



Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been celebrating Neurodiversity Week. In assembly, we looked at how different we all are and why that is such a great thing!

As you are aware we have 204 children currently at HMPS. Each child brings their own opinions, learning style and uniqueness which we believe makes them who they are. Through our PSHE and well-being programmes, we support children in recognising their worth and building the resilience for them to be themselves, as well as teaching about respect for all. It is lovely when we hear how the children continue to use these values outside of school in our weekly celebration assembly.

Keep up your encouragement, it really is showing in all your child/children do!

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Bodman-Knight



RED NOSE DAY

It was wonderful to see so many children wearing red and mufti today, in support of Red Nose Day.

You all raised an amazing £112! Thank you.



World Down Syndrome Day Tuesday 21st March 2023

This is something which is close to our hearts at HMPS and something which we are very proud to support.

Believe it or not, socks get people talking!

On 21st March, choose some socks that are going to get noticed to support our families and community in raising awareness of Down Syndrome. They might be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy!

The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks you can tell them, "I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down Syndrome."

And then you can tell them everything you want them to know about Down Syndrome.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (INCLUDING TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS)

We have had several families take their children on holiday within the school term and without informing the school. This has resulted with staff following the 'Child Missing in Education' procedure. We have a duty of care to ensure the children are safe.

If you do wish to inform us of a family holiday in term time please read the following information from our attendance policy:

- In April 2013, the Government made amendments to the Education (Pupil Registration England) Regulations, these came into effect on 1st September 2013.
- Head teachers are no longer able to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are 'exceptional circumstances', (for example a family crisis, the funeral of a close relative, an entrance exam or an arts performance.)
- Authorisation for term time absence is at the discretion of the Head teacher and Governors.

This means that Head teachers are no longer able to authorise holidays taken in term time.

Requests for leave of absence must be put in writing to the Head teacher. An absence request form is available from the Office or on the website.

- A leave of absence taken without authorisation may be referred to Education Entitlement Service.
- This may result in prosecution proceedings, or a Fixed Penalty Notice. If a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued, a separate Notice would be issued to each parent for each child. The rate is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days and rises to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days.
- If the penalty notice is not paid each parent may be liable to prosecution at the Magistrates Court, and if proved, each Notice may receive a criminal conviction, and/or a fine to the maximum of £1000 plus costs.



PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Parent Consultations will take place from 3.30pm – 6.50pm on Tuesday 21st March and 3.30pm – 5.30pm on Wednesday 22nd March for all classes.

Appointment times have been sent home this afternoon.



DOLCE TASTER EVENT

Dolce will be holding a taster event during Tuesday's Parent Consultation evening, from 3.30pm in the hall.

Please do come along, sample the food and ask any questions.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE DURING PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

PACT will have pre-loved uniform available in the hall during Tuesday and Wednesday's Parent Consultation evenings. All items will be available for a donation.

PACT – EVENTS AND NEWS



EASTER DISCO – THURSDAY 30TH MARCH

An Easter disco will take place on Thursday, 30th March.

KS1 (Reception, Years 1 & 2) from 4:45pm – 6:00pm.

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) from 6.15pm – 7.30pm.



Cheese & tomato pizza will be served with carrot sticks (please let us know of any allergies). This will be followed by the option of purchasing snacks (sweets, chocolate & crisps available) from our Tuck shop. All items will be 50p each. We ask that children bring a maximum of £1.50 to spend at the Tuck shop (please place in a labelled purse or envelope).

Squash and water will be available and a sweet treat (veggie friendly) will be handed out at the end of each disco. A stall will be set up outside for the children to purchase glow items on their way in, prices ranging from 50p - £1.50.

Tickets cost £5.50 per child. Purchase your tickets by the end of Monday 27th March via the following link: <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hallmeadowspact>



STARS OF THE WEEK

- IRIS – David.O
- DEMETER - Eva
- APOLLO - Su
- POSEIDON -Alisha
- ATHENA – (No star this week, due to class trip)
- ARES – Dexter
- ZEUS – Eva

Please note: Certificates for ‘Star of the Week’ and ‘Dojos’ will roll over to the following week if your child is absent from school on the day they are due to be presented.

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Social Media - Posts of the week!





DATES FOR DIARY!

March

21st March – Socks for World Down Syndrome Day

21st & 22nd March – Parent Consultations

24th March – Year 6 Trip to the National Justice Museum

30th March – PACT Easter Disco

CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

All class assemblies begin at 9am, in the school hall.

IRIS - Weds 28th June

DEMETER - Weds 3rd May

APOLLO - Weds 29th March

2022-23

TERM DATES

Term 4

Monday 20th February– Training Day

Tuesday 21st February – School open to all pupils

Friday 31st March – End of term

Term 5

Monday 17th April– Training Day

Tuesday 18th April – School open to all pupils

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Friday 26th May – End of term

Term 6

Monday 5th June – School open to all pupils

Friday 21st July – End of term