



Hinckley Parks Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Once again sport has been high on the agenda at school this week with a group of children from across Years 5 & 6 travelling to the leisure centre to take part in the local Sportshall Athletics Competition. Fresh from our recent award as 'Active School Of The Year' Hinckley Parks is certainly acquiring something of a reputation for it's sporting participation and success and this could be seen again as the children competed in track events such as a 1 by 1 Relay, 2 by 2 Relay, 6 lap Paarluf, and an Obstacle Relay as well as field events such as Javelin, Chest Push, Long Jump, Triple Jump and Speed Bounce. The children were a credit to the school, showing resilience, determination and pride. Overall we came 7th in the whole of the Hinckley and Bosworth area, which is a massive achievement—well done to all involved.

Along with this newsletter you will receive a parent guide to WhatsApp. Online safety is a key area of the curriculum and we often discuss with the children how to use technology safely and kindly so that it can be enjoyed by all. Advances in technology over recent years have been immense and show no sign of letting up with AI and a digital curriculum becoming increasingly prominent in all areas of life including education and whilst there are many advantages and positives about these developments, children need to be guided to use platforms, websites and the various apps available for the right purposes. WhatsApp seems to be very popular amongst our older children and we hope this guide will support you in supervising how this is being used.

It was an absolute pleasure this week to work with Mr Goode's Local History Group. This group meet after school each Thursday and this week their studies were focused on the history of our school. We were able to take them on a tour of the school building and grounds and spoke about the transition from Hinckley Grammar School to Mount Grace and now of course to it's modern use as Hinckley Parks. The children asked lots of questions and showed lots of curiosity as we ventured around the whole school including disused areas such as the attic and the cellar. They were genuinely intrigued by this although they were not so keen on the spiders and bugs that we found along the way.

The issue of head lice is once again causing a concern in areas of the school particularly the younger years. We encourage all parents to regularly check their child's hair and to treat head lice immediately if this is discovered as it spreads very quickly if left. If you would like more information on how to treat this please contact the school office.

Finally, congratulations to Willow Class (Yr 2) who have this week reached their Values tokens target. To celebrate this achievement they have chosen to have their very own non-uniform day. Well done to all involved.

Have a great weekend. Thank you for your continued support. Mr D Harding, Head Teacher

Diary Dates -Week Commencing Monday 02.02.24

<u>Monday</u>	After School Club: Didi Rugby Yr 1/2 • KS2 Choir • Yr 5/6 Multisports • Yr 5 Cookery Club
<u>Tuesday</u>	After School Clubs: Yr 3/4 Football • Fairytale Club • Yr's 2-6 Gymnastics Club
<u>Wednesday</u>	• After School Clubs: Yr 1/2 Multisports • Yr 3/4 Multisports Mr Clafferty, • Yr 5/6 Football • KS2 Science Club
<u>Thursday</u>	8am Yr 3/4 Hotshots Breakfast Club • After School Clubs: KS2 Drama Club • EYFS Football • Yr 4-6 History Club • Yr 5/6 Art Club
<u>Friday</u>	Year 6 Oak Class Assembly • Lunchtime KS2 Hotshots • 2.45pm-3.45pm Harper Marie Bakes • After School Clubs: Yr 1/2 Football • Yr 3/4 Multi-sports • Year 5/6 Multisports Mr Clafferty



Star Learner

Our Star Learner for this week is:

Theo S (EYFS)

Theo has produced the most amazing piece of independent writing this week which now proudly forms part of a new writing showcase display from EYFS in the Year 6 corridor. The standard of presentation is simply staggering from one so young.

Well done Theo.

Opportunities at Hinckley Parks Sportshall Athletics



Wisdom at Hinckley Parks Mandarin Yr 5



Relationship & Sex Education

You will have received a letter this week outlining the school's approach to the delivery of Relationship & Sex Education (RSE). This is a compulsory part of the national curriculum and this year we have invested in new resources in order to fulfil this requirement. The contents of the lessons in each year group from the Jigsaw scheme are available for you to peruse on the school's website. We are very much aware that this can be a sensitive subject for some parents and with this in mind we would like to offer parents the opportunity to come in to school on Tuesday 13th February (EYFS—Wednesday 14th February) for an open afternoon session where you can go through the lesson content and discuss any concerns or issues that you have with your child's class teacher. Entry will be via your child's usual pick up point with the session running for an hour from 3.30pm—4.30pm. If you are unable to attend but would like an alternative appointment, please arrange this with your child's teacher.

Weekly Award Assemblies

Each Friday we celebrate achievements in our weekly celebration assembly. This takes place fortnightly with this week being the turn of EYFS & KS1. Congratulations to this week's winners :

EYFS - Louie B, Elizabeth L-S, Annabelle S

Yr 1 - Harry P, Edith S, Savannah S

Yr 2 - Darcy R, Lola L, Cody W

Yr 3 - Millie A, Leo W, Jagoda P

Yr 4 - Rosie W, Barney W, Bailey S

Yr 5 - Alexa M, Olivia A

Yr 6 - Aston H, Evie Q

World Book Day

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next month. The actual day falls on a Thursday however we will be joining the celebrations on Friday 8th March when we will be inviting the children (and adults) to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We know that parents appreciate prior notice of events such as this and we are looking forward to seeing the usual array of wonderful costumes. Please remember that this is completely voluntary and is certainly not a competition—it's all for fun!

Parent Governor

There is a vacancy on the school's Governing Body for a Parent Governor. The Governors play a crucial role in the running of the school providing an equal balance of support and challenge for school leaders whilst working to ensure statutory compliance with government legislation. Full training is offered to the successful applicant. If this is something that is of interest to you and you would like to find out more about the role and about the level of commitment required, please make an appointment with Mr Harding via the school office.

Attendance and Punctuality

The national primary school attendance target figure is 96%. I hope you will support us in achieving this figure.

Hinckley Parks Primary School attendance figure for this week is:- 95%