



Spring Term

Newsletter 16

10th January '24

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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back, and Happy New Year. I hope 2025 is positive for all of us!

Cold weather

Please ensure children have appropriate clothing for the weather. Children do need a coat as well as hats, scarves and gloves in cold weather. We do try to have children outside for breaks as much as possible, and children were excited to have some snow at the start of the week even though it didn't settle. Please also make sure children have appropriate footwear when it is cold, wet and slippery.



New Year Resolutions....

I hope that children have enjoyed their first week back at school. Please make sure they (and you!) are in a good routine to maintain good punctuality and attendance. There can sometimes be a long queue at the late gate, and it is unsettling for children to be late and miss the input for the start of their day in school. Just leaving the house 5 minutes earlier can be all that is needed to be on time. There is a 10 minute window for children to arrive before the start of the day, and it is a more relaxed start for children and families not to be rushing.



This is the time of year when coughs and colds are common. We do not want children in school when they are seriously unwell, but often children are well enough to attend with a minor illness. I am attaching an NHS poster with information on when children should be kept off school and when it is acceptable to send them in.

Being considerate....

I have mentioned previously that every now and then I am contacted by local residents who have their driveways blocked by families dropping children off or collecting. Please can I ask that you are considerate towards the school's neighbours. There is limited space to park locally, but there are car parks nearby (a small area off Inwood Road, opposite the back of Iceland and also the Asda car park). If you do park locally, please do not block resident's driveways – this is unacceptable and causes significant upset for our neighbours who are unable to leave their homes when they need to. I would hope that if you are approached by a local resident you respond appropriately and are apologetic. I consider that we have a very positive school community and hope that we can consider the effect of our conduct on local residents.



Please can I also remind families about littering locally – please ensure that children do not drop rubbish around the local streets and do not clean out cars disposing of rubbish on the road. Thank you!

Recently school councillors completed a survey about the values of being a Hounslow Town parent / carer and I hope that consideration and respect to others and our environment features as part of the behaviours we think are important. Soon I hope to be able to share the outcomes of the school councillors' work and renew the values for the whole school community.

Y5 Egyptian day

Today the Year 5 children have spent time with each teacher, learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They have learnt a song and dance about building pyramids with Mrs Jordan, deciphered Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics with Mr Robins, looked at the structure of pyramids and built their own out of spaghetti and marshmallows with Mrs Cucos, made an Ancient Egyptian





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headdress with Miss Visu and created beautiful sunset paintings as a backdrop to the pyramids with Mrs Sudera.



School photos

Children's individual photos will be taken on Wed 15th January. Please ensure that children attend school in uniform on this day and look smart and presentable (!)

Pizza day

Chartwells are offering a 'pizza day' for children on Thursday 16th January. A menu has been distributed with a range of different pizzas that will be offered. Pizza is a firm favourite with children and if you are not currently taking up the school lunch you may wish to do so on this day for children to try. I would strongly encourage you to take advantage of the school meal offer – lunches are free to all children regardless of their age or family circumstances. It is really positive for children to have a hot meal in the middle of the day, especially when it is cold outside.



Parenting workshops

We have received information on several workshops for parents / carers which you might find useful:

- Parent / carer championship sessions
- Keeping children safe online
- Supporting children's emotional development
- Understanding children's mental health

Flyers with further information are included with this newsletter.

Wraparound care (flyer attached)

Bookings are now open for Breakfast Club and Aftercare with Skillz4Life! To book a place for your child please click on the link below to book a place. When booking for the first time, you will need to create a new account. Once your account is set up, you can conveniently book your Breakfast Club and Aftercare sessions.



<https://skillz4life-sports-coaching.classforkids.io/>

Wraparound care times:

Breakfast club:

7:45am-8:45am

Aftercare:

3:30-5:30pm

4:30:5:30pm *ONLY FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING CLUB BEFORE AFTERCARE

5:30-6:00PM *ADDITIONAL LATE PICK UP



Before and After School Clubs – Spring Term 2025

Bookings for the Spring Term clubs are now open. All clubs are starting next week. You can book your chosen clubs through ParentPay. Please find the attached letter with a list of all the clubs available for the Spring Term.



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PE kit letter

Please see the attached letter regarding PE kits. We will continue to take children outside for PE unless the weather is extremely wet or conditions slippery, so please ensure children have suitable clothing for outdoor PE at this time of year. Thank you.



Good partnerships (repeated message)

To assist with good partnerships and make communication easier, we have the following email contacts for families to use. Please let staff know of things that are going well or alert them to any difficulty that you think we can help with. Please can I remind families they should not approach other parents / carers about any difficulties between children as this only results in making the matter worse. Please raise any worries with the school and we will liaise with others

if necessary. If another parent / carer approaches you, please do not respond but ask them to contact the school.

Contact emails are:

- For Nursery families: nurseryteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Reception families: receptionteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y1 families: year1teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y2 families: year2teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y3 families: year3teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y4 families: year4teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y5 families: year5teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y6 families: year6teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Rainbow families: rainbowteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For music: music@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For any password enquiries please go to: passwords@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk

Miss Laura Khalil
Headteacher

Useful dates

Term dates 2024 – 2025	Curriculum events
Spring Term	PSA / Other
INSET Mon 6th Jan	I hope you know we would like parents / carers to come forward to participate on the PSA. If you think you would be willing to get involved please contact the committee on either of the emails below. Thank you!
First day of term Tues 7th Jan	psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
HALF TERM Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb	hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com
Last day of term Thurs 3rd Apr (2pm finish)	
INSET Fri 4th April	
Summer Term	
First day of term Tues 22nd Apr	
May bank holiday Mon 5th May	
INSET Fri 23rd May	
HALF TERM Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May	
Last day of term Tues 22nd July (2pm finish)	