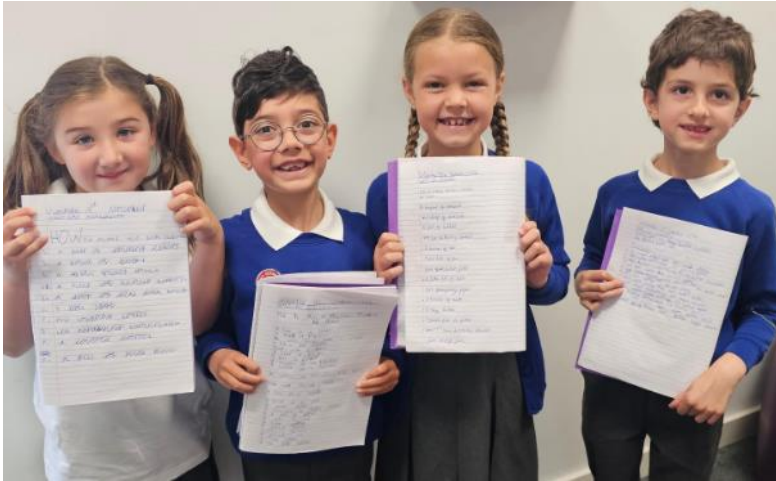


Newsletter

Hermitage Primary School



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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9th October

- VLT Maths Challenge (selected children)

Thursday 10th October

- Multisport Pentathlon at Oak Wood (selected children)
- Netball Match (Home) 3.30-4.30pm

Monday 14th October

- 6D – Trip to Battle of Britain Bunker
- Flu Vaccination Programme (Reception – Year 6)

Tuesday 15th October

- Year 5 & 6 – STEAM Trip to Thorpe Park

Wednesday 16th October

- Reception Hearing and Vision Screening

Thursday 17th October

- Year 5 – Greek Day

Friday 18th October

- 6S – Trip to Battle of Britain Bunker

Monday 21st October

- 5 Franklin – Swimming Lessons (9.30-10.30am)

Friday 25th October

- Photographs – Siblings only

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

- School Closed for Half Term

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November

- Parents' Evening

Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November

- School Closed for VLT Staff Development Day

Friday 20th December

- School Closes at 1.15pm for Christmas Holiday

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January

- School Closed for VLT Staff Development Day

Wednesday 8th January

- School opens for the first half of Spring Term

Headteacher News

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Please do make a note of the important dates included in this newsletter. We have a busy run up to half term (only just over 3 weeks left) and it would be fantastic to see as many of you as possible at these important events. We have our **Harvest Festival celebration**, which we will be performing both at school and then for parents of children in year 3 and year 4, at St Margaret's Church. After half-term, we have **parent-teacher meetings**, which is a good opportunity to hear about how your children have settled into the new year and for you and your child's teacher to share important information with each other.

One of the key factors in providing a 'deep and rich,' curriculum is our commitment to enrichment. We have an array of trips and events coming up which take place both within school and in the community. As you know, Year 4 are having their daily swimming lessons at the moment, and then we have a Greek day for Year 5, Year 6 are visiting the Battle of Britain Bunker and we have an exciting Year 5 and Year 6 STEAM day hosted at Thorpe Park coming up - all before half term! Phew!

I mentioned in my last newsletter that Year 4 have had their Roman day, and Year 1 have recently taken part in a drumming workshop. Choir has started up again so please see Mrs Spencer for further details on how to join and our violin and piano lessons, as well as Rock Steady lessons are all up and running.

As reminders - please remember to send in your children with sensible coats and school shoes. It will be getting much colder and we never know when it is going to rain. Where possible, the children will remain outside in all weathers as the fresh air and movement break is important for their wellbeing. Year 5 parents must stay with their children until the doors open at 8.45am - please do not leave them unattended. We will be sending out some clarification on ordering meals too, as each day, around 50 children do not have a meal ordered, which makes it challenging for the kitchen to prepare enough food for everyone. I understand that parents can no longer place daily orders, but please remember that you have from Saturday to the following Saturday at 11pm to order for the upcoming week. After 11pm, the app will display the menu for the following week."

Have a great weekend and enjoy time with your families.

Kind regards

Mr N S Hingley
Headteacher

Attendance News

The whole school attendance for 2023/2024 was **95.6%**, which was an increase from the previous year at 94.8%. We will continue to drive school attendance this academic year. Please see the letter we shared on 2.9.24 regarding the 'Law Change' in attendance.

EVERY DAY MATTERS. We value your support.

VLT – Current Vacancies

Please access the links by clicking on the job title for each of the current vacancies within Vanguard Learning Trust schools.

Vyners School

Receptionist

(Wed - Fri / 8.00am – 4.15pm / term time only)

Cover Manager/Learning Supervisor

(37.5 hours per week / term time only)

Ruislip High School

Premises Assistant

(36 hours per week / 52 weeks per year / Mon – Thu from 11.30am – 7.45pm and Friday 11.45am – 7.45pm)

Wellbeing Wednesday and Safeguarding News

Action for Happiness – Optimistic October

The calendar for October can be accessed [here](#). It is also uploaded to our Wellbeing and Safeguarding Padlet, which can be accessed [here](#). The calendar is entitled 'Optimistic October'. Please consider the small tips of support with your children too. The tips help with self-regulation and promote increased calm.

School Attendance

Further to the letter that was sent to all parents on 2.9.24, the Attendance Team at Hillingdon have also created fact files to be shared with parents on:

1. **Penalty notices for non-attendance**
2. **Exceptional leave**
3. **School attendance**

Ukrainian Charity event

The borough has created this poster for schools to share with parents. Please access further information [here](#).

Video game 'Final Fantasy XIV'

The National College have created an information leaflet for parents about this video game. The game was launched in 2010 and despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

Access the leaflet [here](#).

What Parents need to know about Instagram

Instagram is a highly popular social media platform with over 2 billion active monthly users. The app is continuously updating and adding new features to meet the wishes of its audience, allowing them to upload images and videos to their Instagram feed, create interactive 'stories', go live, exchange private messages or explore and follow other accounts that catch their eyes.

Access the leaflet [here](#).

DfE Statutory guidance: Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024 (KCSIE)

The London Grid for Learning is aiming to make official documentation easier for a wider array of people. Their hard work has resulted in the translation of KCSIE 2024 Part I into: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Gujarati, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Somali, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. You can see the results of this excellent project, by following the link [here](#).

World Mental Health day: 10th October 2024

As suggested by its name, this is a world-wide event and lots of different organisations come together to raise awareness about mental health issues, campaign for support and fundraise, from large companies like Marks and Spencer to small wellbeing charities across the country. Young Minds is a charity which supports children and young people from all backgrounds access a variety of methods of support, including one to one counselling, group work and work in schools. Access further information via their website [here](#).