

HOOTON PAGNELL ALL SAINTS PRIMARY

February School News

Looking back at January

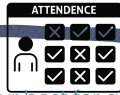
Apart from the cold, dark mornings and the cold, dark evenings, January has been fabulous!

The pupils all completed their 'Culture' themed topic and there is some fabulous work, some of which will be displayed in the hall from after half term. Each class is now involved in one of their shorter competency units and are learning lots.

Parents have taken part in two of our Read, Write, Inc sessions (there is one still to come) and I have had some lovely feedback about this.

The Adventurers and Navigators have taken part in the Young Voices concert at the Sheffield Arena, which I am sure you have read about on dojo!

Attendance



Good attendance is so important. We want to do our best for all our young people and believe that regular attendance at school is vital for children as it promotes good learning, positive attitudes and maintains continuity in their education and in their friendships. Children should be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason is unavoidable.

Sickness/ Absence

If your child is unwell, please inform the office first thing in the morning, there is an answer machine available to leave a message if the phone is not answered. Please phone on each day of absence.

Holidays

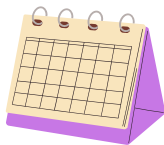
We do not authorise holidays in term time. Holidays taken will be marked as unauthorised and may be subject to a fixed penalty fine. Should you decide to take a holiday during term time, we ask that a School Absence Request Form is completed.

We will endeavour to provide an environment where all pupils feel valued and welcome. For a child to reach their full educational achievement, a high level of school attendance is essential. We will consistently work towards a goal of 100% attendance for all children.

After half term, attendance letters will, once again, be sent to all parents/ carers.

Key Dates

- 06/02 - Swimming continues for year 5
- 06/02 - Bible Assembly
- 07/02 - Safer Internet Day
- 07/02 - Year 6 Parent/ Carer meeting about SATs (4pm)
- 08/02 - Read, Write, Inc parent session 3 (9am)
- 10/02 - Last Day of Half Term
- 20/02 - Return to School
- 24/02 - Class Newsletters
- 02/03 - Parent/ Teacher Meetings
- 02/03 - School Book Day - details TBC
- 03/03 - Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew
- 06/03 - Bible Assembly
- 17/03 - Comic Relief/ Red Nose Day
- 31/03 - Last day of term
- 17/04 - Return to School
- 08/05 - Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
- 09/05 - 12/05 - Year 6 SATs Statutory Assessments
- 22/05 & 23/05 - Road Safety for years 4, 5 and 6
- 25/05 - Zoo Lab for Adventurers



Safer Internet Day

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 7th February 2023, it will be celebrated with the theme:

Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'

Safer Internet Day provides us with a great opportunity to have a conversation with our children about their online lives as well as provide us with an opportunity to brush up on our own knowledge of all things online with lots of resources and online activities available.

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, quizzes, how to talk about difficult topics and what to do if something goes wrong. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internetday/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

Dinner Money Reminder

If your child is in the Adventurers or Navigators class and has school dinners, can we politely ask that you remember to pay for the dinners at the start of the week. Thank you.

Prevent Toolkit

The Parent information Prevent toolkit is interactive and has information, links, and resources to help protect children and young people from online hate, extremism, and fake news. It can assist parents and carers to:

Understand the risks and issues.

Know where to get help.

Find resources.

Develop practical strategies.

Start conversations.

Build children and young people's digital resilience.



https://www.kelsi.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/119091/Parent-information-Prevent-toolkit.pdf

Council Cameras

Please be aware that cameras have been installed outside the school drive to monitor the 'School Keep Clear' Markings.

The innovative camera technology is designed to promote a safer environment around school gates by reducing congestion, which, in turn improves air quality.

The cameras will be operated during school times and will only be used for enforcement purposes on the keep clear restriction. Residential properties will be obscured with a privacy filter, and only trained Civil Enforcement Officers will review the footage to action.

Uniform

Please make sure that pupils are wearing **PLAIN BLACK** shoes or trainers on uniform days. On PE days, they can wear any suitable trainers.

We all love fashion, but please could you make sure that school skirts and shorts/ PE shorts (ie Nike Pro) are not too short so that they are appropriate for the activities in school

Please make sure that all clothing (especially jumpers, cardigans and sports tops worn on PE days) are clearly labelled.

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