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Dear Parent / Carer



Governors

I am delighted to inform you that we have made progress with recruiting some new governors for the school. Stephanie Doran (parent governor) and Hayat Sheegow (co-opted governor) have both expressed interest in becoming a governor at the school. As Stephanie Doran is unopposed as a parent governor, there will be no need to hold an election. Our next meeting as a governing body is on 21st November and I hope that these appointments will be ratified at this meeting and new governors are able to take up their role.

Below is some information about our two new governors:

Stephanie Doran: My name is Stephanie Doran and I have a daughter in the Rainbow Unit. I am a trained Nursery nurse with nearly 30 years' experience in a school. During my leisure time I am heavily involved in a Scout group in Hounslow. I have come forward to learn and help develop the ethos of Hounslow Town.

Hayat Sheegow:

My name is Hayat Sheegow, and I have been teaching for the past 10 years across a range of educational settings. I began my career in primary education before transitioning to a private all-girls school, followed by a private all-boys school, and eventually moving into the state sector. For the past 5 years, I have held roles in middle and senior leadership in Uxbridge and Hounslow. I am deeply committed to and inspired by the work we do to serve our local community in Hounslow. Currently, I am the Assistant Principal at Kingsley Academy, where I lead behaviour and rewards for the entire school.

Anti-bullying week

Thank you so much to Mrs McKeon for arranging our Anti-bullying week this week. Children have accessed a range of activities related to anti-bullying including assemblies, odd socks day, classroom tasks, electing anti-bullying ambassadors etc. The theme for this year has been 'Choose Respect' and children have had input on the different types of bullying and how bullying can affect people of all ages and backgrounds. They have been asked to consider the impact of repeated negative bullying behaviour and have shared strategies about how to respond.



HTPS school values

One of our school priorities this year is to renew our school values. I hope that children will be able to tell you (with confidence!) about our expectations for the 'Hounslow Town Child' and the 'Hounslow Town Adult'. We share the values and qualities we want children to develop and demonstrate in assemblies, through posters and class activities.

We have a large number of qualities to be developed and are looking to simplify the format and align the values to our school motto: '... to inspire, to encourage, to learn, to achieve...' We are reviewing this with children and staff.

Parent values and parent conduct

School Councillors have suggested that as well as developing the values and expectations for children and staff at Hounslow Town, we would also like to involve parents / carers with clarifying the values and expectations for the 'Hounslow Town Parent', and I think that this is a great idea which has come from the children. How well children do at school is a reflection of the partnership between home and school, and shared and common values are an important part of an effective partnership.





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During parents evening (see below) some of our school councillors will be present in school and will approach parents / carers to discuss their values as a parent / carer at Hounslow Town. They may also take the opportunity to ask you about other aspects of the school, so please take the time to engage with the children. Give some thought about the values and qualities of being a parent / carer at the school and come prepared to speak about this! Thank you.

I have become aware of a couple of instances where parents / carers have approached, messaged or called other families about a difficulty between children. This is not appropriate and nearly always makes a situation worse. (This is included every week in the good partnerships section – see below). If you have any concerns about a matter, please raise these concerns with school staff. We have a very positive school community and don't want relationships between families to become strained as parents / carers haven't managed a situation appropriately. Thank you.

Parent teacher consultations

Parent teacher consultations are taking place during the week of 25th November. An invitation to make an appointment was sent out on 12th November and can be accessed from notifications at Primary Site.net Please ensure that you make an appointment – we have tried to be more flexible with appointments offering several days and holding a late evening on Thursday 28th November.

Parents
Evening**Trading cards**

Trading cards have made a return to school! Activities such as these tend to go in phases, and while they can be great fun, unfortunately they do cause difficulty in school when children change their minds. Please do not let children bring these cards into school for this reason – they can trade out of school, but please ensure they understand the concept of swapping things.

**Nuts**

I am reminding families again that we aim to be a nut free school. This is due to the potential of a life-threatening reaction for a child who has a severe nut allergy. For some children, an allergic reaction can occur simply through skin contact and not just through consuming nut product so it is vital that nut products do not come into school. Please make sure any snacks or packed lunches for children do not contain nuts. Thank you.

**Wraparound care (repeated message)**

We are excited to announce that 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 are:

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



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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
Autumn Term		PSA / Other 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! psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com
Last day of term	Fri 20 th Dec (2pm finish)	
Spring Term		
INSET	Mon 6th Jan	
First day of term	Tues 7 th Jan	
HALF TERM	Mon 17 th Feb – Fri 21 st Feb	
Last day of term	Thurs 3 rd Apr (2pm finish)	
INSET	Fri 4th April	
Summer Term		
First day of term	Tues 22 nd Apr	
May bank holiday	Mon 5 th May	
INSET	Fri 23rd May	
HALF TERM	Mon 26 th May – Fri 30 th May	
Last day of term	Tues 22 nd July (2pm finish)	