

August Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Now that the dust has settled a little after a very busy end to the year, I just wanted to wrap things up a little with a final newsletter of the 2023/24 academic year.

There was a huge amount going on in those final weeks: art week, a year 1 concert, a reception play, violin and viola concerts, a choir concert, a school disco, a year 2 concert, two year 5 and 6 performances, the celebration of work evening, a year 6 talent show and a year 6 leavers service all in July alone. We finished on the final afternoon with a review of many of those performances and it was definitely a moment to reflect on just how busy the children have been. I hope that they are managing to enjoy a well earned rest.

The end of the summer term is always a happy occasion but it's also a little sad to say goodbye to those who are moving on. This year we said goodbye to some families who are relatively new to the school and also some who have a very long association. This includes the Barretts (although Mrs Barrett will remain with us as a teacher), the Bartletts (although Mrs Constable will remain with us as Teaching Assistant), the Bleazards, the Burdetts, the Dolans (we can't thank Michelle Dolan enough for her time as the chair of the HSA), the Halls, the Howdens, the Kanes, the Lands, the Lattas, the Moss family, the Reas, the Rouses, the Kennys and the Reids. We also say goodbye to the Allen family including our site officer Mr Allen, as well as Mrs Eddy- Mulcahy as previously communicated. All will be very much missed by us. Our new site officer is Mr Mills who began work earlier this week, you may see him around the school if you are passing by.

Included below are one or two reminders as well as a round up of the latest school PE news (also available via this link <https://www.holywellprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=392&type=pdf>) and information from the Education and Inclusion Family Advisor as well as the dates section, this is rather sparse at the moment but will populate as the term begins.

We hope that you are having a lovely summer so far and enjoy the weeks ahead before we return on 4th September, you can expect a welcome back letter in the run up to this.

Yours sincerely

Paul Baddeley

Reminders

Swimming coach costs (Y3 and 5) and clay costs for art week. Thank you very much to those of you who made a contribution to these events. Unfortunately we haven't received enough of these to cover the costs the school incurred, close of accounts showed that we were around £900 down on the coach costs for swimming and about £280 down on the cost of the clay workshops. If you had intended to make your contribution but had overlooked this please get in contact with Mrs Cooper finance@holwell.cambs.sch.uk

Changes to attendance procedures, I sent out a separate letter about this yesterday if you haven't read it please do as there are some significant changes, particularly around repeated unauthorised holidays over a 3 year period.

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MOVE & THRIVE

In May we had 30 children outside working in teams to complete some fun challenges including curling, javelin, coconut shy and space hopper bouncing. Well done everyone! Many thanks to our Year 5s and wonderful TAs for helping with this event.



PE POINTS

The PE Points system continues to be used during PE lessons, break times, lunchtimes and at Forest School. The children are awarded with a sticker showing the School value they have shown.

The PE Superstar Certificate is awarded to the children who have got the most PE Points. The PE Superstars for Summer term were: KS1 Mackie F, R, Amy E, Miles W, Arsh D-P, Lily-Mai, Eddie R. KS2 Leah N, Grace D, Curtis D.

YOUNG LEADERS

The Year 5s have had their 'Young Leaders' training and are now leading the Active Lunchtimes for KS1, Year 3 and Year 4 children. A big thank you to them and also to the Year 6 children who worked hard all year before passing the baton to the Year 5s.



The Young Leaders are also continuing to organise equipment at break-time for children to be active and creative so big thank you for that too!

CLUBS

NFL Flag Football Club - The Year 6s took part in the school's first ever NFL Flag Football club. We all learnt new skills and tactics in readiness for the Regional Tournament (see the Tournament Page).



Morning Movers - We have been so lucky to have Rachel from Theatre Arts providing this dance club on a Thursday morning before school. Children from both KS1 and KS2 have been learning some fantastic dances and grooving to the music before school.

Girls' Lunchtime Football Club - KS2 girls have been continuing to train on Wednesday lunchtimes and are improving every week! Well done girls!

KS2 Cross-Country Club - Kirsty Robinson has been running the Cross-Country club on a Friday morning - a big thank you again for this. Many of the children competed in the Cross Country Competition and did themselves and the school proud (see the Tournament page below).



Holywell Mixed Football Squad - the KS2 football squad have been training on Thursday lunchtimes getting prepared for the Summer tournaments.

KS1 Tag Rugby Club - We were delighted to have Primary Sports Stars providing this club for the first Summer half-term. Many thanks to them for providing this opportunity to the younger children to start learning the skills of Tag Rugby.

Netball Club - Year 5 & Year 6 children are continuing to train hard at netball club - a big thank you again to Kirsty Robinson for her help with this club too. Here they are demonstrating their shooting skills.



Year 5 Dodgeball Club - After half-term we ran this club on Mondays after school. We played a mixture of different types of dodgeball games and had lots of fun.



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FESTIVALS AND TOURNAMENTS

We have had a busy Summer term with lots of children attending festivals, tournaments and competitions. A big thank you to the Hunt Schools Sports Partnership (HSSP) for putting on many of these fantastic events. Also thank you to all the parents who have helped with transport to these events.

KS1 Boys' Football Intra-Festival

KS1 boys had a fun-filled football morning in April and competed against each other in mixed Year 1 & Year 2 teams. They came dressed as superheroes or in their football kits and showed super team spirit.



Year 3 Orienteering Festival

Hinchingsbrooke House Gardens provided an amazing venue for the Orienteering Festival. The 7 girls and boys from Year 3 had fun map-reading to find markers around the garden. There were also other team activities using their orienteering skills. Great team work everyone!



Year 5 / 6 Cross Country Competition

On the last day of the half-term, 12 budding cross-country runners took part in relay races in a beautiful country park in St Neots. They all finished the race and showed fantastic determination and fitness! We were so proud of you all! Thank you to Kirsty Robinson for all her hard work in Cross Country Club.



Year 6 NFL Flag Football

In April, eleven children from the Year 6 NFL club competed in the school's first ever NFL Flag Football match against Little Paxton. We all learnt so much and managed to score 2 touchdowns! Thank you to all the parents who came to support the children.

In May, we went to the Regional Flag Football tournament at St Ives One Leisure. There was music, dancing and a great atmosphere. The children worked really hard as a team against some tough opposition and managed to score some points! Well done all!



Year 5 Quadkids Athletics Competition

In early June we took 23 Year 5s to the One Leisure Outdoor Centre to compete against other schools in the following athletics events: 20m sprint, 400/600m, Standing Long Jump and Vortex throw. The children represented the school superbly, cheering each other on and supporting each other. Well done everyone!



KS1 Disney-Themed Football Festival

In early April, we took 22 girls from Year 1 & 2 to the HSSP Disney-themed football festival. They all looked fantastic in their dressing up clothes and football kits and enjoyed a fun-filled morning at Hinchingsbrooke School.





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Year 5 / 6 Mixed Cricket Competition

In June, 8 children from Year 5 & Year 6 took part in the Dynamo Cricket Competition. It was a super learning experience for all the children who had not played much cricket and they all improved so much throughout the afternoon. We were very proud of you all!



Football

Our 'A' Team football squad competed in the Summer tournament against Alconbury Primary School and St Helens Primary School. We scored in each match, lost 2 matches and drew 2 matches. We all agreed the team played the best football they have all year – super proud of all of them!

The 'B' Team football squad also competed in the Summer tournament against GCA, Huntingdon Primary School and St Mary's Primary School. We experimented with lots of different rotations and all the children were really adaptable in their different positions. Great team spirit throughout and although we didn't win, they never gave up! Well done everyone!

The Year 5 / 6 Girls' football team played in the final tournament of the Summer at St Mary's Football Club. The girls' football skills have improved so much, with some fantastic attacking play and strong tackling. We were super proud of them all. We made it to the semi-final where we lost on a golden goal but eventually came 3rd overall! Big thank you to Kirzly Robinson for coaching the girls and also congratulations on completing the Level One Football qualification!



Year 3 / 4 Tennis Festival

St Neots Lawn Tennis Club was the venue for the Year 3 / 4 Tennis Festival. We took 10 children to the event, where they took part in a rotation of tennis games and activities. They represented the school so well, doing their best and improving their skills along the way. Well done everyone!



Year 3 / 4 Cricket Festival

On a beautiful and hot day in June, we took 10 children from Year 3 / 4 to Eaton Saxon Cricket Club and competed in three Dynamo Cricket matches. The children showed fantastic cricket skills and scored lots of runs and took lots of wickets! They showed great team spirit, working together in the field and encouraging each other throughout. Super job everyone!



SPORTS DAY

We were super lucky with the weather this year and enjoyed two wonderful sports day events in the sunshine. The carousel morning saw the children working together in teams, with the older children doing a great job of supporting the younger ones during the various fun activities. A huge thanks to Miss Fabriz, Mr Turner and the Year 6 children for organising this fun morning.

The afternoon races were very competitive, with some close finishes in the sprinting, the sack race, the egg and spoon race, the relay and the slow bicycle race. Well done to everyone for making the afternoon a great success!



News from the Education and Inclusion Family Advisor

Summer holiday support for Parents/Carers – drop in's

If you need to talk to someone about your child/children over the school holidays, we are offering virtual drop-ins with our team of Education Inclusion Family Advisors. We welcome any Parent/Carer that would like to join.

Drop in dates:

Friday 16th August 2024 12:00 – 1pm

Tuesday 27th August 2024 3pm – 4pm

The drop ins will be hosted through Microsoft teams. You will need internet access and a device to be able to join through using your web browser.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 339 094 081 251

Passcode: TsutVB

Summer holiday support for Parents/Carers - Workshops

Please see our list of workshops below that are running by our team of Education Inclusion Family Advisors. We welcome any Parent/Carer that would like to join.

Workshops topics and dates:

Thursday 8th August 2024 3pm – 4pm – Sibling Rivalry

Monday 19th August 2024 10am – 11am – What to do when kids push your buttons

The workshops will be hosted through Microsoft teams. You will need internet access and a device to be able to join through using your web browser. Please complete the booking form and you will be contacted the day before the workshop with the link to join.

<https://forms.office.com/e/CS6Hr9vNS3>



Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Katie Smith

Individual Appointments for parent's/carer's

Bookable appointments available on the following dates.

Wednesday 18th September 2024

Wednesday 16th October 2024

Wednesday 20th November 2024

Wednesday 18th December 2024

To make an appointment at Broadleas Child and Family Centre, please follow this link -

<https://forms.office.com/e/QbCgASLdCb>

Your EIFA will contact you to confirm a time.



Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing.

For more information contact me directly on:

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Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor team

Helping your child with feelings
of worry workshop
at
Broadleas Child and Family Centre

On **Tuesday 1st October 2024**

The session will begin at 1pm and last approximately 1 hour with
availability for questions after the session.

To book on to this face-to-face workshop, please follow the link

<https://forms.office.com/e/rVm0ZBbEJN>

Please be aware that spaces are limited.

For more information contact us directly on:

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Dates



New Dates In Bold

- **3rd September - Staff Training Day (School Closed)**

- 4th September - Term begins
- **12th September - Individual Photos**
- **30th September - 3rd October - Year 5/6 Bikeability**
- **28th October - 1st November - Half term**
- **23rd December - 3rd January - Christmas Break**
- **6th January - Staff Training Day (School Closed)**
- **7th January - Spring Term Begins**