



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome back! Last week the children returned to school after the summer break full of enthusiasm for the new school year ahead. I have been blown away by the excellence shown by pupils across the school. A huge welcome also to our new nursery and reception pupils as well as new joiners in years 3, 4 and 5!

EYFS's key text for this half term is 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. In the story, Mr Bear just can't get to sleep! The children launched the new book with a pyjama party, playing a game of "What's that night time noise?" and learning about bedtime routines - especially the importance of brushing their teeth, which the children do every day after lunch!

Year 1 have had an amazing week. They have been learning number bonds in maths and in English they have been writing expanded noun phrases linked to their topic 'Pirates.'



Year 3 have been introduced to their topic, The Stone Age and have learnt key events that happened during this period. In science they have been rock detectives, scouring the school to find what is made of rocks. They are creating a survey in I.T - the children came up with their own question and surveyed each other. They will be presenting the data in charts in their I.T lessons in the coming weeks.



Year 4 are reading 'George's marvellous medicine'. They are learning to write using expanded noun phrases, prepositions and a variety of sentence types to create their very own chapter of the book.

Year 5 have been enjoying their reading text The Children of the Benin Kingdom linked to Ancient Benin. This adventure story has kept them on the edge of their seats and they have been able to really step into the shoes of a child escaping dangerous warriors in the Nigerian forest.

Year 6 have been enjoying learning about their topic, Ancient Greece; they have looked at Greek mythology and what it means to write a great myth of their own.

Have a lovely long weekend—see you all on Tuesday.

Rebecca Kennedy
Head of School



In memory of Her Majesty

Last week we were all saddened by the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We had an assembly in memory of her long reign and held 1 minute of silence to show our respect.



We explained to the children that many people are going to feel sadness and grief at this news, and that they may see adults visibly upset. Loss and grief can be hard for some pupils to see and understand. We will continue to support pupils through our established wellbeing approach and keep a watchful eye for any pupils showing signs of distress. If you have any concerns about your child in relation to this event, or wish to discuss the response of the school, please contact us.

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM

Bank Holiday—school closed

Monday 19th September

Half Term

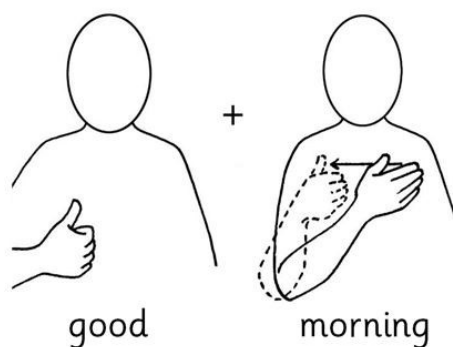
Monday 24th—Friday 28th October

Return to School

Monday 31st October

Mrs Williams Corner!

Makaton sign of the week



Good Morning



It has been wonderful to see lots of families attending the class meetings with teachers this year. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to **connect** as a community and make a positive start to the year.

Maths in Year 2

Year 2 have begun their Maths Mastery journey by exploring the place value of 2-digit numbers. They have enjoyed identifying and showing tens and ones using Dienes.



Attendance

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How quickly another week has flown by!
This year we are aiming for an attendance target of 97%

Please note the following

100% Attendance – 0 Days Missed – **Excellent**

95% Attendance – 9 Days of Absence, 1 week and 4 days of Learning Missed – **Satisfactory**

90% Attendance – 19 Days of Absence, 3 week and 4 days of Learning Missed – **Poor**

85% Attendance – 28 Days of Absence, 5 week and 3 days of Learning Missed – **Poor**

80% Attendance – 38 Days of Absence, 7 week and 3 days of Learning Missed – **Unacceptable**

Class	Attendance	Late Marks
Nursery	90.0%	1
Reception	88.2%	1
Year 1	92.0%	1
Year 2	93.6%	8
Year 3	93.1%	12
Year 4	99.0%	5
Year 5	98.2%	6
Year 6	96.9%	11

If you need to report your child's absence, please call the school office and press option 2 to leave a message



Important Information

What to wear to school

At Harrington Hill, we ask for all pupils to be dressed in our school uniform. Trousers must be plain black or grey with no logos, stripes or patterns.

PE kits must be plain red or white T-Shirts and shorts/trousers with no logos, stripes or patterns.

Pupils in incorrect uniform will be asked to borrow a spare kit from school.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a warm waterproof coat every day, even if it is not raining. Sometimes learning takes place outdoors and children will also be expected to play outside in very light rain/drizzle.

Coffee Mornings

Parent/carer coffee mornings will begin again, starting with Friday 23rd September. Please join us!

Home Reading

Every child is expected to read to an adult daily. By reading together every day, you stimulate and strengthen your child's language and literacy skills. This benefits them not only in school but throughout life.