

NEWSLETTER 3

Wednesday 18th October 2023

News from the Head of School

Dear Parent / Guardian,



It has been a busy half term filled with workshops, assemblies, Space week and coffee mornings. We are hoping that this newsletter has provided a consistent platform for school information, an area that was raised as a communication issue in the annual parent survey.

Please note the additional two training days at the end of November. These Trust training days allow for training opportunities across our trust. We will be looking forward to training on 'Kagan' principles, which promote learning engagement via a range of set approaches. For the other day all staff from across the Trust will be involved in an Inclusion conference.

At the end of this half term we will be saying farewell to Mr Luft our PE lead at school. Mr Luft has secured a new teaching post at another school closer to his home. Mr Luft has provided a high standard of PE and clubs at our school for many years and thus our children have acquired a great love for sports and PE. We wish Mr Luft the very best in his new role, he will be dearly missed!

Have a wonderful half term when it arrives.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

PK Varaitch

Mrs Parmjit Kaur Varaitch
Head of School



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18th October

- * Year 6 – Selected children Maths Challenge at Ruislip High School
- * Dog's Trust Workshop

Thursday 19th October

- * 6D – School Trip – Battle of Britain Bunker
- * Dog's Trust Workshop

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th October

- * School closed for Half Term

Monday 30th October

- * School Opens for Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 8th November

- * Reception – Open Day (9am)

Thursday 23rd – Fri 24th November

- * School closed for VLT Staff Training

Monday 27th November

- * School Opens

Wednesday 29th November

- * Reception Open Day (9am)

Thursday 14th December

- * Nursery & Reception Nativity at St Margaret's Church, Uxbridge (AM)
- * Reception Open Day (4.30pm)

Tuesday 19th December

- * PATH Christmas Fayre (3.30pm)

Thursday 21st December

- * School closed at 1.15pm for Christmas

Thursday 4th – Friday 5th January

- * School Closed for Staff Training

Monday 8th January

- * School Opens for Spring Term 1

Tuesday 9th January

- * Reception Open Day (5pm)

Monday 15th January

- * Deadline for Reception applications



News from the Borough

You might be aware that some Hillingdon library branches, including NH are taking part in the National Databank project. It is an initiative helping people on low income to overcome data poverty by providing free sim cards with mobile data.

Further information at this [LINK](#)

Stress Management with Hillingdon



Talking Therapies

Hillingdon Talking Therapies will be hosting a session on Stress Management at the school on Monday 13th November from 2.15-3.15pm. During this session, they will talk about Ways to Wellbeing, What is Anxiety/Depression, Managing Worries and Relaxation.

Please register your interest via the school office.

Wellbeing and Safeguarding Padlet

To access our Wellbeing and Safeguarding Padlet, please click on the [LINK](#)

There is a wealth of resources that you can access via our Padlet, including this month's Action for Happiness Calendar - Optimistic October.

Young Carers Helpline

Action for Children offers an anonymous and confidential text service called **Sidekick** for young carers aged 13-18. Young people can message any time, about anything that's bothering them, and the Action for Children team will find the answer and reply within 24 hours.

Young Carers - text 07888 868 059, website [LINK](#)

Why Money Matters—book

When asked, often in secondary school, what topics they would like to know more about in PSHE money is often the first thing they mention. Therefore, we strongly advocate starting them early! A recently published book by Dragon's Den star Deborah Meaden aimed at 6-9 year-olds would be a perfect!

Attendance Update

It is vital that our children attend school, on time, every day, in order to gain the greatest benefit from their education.

96.7% is the national average for school attendance

95-100% (less than 10 days absence in a year) is good attendance and anything 97% or above is excellent - although 100% is what you should be aiming for.

Schools aim for a total attendance figure of 96% and above.

Our attendance figure is currently:

96.40 %

(compared to 95.21% Sept)



There has been a total of **252** lates since school started in September.

Please make sure your child is in school ready and prepared to start the school day on time at 8.35am for the soft start. Lateness can cause embarrassment to your child, make it harder for them to settle and cause interrupted learning to your child and the rest

Attendance Infographic

