



Hipswell Church of England

Primary School

Autumn 1 Newsletter

27th October 2023

Dear parents,

We have had a very positive start to the school year, welcoming new staff and pupils. As always, we have all strived to live our vision to "Live generously and graciously towards others, the way God lives towards us" (Matthew 5:48). It has been a pleasure to reward those children who have been awarded our weekly certificates for demonstrating our vision and values through 'hot chocolate Mondays.'

We look forward to seeing you when school reopens to the children on Monday 6th November. Have a lovely half term break.

Miss Ewbank.

Family Barbecue



We were incredibly lucky with the weather for our annual Family BBQ! It was lovely to welcome so many families to school. Fun was had on the bouncy castle, 'sumo wrestling', having our faces painted and on various stalls!



Dogs' Trust visit

On 24th and 25th October, we welcomed Suzie, accompanied by her very well-behaved dog, Max, from the Dogs' Trust. She led workshops in every class on safety around dogs. Hopefully your child will talk to you about this at home.



Wherever Home Is



A theatre company called 'The Invisible Man' visited to perform their production 'Wherever Home Is' which focused on dealing with change from the perspective of a service family. They told us that the play was

based on an ex Hipswell pupil and their first ever performance was at Hipswell many years ago!

Breakfast Club and Fun Club

Please note that we now have wrap around childcare at Hipswell. Breakfast Club is open from 7:30am until the start of the school day. Fun Club is open from 3:20pm - 6:00pm.

When using Fun Club, please collect your child by 6:00pm, as school closes at this time.

Many thanks.



Forest School

Year 1 have been enjoying their Forest School sessions with Rachel Muir, taking part in activities outdoors, whatever the weather! Next half term, Year 4 will be taking part in Forest School on a Tuesday afternoon therefore will need a change of clothing each week (warm clothes, waterproofs and wellies/boots).



Safeguarding at Hipswell

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Miss Ewbank, Mrs. Regan and Mrs. Matheson.

We are an 'Operation Encompass' school. For further information, please chat to us.

Please see our letter dated 16th October regarding driving and parking around Hipswell. Please remember that the speed limit is 5mph.

This week, our Year 6 pupils have supported the younger children in the safe use of zebra crossings.



Attendance

Attendance at Hipswell last academic year was 94.3%. We are aiming for 96% this year. Please see our website for our attendance policy and quick read guides for full information.

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please notify the school office before the start of the school day.

Inter Faith Week

We would like to invite parents (or grandparents if parents are unable to attend) to join us for a coffee morning to celebrate Inter Faith week and to raise funds for our new reflection area in school. Children may bring in 50p to purchase juice and a biscuit and there will be tea, coffee and cakes available for parents to purchase (cash only!). Children are invited to bring a smooth, palm-sized pebble into school to paint with their parents during the coffee morning.

Tuesday 14 th November 9:15am - 10:15am	Reception and Year 1 parents
Tuesday 14 th November 10:30am - 11:30am	Year 2 and Year 3 parents
Thursday 16 th November 9:15am - 10:15am	Year 4 and Year 6 parents
Thursday 16 th November 10:30am - 11:30am	Year 5 parents



Dates for your diary

Harvest Festival for the children in school	Thursday 9 th November. Donations will be given to Colburn Food Bank.
New Reception parent open evenings	Wednesday 8 th November 2pm Friday 24 th November 1:30pm Thursday 11 th January 10:30am
Christmas productions (all at 2pm and 6pm)	Year 3 and 4: Tuesday 12 th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Wednesday 13 th December Year 5 and Year 6: Thursday 14 th December
Spring term parents' evenings	Tuesday 12 th March 2024 Thursday 14 th March 2024