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Dear Parent / Carer

**Harvest donations**

Thank you to families who brought donations of food and toiletries into school today. Children were able to come to school in their own clothes today and bring contributions which will be used for our in-school food bank. Dried, tinned and packet food, along with a range of toiletries will be stored and distributed for families in school who we understand would benefit from this support. Mrs Faulkner and Mrs Oyetunde manage this support and we are grateful for all donations. Thank you.



**School census day**

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October it is the school census day and our funding is determined by the number of children who are on roll, in school on this day and also who take up the school lunch. Today we had 919 meals served! Our kitchen staff manage this really well, and we are keen for every child to take up the offer of a free school meal, which is available to every primary aged child regardless of circumstances.

Chartwells (our school meals provider) are offering a harvest festival menu on census day. You should have received notification of this already, but I am including the menu in this newsletter as well. It would be great to have every child in school on this day and taking up the school meal offer. Thank you.

**MAINS**

- BBQ Chicken Burger
- Crispy Vegetable Burger

**SIDES**

- Chips
- Corn on the Cob
- Carrot/ Apple Slaw

**DESSERT**

- Sticky Apple Slice with
- Vanilla Ice Cream or Custard

\*Menus may be subject to change



**Fox in the playground...**

There is a well-known children's poem by Allan Ahlberg called 'Dog in the Playground' ... and we have had our own variation of this on a couple of mornings this week when there was a fox in the playground at arrival time near the Pears Road gate! With the assistance of Mr Costa (caretaker) we were able to persuade the fox to leave, and I know several children saw what was going on. While I hope it will not be a frequent event, please remind children that they should not approach a fox as although it may seem very gentle, it is still a non-domesticated animal and therefore unpredictable in its behaviour. We have previously liaised with pest control and will seek further input if this is an ongoing occurrence.

**Clothes donations**

We have had several children require a change of clothes over the last few days from getting very wet due to the rain and jumping in puddles (!) We would appreciate donations of good quality clothing which we can use when children require a change of clothes unexpectedly. Any school uniform which your children may have grown out of (sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, trousers, skirts, summer dresses etc) is greatly appreciated, but also we would find it helpful to have donations of socks, underwear, leggings, white t-shirts etc. If you think you are able to help, please send items to the school office to pass on to Mrs Shepherd in welfare. Thank you.



**Safer Streets**

**Crowding on School Road**

I have referred to the crowding on School Road previously, as we need families to consider children's safety and to be considerate towards other families. The road and pavements are quite narrow and of course there is a lot of congestion at school drop off and collection time.

There is a safer streets restriction to traffic at arrival and dismissal times, but some families are trying to use the service road behind local shops as a place to stop. This is adding to the difficulties and as one of



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the entrance gates to the school is near this road, it is posing a risk to children’s safety and increasing the possibility of a child being knocked down by a car. We will request traffic enforcement to monitor this area. There is a car parking area near to the school off Inwood Road and also slightly further along the road at the back of Iceland. You may need to allow a few more minutes to walk from car parks to school, but much better this than being responsible for injuring a child or worse.

We have several entrance gates giving access to the school and please consider if you might be able to use a different gate. There is a large paved area along from the Pears Road gate and this area is probably safer than waiting on a crowded pavement along a road with traffic. If you do need to wait in School Road please try to wait along the fence or on the other side of the road allowing access for pedestrians.

We do recognise that it is problematic, but can be managed better with families using common sense and being considerate. Thank you.

### Baby news

You may have been wondering how Mrs Draper is getting on, and I am delighted to be able to let you know that she had a baby girl! Ia Fern Draper was born on 6<sup>th</sup> August and am happy to report that both are doing well. Hopefully Mrs Draper will be able to visit soon.



In Mrs Draper’s absence Mrs Pogson and Mrs Samat have taken on additional responsibilities for the duration of Mrs Draper’s maternity leave. You may have had contact with Mrs Pogson and Mrs Samat in their capacity as phase leaders and I am really grateful to them both for ensuring that all goes smoothly.



### Language network meeting

Our EAL team will be offering a Language network meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct at 9.05am. This is a targeted meeting and parents / carers who we consider it is the most suitable for will have received an invitation. Usually, these meetings are well attended and are received very positively as part of the support we offer families.

### PSA disco

The PSA are intending on holding a school disco on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. We may bring timings forward slightly to make it easier for younger children to attend, and details of arrangements will follow shortly. Please keep this date free if children would like to attend.



# POETRY

### Poetry competition

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October is also National poetry day and Mrs Samat has shared information about an Autumn Poetry writing competition. A poster and explanation about the competition is attached. Entries are due to be returned by 14<sup>th</sup> October, so I hope this gives children plenty of time to have a go!

### 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.





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Contact emails are:

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

Miss Laura Khalil  
Headteacher

### Useful dates

Term dates 2024 – 2025		Curriculum events
<b>Autumn Term</b>		<b>PSA / Other</b> 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!  <a href="mailto:psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk">psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com">hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com</a>
INSET	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	
INSET	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	
First day of term	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	
HALF TERM	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	
Last day of term	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>(2pm finish)</b>	
<b>Spring Term</b>		
INSET	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	
First day of term	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	
HALF TERM	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	
Last day of term	Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr <b>(2pm finish)</b>	
INSET	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	
<b>Summer Term</b>		
First day of term	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	
May bank holiday	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	
INSET	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	
HALF TERM	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> May	
Last day of term	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July <b>(2pm finish)</b>	