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Dear Parent / Carer

We have reached the end of a very busy half term! Thank you so much to staff for all their efforts and also to families for their support.



Free School Meals Vouchers for the October Half Term Holiday

Families of pupils eligible for **benefits related** free school meals will receive 1 supermarket voucher for the half term holiday. The voucher will be sent to families on Monday 28th October and will have a value of £15.

If you have applied for Free School Meals in the last 10 days it is possible that the school has not yet been informed if you are eligible. If the school has not been advised of eligibility by 24th October, then vouchers will not be issued.

The vouchers are sent to the email address you have given the school. If you have any queries about your voucher please contact Wonde directly – support@evouchers.com. The Hounslow FSM team will not be able to support parents with any voucher queries.

Anti-bullying week

After the half term we will hold our Anti-Bullying week on 11th to 15th November. This is a national event and the theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. We will work with children to help them understand that bullying is repeated behaviour over time (rather than an isolated incident) and the effects of bullying. Children will have several activities including assemblies, anti-bullying PSHE lessons, electing anti-bullying ambassadors and poster competitions. On Tuesday 12th November children are able to come to school in odd socks for Odd Socks day. We ask for a donation of £1 towards resources for school. Thank you in advance to Mrs McKeon for organising this event.



Healthy food workshop

This week Year 2 took part in a Healthy food workshop which was delivered by a nutritionist from our school catering company, Compass. During the session, the children learnt about the importance of eating a range of foods from the food plate; how healthy food impacts our bodies and they had to make their own healthy caterpillar tortilla wrap using a range of fruits and vegetables. It was great!



Cake sale

It doesn't quite feel right to mention a cake sale after information on healthy eating (!), however, I do want to say thank you to families for donations towards the Y6 fund raising cake sale. Although I do not have the exact amount raised I believe it was in the region of approx. £70 and given that it was raining at the end of the day, this is very helpful.





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Nut free school

Please remember that we aim to be a nut free school. Although there are many foods that children can have allergic reactions to, allergic reactions to nuts can be extremely severe and even life threatening. As a result we ask that no produces with nuts are brought into the school.

Diwali

Happy Diwali to families who celebrate this festival. I would like to mention the Diwali lunch offered by Chartwells on Thursday. The food was delicious and staff looked great in their outfits.



Halloween

It is also Halloween during the holiday and children may go out trick or treating. Please ensure younger children are accompanied and older children know how to keep themselves safe.

Over the holiday children may watch Halloween films and would like to remind families to check film guidance age ratings. I am including an age guidance leaflet to support you with deciding what is appropriate.

Disco

Thank you so much to the PSA and staff who attended for the disco which was offered on Thursday. Children looked great in their outfits and costumes and I know Mr Shepherd had purchased a special disco shirt especially for the event (!) I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.



POETRY

Poetry winners

Thank you so much for all the wonderful poetry entries for the poetry competition! Mrs Samat has selected a range of poems that really stood out and has sent these to the School Library Service. One overall winner will be selected. The children listed below have received certificates for their entries.

Year 2

Adil - 2 Clover
Aayat and Shivanya - 2 Green

Year 3

Aziza - 3 Red
Nishi - 3 Crimson

Year 4

Rilinda - 4 Berry
Nainikaa - 4 Rose

Year 5

Kayra - 5 Navy
Shaurya - 5 Marine

Year 6

Adhya - 6 Sky
Neha - 6 Topaz

FREE BIKE REPAIRS!

If your cycle is in need of a health check, bring it along and get it checked over for **free**. Mechanics will be able to pump up the tyres, check your brakes and do simple repairs for **FREE**. They will also let you know if more major work is needed, helping you cycle safely.

Dr Bike will be in Inwood Park on:

Sat 2nd Nov 1 – 3 pm

Sat 7th Dec 1 – 3 pm



Can you help...?

Do you have any good quality small toys e.g. dolls, cars, dinosaurs, baby toys etc that you no longer need or use any more? If so, please consider whether you might be willing to donate them to us in school. We would like to create transition boxes for children with SEN and these toys would be ideal. Please bring into the school for SEN staff – thank you!





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Wraparound care

As you know, after the half term holiday Skillz4life will become our wraparound care providers. I know there are a few changes to booking systems for families, but hope that after a couple of weeks you will adapt to new systems.



Both Mrs West and Mrs Sheik will continue to be involved with the aftercare provision, but there will be a change with breakfast club staff. I would like to thank Mrs Muhammad, Mrs Khawaja and Mrs Shepherd for their involvement with breakfast club for many years.

Healthy weight and management leaflet

I am including a leaflet with information about healthy weight and management workshops which are being held over the half term.



Secondary applications (repeated message)

The closing date for secondary school applications is approaching. All applications must be received by 31st October (during half term). Please make sure that you submit this application on time before the closing date. Late applications may result in your child not being offered a school of your choice. If you need any assistance please contact the school next week.



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

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Headteacher





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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
HALF TERM	Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	
Last day of term	Fri 20 th Dec (2pm finish)	
Spring Term		
INSET	Mon 6 th 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 4 th April	
Summer Term		
First day of term	Tues 22 nd Apr	
May bank holiday	Mon 5 th May	
INSET	Fri 23 rd May	
HALF TERM	Mon 26 th May – Fri 30 th May	
Last day of term	Tues 22 nd July (2pm finish)	