



# Hackwood Primary Academy

## Newsletter

### 2024/2025 - Autumn 1 – October



#### Great Expectations - for a great year!

Dear Hackwood Parents, Carers and the Community,

We began the term with a focus on having great expectations of all our pupils. We know children achieve well, when we have high expectations of them. The pupils and staff have all been working incredibly hard in establishing great expectations and we have had a very successful half-term. Children have made a very positive start to the year. They have worked hard in all their subjects and are making good progress in their learning. There have been so many enriching experiences throughout the first half-term to build on the curriculum.

We had a Global Schools Day celebrating the vibrant cultures we have in school, our EYFS had a Dream Reads with parents and carers to instil the love of reading, Year 6 children had a great trip to the National Memorial, as part of their World War topic. Year 1 children had a local area trip exploring the Geography of the area. Urban Strides (a professional dance group) delivered Dance Workshops across Key Stage 2 and we have been looking at Black History Month during our assemblies to build being respectful and embracing the contributions of others.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came into our Parent Consultations this half term. We will be holding them for Year 1 - 4 parents and carers early next half term. We ask that you continue to support your child to make the most of school by reinforcing our Hackwood Expectations: *'Be Respectful - Persevere and Take Pride in everything we do'*. We know that your support with key learning has a big impact so thank you again for supporting with home learning challenges, reading and learning the times tables.

It has been a very productive half-term of learning. We have all earned a well-earned rest! I hope you have a brilliant break and look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November as school is closed for INSET on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you  
Mr Miah

*We believe in ourselves, to achieve our goals and succeed!*

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## Upcoming Events in November



 **ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

With the support of



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

**ODD SOCKS DAY** on  
**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

Hackwood Primary Academy

Supports,

**CHILDREN**

£1



**IN NEED**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Wear anything yellow or spotty,  
(Paint or draw your own spots!)



Be a fundraiser.

Just wear spots to raise lots!!!



**THE HARMONY TRUST**  
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**REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
*Let's not forget*

**Tuesday 5th November 2024**

On Tuesday 5th November 2024, we will be fulfilling our Harmony pledge 'Be respectful' by taking part in a range of different team building games. These games will also support our learning around Remembrance Day.

Each class will have a fun-filled session with Soccerstars UK.

All children should come to school in their PE kit.





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#### Breakfast Club - Update

As you are aware, we provide a Breakfast Club every day from 7.30am on site. Children are provided a breakfast and a calm start to the day. From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November our Breakfast Club will be run by Premier Sports (who currently run the club on Thursdays and Fridays) every day. Bookings and price will remain the same and places should be booked through Parentpay.

Premier Sports will provide a range of activities during Breakfast including exercise so that children make a positive start to the day. I would like to thank Mrs Willis and Mrs Nadin who have run the Breakfast Club over the last few years. They will be staying with us at Hackwood to run the Wraparound Care After School Club which runs every day from 3:10pm - 6pm and can be booked via Parentpay.

#### Parking and Driving around school

A reminder as the weather gets colder and wetter; please can you take care with how you drive around the school site and where you park. There have again been complaints from our neighbours as well as a near miss due to poor parking and irresponsible driving.

I ask that you seriously consider parking away from the school site and walking for a few minutes to access school. There have been occasions again when drivers are parking in front of drives which is unacceptable. There have been incidents with parking, which has meant that emergency vehicles would be restricted when trying to access properties. This could result in a serious emergency not being dealt with. Therefore, please take more care when driving and parking around the school site. We want to make sure all of our children are safe and appreciate your support with this.

## 2024-2025 - Dates for the Diary

Please note diary dates may be changed and not all dates are on the calendar yet. Any changes and additions will always be communicated to parents via Spider or in subsequent newsletters with as much notice as possible.

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day - school closed for pupils
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school for Autumn Term 2
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Activity Day with Soccerstars
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Forum with CEO Antony Hughes @2:30pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Parents SATS Meeting at 3.30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	School Individual Photos
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Parent Consultations
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Parent Consultations
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need - Wear Spots to raise lots!
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning for future Reception parents at 9.30am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	School Book Fair in school all week
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery trip to Co-op
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Restaurant Day at 9:15am and 2:15pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 1 Great Fire of London workshop
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Performance to parents at 9:30am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Theatre in school to perform A Christmas Carol - whole school
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Show to parents at 9.30am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December KS2	Festive songs to parents at 9.30am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	INSPIRE Open Afternoon for parents from 1.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school for the start of the Spring Term
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Spring Term 1
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day - school closed for pupils
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school