



HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

We care, we learn, we belong

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Dear Parents

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope everybody had a restful break. The children have all settled back into school and are already focussed on their learning. We are looking forward to an enjoyable and busy Spring Term.

Please find below some dates for your diary:

Thursday 1 February	Parenting Workshop (boundaries/routines and self-esteem) 6-15 - 7-15pm Year 2 Stem learning morning Individual photographs
5-11 February	Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 February	Break up - half term
Monday 19 February	School re-opens
29 Feb/15 & 22 March:	Tri-Golf sessions
Thursday 7 March	Year 1 Manchester City trip
Thursday 14 March	Year 1 Victorian Day
March - dates to follow	Face to Face Parent Evenings
Friday 22 March	Reception special surprise visitor Reception learning books sent home Year 1 & 2 topic books sent home
Monday 25 March	KS1 Cross Country event with SHAPES
Wednesday 27 March	Year 2 mountaineer talk & visit (Ben Heason)
Thursday 28 March	Break up - Easter

Reception Admissions

Please remember that the applications for Reception 2024 closes on **Monday 15th January**.

Parenting Workshop Thursday 1 February 6:15pm-7:15pm (Please note change of start time)

Following on from the Parent Survey we carried out in Summer Term, we are running a joint parent workshop with the Junior School on Thursday 1st February from 6:15pm until 7:15pm. The workshop will take place at the Infant School and will be delivered by Anne Cresswell, a vastly experienced Parenting Coach that both schools have worked with for a number of years.

Anne will cover boundaries/routines and self-esteem as these were the identified topics from the survey that parents said they would benefit the most from advice on. This is a parent only event, however we will provide a creche for primary age children if needed which would be led by support staff from the Infant or Junior school. Please can you let us know on the link below whether

you are planning to attend, how many people would like a place and whether you require a place at the creche.

<https://forms.gle/bSFoQAMpTjoVrFN29>

Safeguarding

The playground is a very busy place at the end of the school day. For safety reasons, children should not play on the playground equipment after school, enter the forest or climb the trees on school grounds. This includes children who walk around from the Junior School. Elm Cottage cannot utilise the playground for afterschool club until they are able to lock the gate. With this in mind, please can parents collect children promptly at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

School Closure - local elections

School will, unfortunately, be closed on Thursday 2 May. We are being used as a polling station for the local elections.

Reminder - The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important. The Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

'The Big Ambition' which will be **closing on Friday 19th January**.

If you have not completed the survey already and would like to please follow the link:
www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

PSHE

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week will take place on week commencing Monday 5 February. The theme is 'My Voice Matters' and we will be showing our support in school. Activities in class will help to empower children by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. Safer Internet Day is 6 February and we will be talking to the children in class about how to stay safe online. Parents can read more about the day here www.saferinternetday.org

Parent Evenings

Parent evenings for our all our children will take place in March and will be held in school. More details will be sent to you at a later date.

Individual Photographs

The school's photographer will be in school on Thursday 1 February to take individual photographs of the children and photographs of siblings attending the Infant School.

Have a great weekend,

Karen Grant
Headteacher