



Harvills Hawthorn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you are all well and that your start to 2023 has been a healthy and happy one. It has certainly been a very successful start to the year here at Harvills. The children have settled straight back into school life and are working so very hard. We have lots to look forward to and we are sure it will be a busy one with plenty of exciting things happening. If you would like to find out more about what your children are learning this term, please visit the curriculum pages on our school website: <https://www.harvillshawthorn.co.uk>

As always, we are looking forward to working with you all to continue our vision of ensuring all our children are the very best that they can be.

Best wishes,

Miss Sheen and Miss Soper

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for your continued support with our drive for improving attendance and punctuality. The use of the electronic signing-in system is proving very successful and our number of lates is reducing each week.

Arriving at school on time and ready to learn is the best start to the day for our children. Even being 5 minutes late per day can add up to 3.4 school days missed.

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Inspire Workshops

It was lovely to see so many parents and family members join us for our previous Inspire Workshops. The feedback from the children is that they love sharing learning with their family so we would love it if even more parents were able to join us this term learning alongside their children.

Showcase Assemblies

Some parents may remember that, pre-pandemic, we used to perform Showcase Assemblies. Well, we are pleased to say that we are re-introducing them this year! For those of you who do not know about Showcases, it is another opportunity for your child to share their learning with you. Each class puts together an assembly and parents and family members are invited to join us in the audience. These will be held on a Tuesday and will begin at 9:00am, except for afternoon nursery which begin at 2:45pm.



Young Voices

On Friday evening, our choir took part in the Young Voices Concert at Resorts World Arena, in Birmingham. The Young Voices experience is not simply a children's choir concert; these are the largest children's choir concerts in the world.

Our choir performed alongside over 5,000 other children as a single choir to audiences of family and friends and they were amazing. Heather Small, lead singer of MPeople joined the concert and sang alongside the children, which was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The concert is the culmination of lots of hard work from our staff and children so special thanks must go to Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Badger and Mrs Shenston who supported the children in this venture and to the parents who came to watch. It really was a special night and we are all very proud of what they achieved.

Parents' Evenings

This term's parents' evenings will be held during the week beginning 16th March.

In response to parent feedback, we have extended the time slots to 10 minutes and will be offering slots during the afternoon. Each year group will be allocated a different date within this week.

Further information on specific dates and booking instructions will be coming to you very shortly.

Extra -Curricular Sports Clubs

Lots of children are taking part in our extra-curricular clubs. The children who attend KS1 multi-sports club are having great fun and Mr N says they are learning many new skills and growing in confidence.

Some of our KS2 children are also currently practicing for a cross-country event we are competing in later in the term. The children are working really hard at lunchtimes to build their stamina and endurance.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 18th January	10.30-11.30am 2:00-3:00pm	NCM- morning children Inspire Workshop NCM - afternoon children Inspire Workshop
Thursday 19th January	10.30-11.30am 2:00-3:00pm	NCM- morning children Inspire Workshop NCM - afternoon children Inspire Workshop
Monday 30 th January	2:00-3:00pm	2LT (Miss Turner) and 2DW (Mr Westwood) Inspire Workshops
Tuesday 31st January	9:00am 9:30am 2:00-3:00pm	6HC (Miss Coley) Showcase Assembly 6HC Inspire Workshop 3RD (Mrs D'Vaz) and 3KS (Mr Salmon) Inspire Workshops
Tuesday 31st January	9:00-10:00am	Flu vaccination catch up session- letters to follow
Wednesday 1st February	9:00-10:00am 2:00-3:00pm	RSH (Mrs Hill) Inspire Workshop RHK (Mrs Kitching) Inspire Workshop
Thursday 2nd February	9:00-10:00am 2:00-3:00pm	5GB (Miss Brooks) and 6NW (Mrs Wilding) Inspire Workshops 5HM (Mrs Marsden) Inspire Workshop
Friday 3rd February	9:00-10:00am 2:00-3:00pm	4BM (Mr Monkman) Inspire Workshop 4SA (Miss Allen) Inspire Workshop
Tuesday 7th February	9:00am	2LT Showcase Assembly
Wednesday 8 th February	2:00-3:00pm	1JH (Mr. Hill) and 1DL (Mr Law) Inspire Workshops
Tuesday 14th February	9:00am	5HM Showcase Assembly
Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 27 th February		School open for children
Tuesday 7th March	9:00am	6NW Showcase Assembly
w/b 16th March	1:30pm onwards	Parents' evenings
Tuesday 14th March	9:00am	3RD Showcase Assembly
Friday 17th March		Red Nose Day - letter to follow shortly
Tuesday 21st March	8:00am- 5:30pm 9:00am	Year 3 visit to Cheddar Gorge RHK Showcase Assembly
Thursday 23rd March	3:30-5:15pm	PTA Movie Night - more details to follow
Friday 24th March	3:30-5:15pm	PTA Movie Night - more details to follow

Tuesday 28th March	9:00am	4SA Showcase Assembly
Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April		2 WEEK EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 17th April		School open for children
Tuesday 2nd May	9:00am	3KS Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 9th May	9:00am	RSH Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 16th May	9:00am	1JH Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 23rd May	9:00am	NCM morning class Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 13th June	2:45pm	NCM afternoon class Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 20th June	9:00am	1DL Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 27th June	9:00am	4BM Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 4th July	9:00am	2DW Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 11th July 2023	9:00am	5GB Showcase Assembly

Please Note: School Closure for Local Election

We have now received official notification that we will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 4th May 2023 for the upcoming local election. Please ensure you have organised childcare, if necessary, as school will be closed to all pupils on this date. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you would like to know the dates for the rest of the school year, 2022-23, please follow this link:
https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200295/schools_and_learning/4540/current_school_term_dates_and_holidays_202223