



Harvills Hawthorn Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all well and enjoying the long awaited sunshine!

As lots of you will know, we are currently in the midst of the statutory testing period; years 2 and 6 have just completed their SATs whilst, after the holiday, year 4 will sit the Multiplication Tables Check and year 1 will sit their Phonics Screening. We know every child is giving their very best and we could not be any prouder of them all.

We cannot believe that we are already moving into our final half term of the year; this year seems to have flown by even faster than usual! We are currently finalising our end of year events such as sports' day, transition days and the summer fayre so watch out for further information over the coming weeks.

We hope you have a wonderful, sunny half term with your families,

Miss Sheen and Miss Soper

## Parents v Teachers Football Match

Join us at George Salter Academy (Davey Rd, West Bromwich B70 9UW) on Friday 16th June at 5:15pm to find out who will win our parent vs teacher football match. Further details about this event have already been shared in an earlier email.



## Save the Date: Thursday 13th July

This will be our annual Summer Fayre. We have lots of exciting things planned which include Jelly Legs, an inflatable obstacle course, ice cream van, soak the teacher, Indian snacks, face painting and many, many more exciting stalls! Join us from 3:30pm until 5:00pm.



### The Coronation of King Charles III

The whole school enjoyed celebrating King Charles III's Coronation. Reverend Mark from St James' and St Paul's churches came to officially open the new Royal Garden which was planted by our school council. Riverside Housing have kindly donated two benches (which will be added to the garden during the holiday) and we sang the National Anthem, accompanied by the brass band, which sounded fantastic. Soon, we will also have two plaques mounted in the garden; one to commemorate the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and one to celebrate the coronation of the King. Huge thanks to Ellaelizabeth's dad who made these for us. We ask that everyone is considerate of the Royal Garden when walking across the grass so that it continues to look as beautiful as it currently does.

Following on from the opening of the garden, all of the adults and children participated in an afternoon of Big Games. We enjoyed spending some time together playing football, rounders, blowing bubbles, parachute games and many other exciting activities! We would like to thank all of those involved in making our garden a success and a special thank you must go to Mrs Hill, the governors and the PTA who worked incredibly hard to organise it and make it such a memorable event.

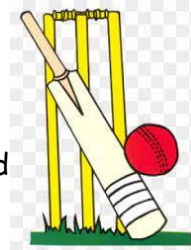
### King Charles III Portrait Competition.

Thank you for all your amazing entries. They were all fantastic, which made choosing the winners extremely difficult! A big congratulations to the following winning portraits which will be displayed in the Riverside Hub across the road.



### Mixed Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament

A big well done to our year 5/6 children who took part in an inter-school cricket competition this half term at West Bromwich Dartmouth Cricket Club. Harvills competed against many schools in the local area. All the children did brilliantly and the team did Harvills proud, coming 3rd in their group. A big well done to the team!



We have a year 5/6 boys' football tournament and a year 5/6 girls' football tournament coming up soon after the holidays. We wish the teams the very best of luck and we know they will be amazing!

### Pop-Up Pool

After the unfortunate delay to the year 5 and 6 children being able to use the pop up swimming pool, the swimming lessons have now ended and the swimming pool will be removed during the half term holidays. Over the last two weeks, all the year 5 and 6 children have received 5x50 minutes of high quality swimming lessons and the feedback from pupils, parents and the swimming instructors has been fantastic.

Many of our children have now learned to swim 25m and those that could already swim have built upon their existing knowledge to develop their techniques and skills.

It was been lovely to see the children's faces when they first entered the swimming tent- they truly have had a fabulous time.

A special thanks must go to Nicola Cooke, our Chair of Governors, who has been on hand every day to manage the groupings and ensured all the children arrived at their lessons on time. Remember, if you live in Sandwell and are aged 18 or under, you can swim for FREE DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. Why not take your children swimming and let them show you what they have achieved!

<https://www.slt-leisure.co.uk/free-swimming-in-sandwell/>



### Public Speaking Competition

A huge congratulations to Harsha (6NW) and Mahika (4BM) who represented Harvills at the Wednesbury Public Speaking Competition.

They both delivered tremendous speeches on the benefits and negatives of technology in modern society to an audience, which included Sandwell's Director of Children and Education and the mayor.

Harsha won the year 5/6 competition and Mahika was highly praised for her outstanding contribution to years 3&4.

Congratulations to you both!



### Dates for Your Diary

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Children return to school after half term holiday
w/b 12th June		Y1 statutory phonics screening & Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
Tuesday 13th June	2:45pm	NCM <b>afternoon class</b> Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 20th June	9:00am	1DL Showcase Assembly
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June		Year 6 visit to Edgmond Hall (further information to follow)
Tuesday 27th June	9:00am	4BM Showcase Assembly
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9:00am	Sports Day (further information to follow)
Tuesday 4th July	9:00am	2DW Showcase Assembly
	All day	Reception visit to Sycamore Adventure (further information to follow)
Wednesday 5th July	All day for most y6 children	Transition to high school visit for y6 day 1 (please see letters sent out to children from the high schools)
	3:30-4:00pm	23/24 Reception Intake Parents' meeting with EYFS team
Thursday 6th July	All day for most y6 children	Transition to high school visit for y6 day 2 (please see letters sent out to children from the high schools)
Tuesday 11th July	9:00am	5GB Showcase Assembly
	All day	Nursery visit to Sycamore Adventure
Thursday 13th July	3:30-5:00pm	Harvills' summer fayre
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	9:15am-10:15am	Morning nursery graduation ceremony
	2:30pm-3:30pm	Afternoon nursery graduation ceremony
	4:30-6:00pm	Year 6 Leavers' celebration
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	9:15am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July		Last day of term. Children are in school today.
Monday 4th September, 2023		Inset day. School is closed for all children.
Tuesday 5th September, 2023		Inset Day. School is closed for all children
Wednesday 6th September, 2023		Children return to school.

## Uniform Expectations

As many of you will be purchasing new school uniforms in the near future, we would like to this opportunity to remind you about our school uniform expectations.

Gold polo shirt  
Green jumper or cardigan - preferably with logo  
Grey skirt or trousers  
Yellow or green gingham dress in the summer (optional)  
Black shoes  
Grey trousers  
Grey shorts in the summer (optional)



### **School bags (optional)**

Small backpack that can fit into a locker  
School book bag

### **Not acceptable to be worn as uniform**

Hoodies (can be worn as a coat but must not be worn in the classroom)  
Tracksuit bottoms  
Shoes with a heel  
Flip-flop or Crocs type footwear  
Brightly-coloured trainers  
Extreme hair styles and colours  
Jewellery, except a wristwatch and stud earrings (all earrings must be removed for PE and other sporting activities)  
Nail extensions

### **PE Kit**

T-shirt in your child's house colour (red, green, blue or yellow). Crop tops are not suitable.

Black shorts or leggings

Warm outdoor wear for outside PE

Socks

Pumps or trainers

A school policy for religious ceremonial wear has been adopted by the governing body. Please ask in school for further information.

If you would like to purchase uniform from Brigade, please follow this link to the correct page on our website <https://www.harvillshawthorn.co.uk/parents/uniform>.

We are in the process of setting up a partnership with Ian Smiths to purchase uniform online. They are a local supplier in the Great Bridge area and you will be able to purchase uniform at an affordable price and have it delivered to your home or workplace. This partnership will be finalised after half term so keep an eye out for more information.