tuesday	6 May	3:45-6:15pm	Year 1—Green Year 3—Yellow Year 5—Sapphire & Elizabeth	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday	8 May		Year 1	Trip to Wardown Park Museum
Thursday	8 May	4:00-7:00pm	Year 3—Yellow Year 5—Sapphire & Elizabeth	Parent Consultation Evening
Monday-Thursday	12-15 May		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Friday	16 May		Year 6	Bowling Trip
Monday-Friday	19-23 May		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs Week—Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Friday	23 May	1:45-2:30pm 2:30-3:30pm 3:30-4:30pm 4:30-5:30pm	Reception Years 1 & 2 Years 3 & 4 Years 5 & 6	PTA Disco—children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 can come to school in appropriate party wear on this day.
Monday-Friday	26-30 May		All children	Half-Term
Monday	2 June		All children	INSET Day—school closed for all children
Tuesday	3 June		Year 6	Go Construct Knex Challenge
Tuesday	3-6 June		Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs Week—Maths
Monday	9 June		All children	School photographs - please ensure children have their full uniform in school for their photograph.
Monday-Friday	9-13 June		Year 1 & Year 2 resitting	Phonics Screening Check Week
Tuesday	10 June	9:30-10:30am	Nursery & Reception	Sports Day
		1:30-2:30pm	Nursery (PM)	Sports Day
Thursday	12 June	9:30-11:00am	Years 1 & 2	Sports Day
		1:30-3:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Sports Day
Wednesday	18 June	9:30-10:30am	Nursery & Reception	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
		1:30-2:30pm	Nursery (PM)	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
Wednesday	18 June		Year 3	Trip to Buckingham Railway Centre
Thursday	19 June	9:30-11:00am	Years 1 & 2	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
		1:30-3:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Sports Day (Reserve Day)
Monday-Friday	23-27 June	All day	Year 6	Careers Week/Enterprise Week
Thursday	26 June	3:00-3:45pm	Year 6	Year 6 Enterprise Fair
Wednesday	25 June		Year 2	Trip to Ashridge
Tuesday	8 July		Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs results
Tuesday	8 July	5:00-6:00pm	Year 6	End of year production
Wednesday	9 July	9:30-10:30am	Year 6	End of year production
Thursday	10 July	2:00-3:00pm	Year 6	End of year production
Monday	21 July	9:15-10:00am	Year 6	Leavers' Assembly
Monday	21 July	4:00-5:30pm	Year 6	Leavers' Party
Tuesday	22 July		All children	Last day of term—school closes at 2pm

What Is a PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. Volunteer organisations like this are usually composed of parents, class reps, teachers and other school staff who come together for regular meetings to discuss the school year and upcoming events.

PTAs bridge the gap between parents, teachers and pupils, helping to build productive relationships and further ensure the school is a place where pupils can thrive.

PTAs are now established in most schools and parents enjoy working closely with teachers, creating bonds with other parents, fundraising for events, working with the local community and learning more about the curriculum.

What Do PTAs Do?

These groups may aim to accomplish a range of things, all usually geared at making the school a better place to learn.

Members of a PTA are likely to work together to raise money with a variety of creative events throughout the school year, encouraging the whole community to get involved.

PTA Events at Houghton Regis Primary School

In previous years, the Houghton Regis PTA has organised summer fetes, Santa's Christmas Grotto, discos and a sponsored walk to name a few.

Why are PTAs Important?

PTAs give parents more of a voice and get them feeling involved. Parents can provide the school community with a fresh perspective and highlight any concerns in a supportive environment.

The organisations are also instrumental in providing additional opportunities for pupils by strengthening the overall school experience.

Why Should You Join a PTA?

Being a part of your child's school PTA has several benefits:

- Scheduled meetings allow parents to keep up to date with upcoming academic events and socials.
- It creates stronger relationships with staff members, where they can easily communicate expectations and standards of learning.
- It allows parents to establish relationships and network with other parents.
- Parents can support the school in creating the best environment possible for their child and other pupils, helping make a real difference.
- PTA members can learn new skills, from fundraising and problem-solving to communication and creativity.
- As a member of the PTA, you'll be able to see measurable results and appreciate the impact of all your efforts!

Please email the Chair, Mrs R Reid-Stavrinides at: ptahrps@gmail.com if you would like to find out more information.

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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