



# Harvills Hawthorn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Harvills' newsletter!

I can't quite believe how quickly these weeks have gone! Already, we have had lots of exciting learning take place and as always, your children are working extremely hard to be the very best that they can be. When I walk around the school, there is such a buzz and I am surrounded by hard working children, learning together and having fun.

Thank you to all our parents and family members who were able to join us for our recent Inspire sessions. It is lovely to be able to welcome you back into the classrooms and the feedback I received from children, staff and parents was fantastic.

Lots of our parents are aware that Miss Sam Banks has now left our administration team to start a new adventure elsewhere. One of our learning support staff, Mrs. Karen Brierley, has replaced Miss Banks and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a warm welcome to the office team. Mr. Mike Ryan has now also officially retired and Mr. Alan Taylor has begun his role as our new site manager in earnest. You will see Mr Taylor around the school site and he will quickly become a familiar sight to you all.

I would also like to share the good news that Mr N, who lots of you know supports our PE learning and runs our after school sports clubs, has become a father for the first time. Congratulations, Mr N on the birth of your baby boy, Rome!

I wish you all a safe, happy and restful half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Take care,

Miss Soper

## School Responsibilities

Your children have been busy applying for, and being nominated for, various important roles around school. Congratulations to all those who were successful in gaining the titles of Head Boy and Head Girl, House Captains, Year 6 Prefects, School Councillors, Class Ambassadors, Librarians, Eco-Councillors and Play Leaders.

Our new Head Boy, Harsha, Head Girl, Maddison, and the team of prefects are already doing a great job of being role models to all the pupils and leading by example.

The class ambassadors have been nominated by the class teachers and each class has two ambassadors. Their job is to be an advocate for what happens in their classroom and to speak to visitors when they're in school.

Mrs Hill has been working with our new school councillors to come up with ideas for our Christmas Fayre. The School Council gives the children an opportunity to voice their views and opinions. They also have various projects over the year that they will be working on so watch this space for more information.

The librarians work closely with our English Lead, Mrs Marsden, to ensure our school library is organised and used effectively. They also run lunchtime reading groups. We are currently waiting for some new library furniture to revamp the area and we can't wait to see what it will look like when it is finished.

Play Leaders in year 5 and 6 have just received training from Public Health, Sandwell on how to support children during playtimes. They have also developed their own skills of leadership and communication and how these are important when setting up and delivering games to other children.

Our Eco-Warriors are busy raising our awareness about sustainability and encouraging everyone to be good at recycling and saving energy. They are also encouraging us to have good habits for the future.

They are all doing a brilliant job!



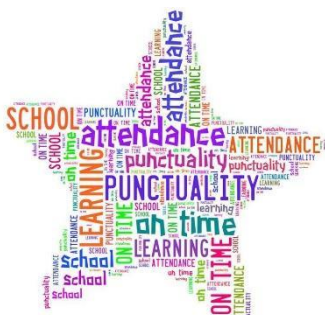
### Attendance and Punctuality

We've had a fantastic start to the school year in terms of attendance. Although we have dipped ever-so-slightly below the government target of 96%, we are still extremely proud of the effort made by the children and their parents.

When we return to school after the half term break, we will launch Not off in November. Please look out for an email that will share the details of this attendance incentive.

We now have a trophy that is presented to the class with the best attendance for the week. We have had a few winning classes this half term, including 3RD, RSH and 4SA. Hopefully, the trophy will be visiting some of the other classrooms next half term. Regular attendance is extremely important.

Remember: missing school means missing out.



### Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA have been meeting regularly and working on organising various events throughout the school year. We have the pumpkin carving competition coming up soon on Monday 31st October. Children can pay £1 to enter their carved pumpkin and they can dress up if they want to. They would also like to welcome the new members and thank them for their support. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can support our PTA, please contact Mrs Hill.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Mr N has been extremely impressed by the children's efforts in our extracurricular clubs this half term. It

has been incredible to see their character and determination. He would also like to congratulate staff on their brilliant efforts during our Friday Fit Club. He thinks they have all been amazing!

### When do the Clocks Go Back?

The clocks officially turn back one hour at 2am next Sunday, October 30th.

This means you will get one extra hour in bed but please remember that this is the night before the children are due back to school! If you don't change your clocks, you may arrive one hour early!

