



Harpfield Newsletter



Upcoming Events

12 and 13 December - EYFS and KS1 Nativities (details have already been sent out)

13 December - enrichment clubs finish

17 December - Christmas lunch & Take the Stage Carol Concert at Coopers Croft 6pm-7pm

18 December - Christmas parties

19 December - Termly celebration assembly

20 December - KS2 Carol Concert (information has been sent out)



This half term at Harpfield

A group of KS2 pupils went to Trentham Academy to take part in the Change4Life festival. They had a great time participating in lots of different sporting activities.

KS2 visited the New Vic theatre to watch 'The Three Musketeers'. They said it was fantastic and would recommend others to see it.

KS2 took part in their Bee Active Glow Sports event day to help to develop the life skills of - leadership, teamwork, aiming high and staying positive; it all looked like so much fun! EYFS and KS1 will have a circus themed event later on in the year.

Y1 and Y2 had a visit from 'Red Watch' firefighters to learn about road safety and fire safety. They were really impressed with the children!

Thank you to our families who came into Reception to talk about your Diwali celebrations.

Keep up to date with all school events and activities via Class Dojo and our Facebook page.



Ofsted

As you already know, Harpfield was inspected by Ofsted on 5-6th November. This was under a new inspection framework; it was an exceptionally positive experience and I hope that you enjoyed reading the report and verbal feedback information that was emailed out to you.

Staffing Updates

Earlier in the year, you were informed that Mrs Washington and Mr Griffiths are retiring at Christmas. This is the updated staffing list. Mrs Carlyle will be taking her maternity leave in February and Mrs Hogg will back from hers in June. Mrs Rigby will also be back in the summer term.

Nursery - Mr O'Donoghue and Miss Holland

Reception - Ms Ahmed and Miss Perry

Y1 - Ms Wynne, Mrs Deaville (M-Tu), Mrs Brocklehurst (W-F) and Mrs Redhead

Y2 - Mr Clews and Miss Tooth

Y3 - Mrs Bebbington (M-W), Mrs Wardle (W-F), Mrs Degg and Mrs Steele

Y4 - Miss O'Neill, Mrs Cawley and Miss Le'Queux

Y5 - Mrs O'Driscoll (am), Mrs Adlington (pm), Miss Goldstraw (M-W) and Mrs Lockett (Th-F)

Y6 - Mrs Powell, Mrs Scragg and Mrs Bradbury

HTLA - Mrs Giltrap

Music teacher - Mrs Brian

Office - Mrs Bailey, Mrs Ballantine and Miss Shotton

Communication



Given that myself and Mrs O'Driscoll will be at reduced capacity due to teaching commitments, please ensure that you follow procedures around communication. This was sent out to you on Monday 18 November.

Class Dojo and Arbor emails will continue to be used to share key messages and information with you. Class newsletters will also continue to be shared with you at the start of every half term and all things curriculum can be found on our website.

<https://www.harpfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk/school-life/school-life>

Spring Term

We have lots more fabulous things to look forward to next half term, including: Young Voices, School Council visit to the Lord Mayor's chamber, Y6 Ruff & Ruby workshop and mini first aid for Y2 and Y5.



Attendance

118 children are in with a chance of winning a Kindle Fire for achieving 98% or above this term. 79 children, so far, have 100% attendance for the term and will receive a £5 Love2Shop voucher. We will also be giving out a Kindle Fire to the pupil who has the most improved attendance compared to autumn term last year.

Our whole school attendance target is 96% or above. It is currently at 95.6%. Arbor will send out automated emails to you so that you can keep up to date with your child's attendance and compare it to the rest of their cohort. Well done to those classes with 96% or above!

Nursery - 92.9%	Reception - 92.7%	Year 1 - 95.6%	Year 2 - 96.3%
Year 3 - 97.9%	Year 4 - 96%	Year 5 - 95.6%	Year 6 - 96.4%

Every minute matters! The office staff are helping Mrs Lockett and I with improving attendance - they will ask you questions about absence, they will ask you to fill out forms and they will encourage you to send your child to school if they are feeling under the weather! We can administer medicine and we will also ring you if you child becomes so unwell that they can't be in school. The only rule we really have is around vomiting and diarrhoea and contiguous diseases! Thank you for your continuing support. We are here to help if you have any worries or concerns about your child's attendance.



Wishing you a lovely Christmas break and New Year when it arrives. We break up on Friday 20th December and return on Tuesday 7 January.