

To prepare our children to reach their full potential in a modern, evolving and diverse world.

Autumn 2 2023 – Week 7

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A Big Thank You!

All of us here at Hanslope just want to say a big THANK YOU to all stakeholders – students, parents, staff and Governors – for an amazingly busy and successful first term of this Academic year. It has been long, but fantastic and you all now deserve a very relaxing Winter break! The next newsletter will be going out in January 2024.



Hanslope School's New Facebook Page

Please follow our **new Facebook page** where we post about upcoming events. It's the best way to keep posted! To join, scan the QR code, or follow the link below!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/385370060554710/>



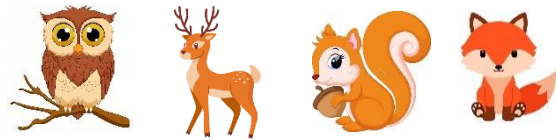
Celebrating the Weekly Winners

TTRockstars



Garage Games winners were **Redwood** class!

House-Points



House-Point winners were **Squirrel** House!

‘Congratulations’ to some, and ‘Farewell’ to others!



Congratulations to Miss Lunnon, who is now married and will be known as **Mrs Ramsden**. Mrs Foster is also getting married over the Winter break and when she returns in January will be known as **Mrs Curtis**.

Mrs Knight is sadly leaving at the end of this term to develop her teaching career in a new school. Rowan class will be taught by Mrs Jackson and a new member of staff, Mrs West – who we welcome to the team here at Hanslope!

Christmas Cards Galore!

This year, we will be running the Christmas Post-Box once again. Children are encouraged to bring Christmas cards into school for their school friends. The Post-Box will open from **Monday 4th December** with the last posting day as **Monday 18th December**. We request that specific details are on the front of the envelope in order for sorting to be easier for the Year 6 children. Please ensure there is: the child’s full name (if known), year group and class name.



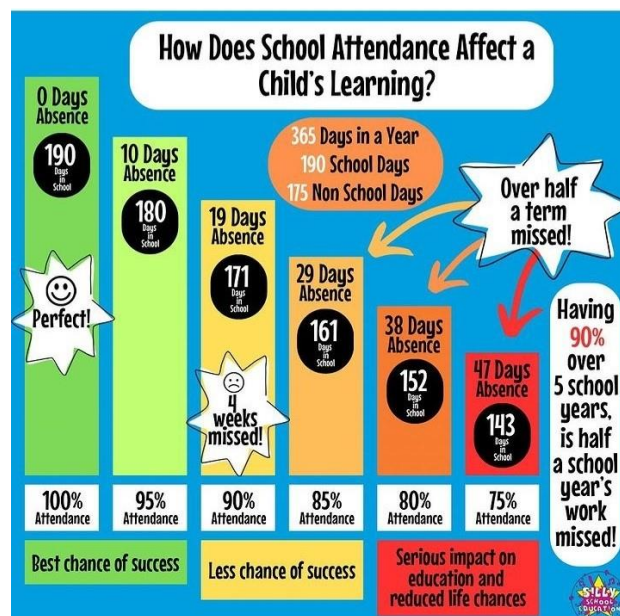
Weekly Attendance Figures

Our whole school attendance target is 95% or more for the end of this academic year. Below is a breakdown of each class's attendance **from last week**. Well done to **Elm** Class for having the highest attendance rate!

	Holly	91.3%
	Maple	91.3%
	Larch	87.8%
	Laurel	86.1%
	Alder	91.1%
	Elm	98.8%
	Oak	93.8%
	Rowan	92.1%
	Cedar	98.1%
	Redwood	95.9%
	Blackthorn	83.6%
	Hawthorn	94.8%
	Lime	94.6%
	Poplar	93.2%

School Total

92.3%



Did you know...

If your child finishes the year with **95% attendance** they will still have missed 10 school days, which equates to around **55 hours of learning time?**

In fact, if your child misses just one day in the week it equates to them missing **20%**, with their weekly attendance sitting at just **80%**.

Remember: every day counts!

A Brilliant Basketball offer for Hanslope

Hanslope School has been specially selected to receive an incredible offer of tickets for the **British Basketball League Trophy Semi Finals at just £5 each** – that's a **discount of up to 84%!** It's the first event in the British Basketball calendar, and you can be part of the 9,000 crowd in the spectacular surroundings of **Utilita Arena Birmingham** to enjoy the all men's Semi Finals action live.

The British Basketball League is proud to announce an incredible entertainment line-up for the 2024 Trophy Semi Finals, alongside the Men's double-header on **Saturday, January 27, 2024**, at the Utilita Arena Birmingham. Fans will be treated to halftime performances from the gravity-defying acrobatics of [Les Barjots](#) [Dunkers](#) during Saturday's first Semi-Final, and a halftime showcase performance from [AshOnCam](#) during the second Semi-Final. This array of talent is sure to delight fans with an extraordinary fusion of sporting excellence and artistic brilliance throughout the event.

Book your £5 tickets here: <https://shopbritishbasketball.com/products/trophyprimary> - to add tickets, click Add to Cart, then you can increase your ticket request to the desired numbers.

Schedule

2.30pm Doors Open
3.30pm Men's Semi Final 1
6.00pm Men's Semi Final 2
8.00pm Doors Close

Parent Workshop – Five Ways of Wellbeing



Save the date! More details to follow in the new year.



Your Cyber Guide from the Digital Leaders

The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas

FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD

If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).

2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.

3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS

One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.

4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE

Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.

5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'

Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.

6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY

Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.

7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS

Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.

8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME

Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.

9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES

Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.

10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF

It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.

11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS

It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.

12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK

Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.

Some Exciting Events!

Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 21st December and Friday 22nd December. To take part, simply wear a festive jumper to school instead of your school jumper with your school uniform. Please send in a £2 donation which we will donate to Save the Children. You can find out here <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about> how the money you have donated helps children who need it most.

Christmas Productions

The Foundation and KS1 Christmas production of 'Born In a Barn' by Nikki Lewis takes place on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December starting at 9:30am in Salcey Hall. Please remember to bring your tickets with you.

The doors will open at 8:45am where you can enjoy a drink and biscuit for a donation whilst you wait for the performance to start.

The Year Three and Year Four Production of 'Fireside Nativity' by Mark, Helen and Naomi Johnson takes place on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December starting at 9:30am in Salcey hall. Please remember to bring your tickets with you.

The doors will open at 8:45am where you can enjoy a drink and biscuit for a donation whilst you wait for the performance to start.

The Year Five and Year Six production of 'Christingle Rock' By Sheila Wilson takes place on Tuesday 19th December, at St James the Great Hanslope. The Church will be open from 8:30am to minimize waiting outside in the cold. The performance itself will not begin until 9:30am. There will be an opportunity for the parents of Year Six children to take photographs of their child with their Christingle after the performance.



*It is a long way off, but Hanslope Primary School are excited to say that this school year, we will be having a Summer fête extravaganza! Food trucks, cream teas, games, stalls and activities will all be happening at the school on **Saturday 13th July 2024**. We have not been able to have a summer fête in a long time due to the pandemic so this year we will be going all in. We hope to see you and your families there.*

Our School Fundraising Continues!

Scan, Join, Shop: To Unlock the Hanslope Primary School



We have some fantastic news to share with you! Now, you can support our school effortlessly and help raise funds every time you shop online - and the best part is, it won't cost you a penny!

We've teamed up with easyfundraising, a fantastic platform with over 7,000 participating brands, including popular names like Tesco, ASOS, eBay, M&S, Boots, Just Eat, and many more.

★ Did you know you can support us and raise money effortlessly every time you shop online? 📱

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1. Download the Easy Fundraising app.
2. Join today.
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4. The brands you love send us FREE donations based on your spending. 💰
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Plus, EasyFundraising will donate £3 every time a new supporter registers in the next month and shops within their 30 days (T&Cs apply)

Don't wait! Join today and make a difference while you shop. 📶

Download the app, join us, and let's create #everydaymagic together! ✨

Dates for your calendar

Remember, it is possible to sync the school calendar on our website onto your phone by following this link: <https://www.hanslopeschool.co.uk/calendar-help>

Here is a reminder of the upcoming diary dates for you to plan ahead. Please note that all the dates and times shown here are accurate at the time of publication - alterations to the information listed below may happen due to unforeseen circumstances; if this does occur, we will endeavour to let you know as quickly as possible.

12th December Foundation Years 1 and 2 Christmas play 9:30 am
13th December Foundation Years 1 and 2 Christmas play 9:30am
14th/15th December – Years 3/4 Christmas play 9:30 am
19th December Years 5/6 – 9:30am St James Church Christmas Christingle
Thursday 21st December Carols on the Playground (see below)
Thursday 21st December/Friday 22nd December Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 8th January INSET Day for Staff
Tuesday 9th January First day of Spring Term

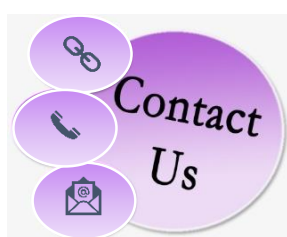
Carols on the playground

On **Thursday 21st December at 3:00pm** there will be an opportunity to join us on Salcey playground for Christmas Carol singing accompanied by some members of Milton Keynes Brass. Hot chocolate and mince pies will be available. We are asking for cash donations which will be sent to Willen Hospice. At 3:30pm we will be drawing our raffle.

The All Weather Pitch entrance will not be open on this afternoon. All children must be collected from Salcey playground. **During this event all children must stay with their parents due to health and safety reasons.**

Your child will be bringing home an envelope with a slip regarding purchasing raffle tickets. Please complete the slip, place it inside the envelope with the correct money and return it to school by Wednesday 20th December for a chance to win a raffle prize. Here is an example of what you could win.

- Voucher from Alex beauty
- Voucher from Beauty by K
- Voucher from JP personal training
- £10 Smyths vouchers
- Chocolate hamper from Made with Love
- Pottery from DL Pottery
- Signed children's book



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