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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staff news

We would like to welcome Miss Barker who is training to become a teacher. Miss Barker will be working in Class 1 for the rest of this term.

Forthcoming Events

Remembrance Sunday

Poppies will be on sale in school each lunchtime next week in the run up to Remembrance Sunday (while stocks last). Children should bring their donation (minimum 20p please) into school in a named envelope please.

Anti-bullying week – 13th-17th November

We will be celebrating Anti-bullying week during the week 13th – 17th November. The theme this year is 'Make a Noise about Bullying'. We invite the children to wear odd socks on Monday 13th November to celebrate what makes us all unique. To find out more, follow the link below to the Anti-bullying alliance website.



Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. It doesn't have to be this way.

Of course, we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.

This Anti-Bullying Week let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about bullying.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

The School Council team have been thinking about the how to celebrate the up and coming 'Children in Need' event on Friday 17th November. This year Joe Wicks has invented 'The Bearpees Challenge', which challenges children to do as many burpees in the classrooms as possible throughout the week beginning 13th November. Classes will be participating and then on Friday 17th Nov (Children in Need day) your child can wear a sports themed outfit or their PE kit and bring in an optional donation. Throughout the week the School Council team will be running fund raising activities/raffles to raise extra money – further details to follow.

HELP needed for the PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 24th November



The PTA are currently recruiting for anyone who can help out on a stall for our Christmas Fair on Friday 24th November. If you are interested, please email the PTA on hcps.pta@gmail.com They will also be sending out information regarding donations for stalls/raffles. We really appreciate your support with this event – thank you.

Reminder School Attendance, including Persistent Absences and Holidays during Term Time

The government has a persistence absence threshold of 10%. The absence threshold of 10% means that if a pupil is absent for 38 sessions (19 days) of school, they are classified as persistently absent. Schools are urged to inform parents of this threshold and to advise parents that fines will be made for persistent absence, unless there is evidence of a justifiable reason for such absence, for example, significant illness. Failure to make payment will result in legal action for failure to ensure regular attendance at school under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996.

Timeline	Penalty Charges
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent per child
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent per child
After 28 days	The parent will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrate's Court on the grounds of having failed to secure their child/ children's regular attendance

As you are aware, I am not allowed to grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. An exceptional circumstance is usually a one-off, unique situation that is of significant emotional, educational or spiritual value which outweighs the loss of teaching time. It is my duty to strongly urge parents or carers to avoid booking holidays, appointments or visits overseas during term-time. In addition, it is important that I advise you that under the legislation there is an expectation that schools will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to those parents who take their children on an unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) in term time.

Calendar of Events

Please see below calendar dates for the new academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

November 2023

Monday 6 th	Year 5 and 6 Football at HCCS 3.30pm
Monday 13 th	Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week
Monday 13th	Year 1 and 2 Dance workshop at HCCS 3.30pm
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Monday 20th	Year 3 and 4 Dance workshop at HCCS 3.30pm
Monday 20 th – Wednesday 23 rd	Hamper donation days – PTA
Friday 24 th	Christmas Fair 5-7pm
Tuesday 28 th	FLUENZ Vaccinations

December 2023

Sunday 3 rd	Village Christmas Market 3-7pm
Monday 4th	Year 5 and 6 Dance workshop at HCCS 3.30pm
Monday 11th	Year 3 and 4 Boccia tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Tuesday 12 th	Y4 visit to theatre – The Nutcracker
Tuesday 12 th	Reception Nativity for Class RA (Miss MacWilliam) 10am
Wednesday 13 th	Reception Nativity for Class R (Mrs Noble/Mrs Winter) 10am
Wednesday 13 th	KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 1 and 2) 2pm
Thursday 14 th	KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 1 and 2) 6pm
Friday 15 th	Y5 Viking Day
Wednesday 20 th	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20th	Wider Opps music concert for Year 4 parents 2.30pm
Thursday 21 st	Christmas parties
Friday 22 nd December – Monday 8 th	Christmas holiday – school closed



January	
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January 2024

Monday 8 th	Inset day – school closed
Tuesday 9 th	Spring term begins
Monday 15 th	Year 5 and 6 Boccia tournament at HCCS 3.30pm

February 2024

Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6 th	Young Voices – Manchester
Thursday 8 th	Year Greek workshop
Monday 12 th	Year 3 and 4 Basketball at HCCS 3.30pm
Monday 12 th – Wednesday 14 th	Y5 residential
Thursday 15 th	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Half term – school closed
Tuesday 27 th and Thursday 29 th	Parents' Evenings

March 2024

Monday 4 th	Year 5 and 6 Basketball at HCCS 3.30pm
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Monday 11 th	Year 5 and 6 Girl's Football at HCCS 3.30pm
Friday 15 th	PTA Disco
Wednesday 20 th	Year 4 Presentation to Parents 9.30am
Thursday 21 st	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Friday 29 th	School closed for Easter holiday

Other key dates for your diary –

- Year 3 Presentation to parents – Tuesday 30th April at 9.30am
- KS2 SATS week – Monday 13th – Friday 17th May
- Year 5 Presentation to parents – Thursday 23rd May at 9.30am
- Sports Day – Friday 28th June (KS2 am, KS1 pm)
- Year 6 Leaver's Performance – Tuesday 16th July at 2pm and Wednesday 17th July at 7pm

Kind regards,

Fiona Gresty
Headteacher

