

# Hatfield Heath Primary School

## Newsletter

*"Learners today, leaders tomorrow"*

Issue 14



Happy New Year!

I hope that you are all well and enjoyed Christmas. We have returned to some very cold temperatures and promises/ threats of snow. Hopefully , you received the adverse weather letter this week.

A huge thanks to the parents who attended the Year 1 Phonics Workshop on Thursday. It is always good to understand what your children are trying to learn and how we might help them.

Soon, we will also be holding Yr 6 SATs workshops and Multiplication Times Tables Check workshops as well as a coffee morning for parents of children with SEND.

### **It is also the National Year of Reading !**

Of all the activites in school that children do, being able to read makes a difference to children's life chances. Our aim is to make readers for life. Children who enjoy reading often have deeper thinking skills and are able to see things from others points of views. A book is a place to lose ourselves.

We will be planning some events to celebrate this year. Look out for the events.

We would really welcome adults to hear children read. Please pop into the office to ask for a DBS form.

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### **Census Day**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, it is our Census Day. When we have a census it means that we give our school information to the Department for Education e.g. How many pupils we have. Part of the information we give is about school meals. The more children we have taking a school meal on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, the more money the school receives. This will mean more TAs, more visitors, more opportunities. We had a drop in the take up of school meals in October by 25% this means 25% less funding in an area of the school. I understand that some children may never have a school dinner, but it really impacts the work we are trying to do in school.

We have a special menu which is BBQ pizza and chocolate cornflake cake.

### **MCAS**

Well done to all who have signed up to MCAS.

If your child is in Reception, or Years 1 and 2 or in receipt of Free School Meals, you will still need to sign up to select the meals.

Please remember to select your children's meal and discuss this with them as they are sometimes surprised when they have something that they would not normally have!

## **Parking thoughtfully within our community**

I have had a number of concerns coming in to me regarding parking. There have particularly been concerns about West Hayes and parking on the pavement and places that are designated pedestrian areas. Which is, of course, hazardous.

Please give yourself a little time to park and find a space that is a little more carefully considered.

## **School Dinners**

The school council will be meeting Mr Estes and Mrs Borg to discuss school dinners, the summer menu and their likes and dislikes.

Mr Estes is also continuing with the cutlery workshop for Reception and Years 1 and 2. This is an essential life-skill that children need. Please work on this at home too.

## **Communication and social media**

We do so many things in school that you do not see and we would like to share this via social media on closed Instagram pages. The office will be sending a letter of permission to respond to, so that we are clear about your wants.

## **Attendance from September until now. It is important that we stay above 97%**

**Well done to Years 1,3 and 5!**

**Missed school means missed friendships, missed experiences and missed understanding of learning and it is hard to catch up once that part of learning has gone.**

**Unfortunately, holidays in term time will be unauthorised.**

**Overall attendance:96.8% (-0.1%) from 10.11.25**

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>97.4% (-0.1)</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>96.9% (-1.1)</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>95.5% (-0.4)</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>97.0% (+0.3)</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>97.4% (-0.2)</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>96.4% (-0.4)</b>

## **Healthy Snacks at playtime**

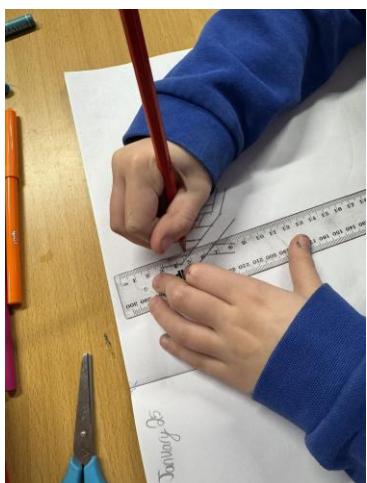
If you are sending your child into school with a healthy snack at playtime, please make sure that it is healthy. We have previously said that fruit, vegetables, raisins, crackers, rice cakes are acceptable. However, crisps, sweets, chocolate and sweet biscuits are not.

We are a no nut school, so nuts are not allowed.

Year 5 have been experimenting with different surfaces in science and the friction they produce and what event this has on the items that move on the surface.



In art this week, year 4 studied the work of Sol Lewitt, who created pictures using different patterns. The children discussed the patterns and then recreated them using pencils, pastels, and pens.



## Upcoming Dates

**22.1.26 INSET day- Hatfield Heath Closed**

**2.2.26 Children's Mental Health Week**

**3.2.26 – Year 1 – Great fire of London Workshop**

**9.2.26 (Monday) Parents Consultations 3.40-6.30**

**9.2.26 Safer internet**

**11.2.26 (Wednesday) Parents Consultations 3.40 – 6.00**

**12.2.26- *PFA Glow Disco***

**5.3.26 World Book Day-Details to follow**