

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

Spring 2 2024 – Week 2

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A Resources and Pre-Loved Plea!

If anybody has any going spare...

The children who attend art club will be making Red Nose Day calm jars in art club to either sell, or use for a tombola. **Small jars** (like the ones pictured) around 50-80g would be best, if possible, but we are happy to have bigger jars, or smaller ones (like washed out spice/herb pots)!



For School Council's **Big Comic Relief Event**, two of our stalls will involve the sale of pre-loved **soft toys, toys and books**. If you have any of these things going spare, please hand them over to your class teacher who will send them over to School Council.

Thanks in advance!



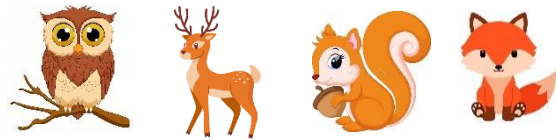
Celebrating the Weekly Winners

TTRockstars



Garage Games winners will be shared again **next week**.

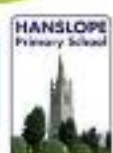
House-Points



House-Point winners will be shared again **next week**.



This week's Teacher Certificates go to:



FOUNDATION
Kylo
Annie
Casiel
Ada

YEAR 1
Evie
Gagan
Lottie
Ahmed

YEAR 2
Emily
Max
Lottie
Matthew

YEAR 3
Eleanor
Tiana
Iziah

YEAR 4
Charlie
Anyia
Daniel W
Bow W

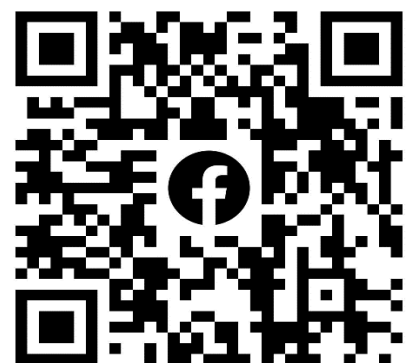
YEAR 5
Ruby
Harper
Jack I
Harley S

YEAR 6
Tommy-Drew
Mabel
Ava-Jo
Joel

Hanslope School's Official Facebook Group

Please join our Facebook group 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/>



Hanslope's Student Newsletter Editor



Our Student Spokesperson's Column this Week:

Going back to school can be hard, especially if you have been living the 'good life' on holiday during the half term break but, with Red Nose Day and World Book Day to look forward to, everyone has got their creative minds at the ready!

*Perhaps your child wants to enter the joke competition, or make a famous book character out of fruit and vegetable! World Book Day is one of my favourite days; it's a time to appreciate **all** books, fiction and non-fiction.*

Also, the Summer play is out! 'Ocean Commotion' is our brand new play that KS2 will be performing so, if your child would like to perform, Mrs Lawrence will be handing out sign-up sheets. Also (for those Year 6 actors) auditions may be held. And finally, to leave off on a good note, Swimming will be held in the Summer term!

*As this month is **Women's History Month**, which we are learning a lot about in Hawthorn, I will be sharing one inspirational female figure from History every week this March. First up, it's **Florence Nightingale**!*

Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 and was named after her birthplace: Florence, in Italy. Florence's sister was called Parthenope, an old name for Naples. Their mother, Frances, put on parties for famous artists, writers and politicians. Florence didn't like hospitals, and preferred to play 'hospitals' with her dolls. As she grew, she realised how many people were sick around her. Florence felt as if she'd been given a quest from God; she was to become a nurse. When she was ready for a job, Florence became an unpaid manager at a hospital for poor women. She helped soldiers with terrible diseases during the Crimean War. Florence used facts and numbers to change modern healthcare and was one of the first to use the pie chart.

"I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuses."

We could certainly all learn a lot from Florence Nightingale!

World Book Day – and Week!



📅 Date for your diaries! 📅

Hanslope Primary School's next key fundraising event is coming up really soon - put the date in your diaries and dust off your bric-a-brac. Plenty of pitches are still available for **Sunday 24th March from 10am-12pm.**

Refreshments will be available on the day, and pitches are just £10, with any money you make heading straight into your bank account!

If you don't have your own tables and chairs to set up camp, you can rent them on the day for £3.

Email: **admin@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk** to secure your pitch ASAP. Pitches will also be available on the day, but for a higher price so we recommend booking now to save those valuable pennies!

See you there! 🙌

Clarification for PE Equipment - Hockey

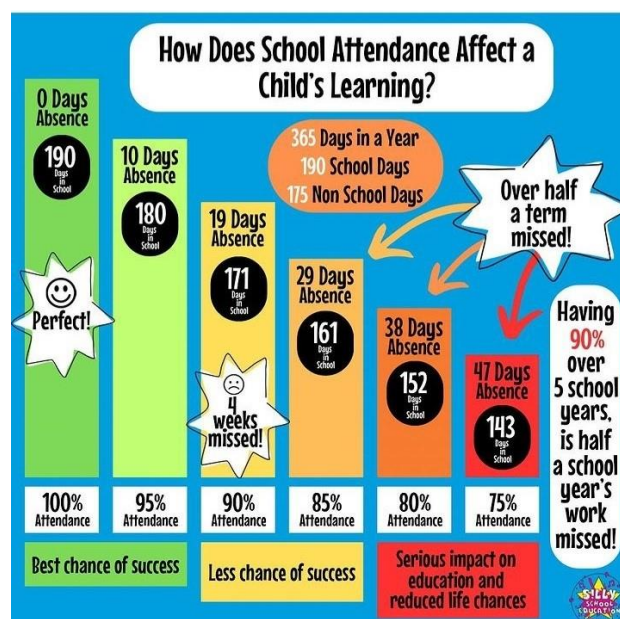
During this half term the children will be undertaking hockey as one of their PE lessons each week. They do not need mouth guards as they will not be hitting the ball with enough force to warrant wearing one. However, if you would prefer your child to wear one that is your choice. Shin pads are also optional if your child would like to wear them. They can be provided by the school if necessary.



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 **Larch** Class for having the highest attendance rate!

	Holly	96.9%
	Maple	92.5%
	Larch	98.9%
	Laurel	96.3%
	Alder	90%
	Elm	97.6%
	Oak	89.6%
	Rowan	95.8%
	Cedar	96.8%
	Redwood	92.7%
	Blackthorn	97.5%
	Hawthorn	98.8%
	Lime	93.3%
	Poplar	94.2%
School Total		95.1%



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!

Comic Relief

This year, to raise funds for Comic Relief, the children of School Council have been working on some ideas to bring the charity to the forefront of Hanslope's fundraising plan.



In the week leading up to, and on Friday 15th March:

It has been noted by the children that purchasing Red Noses in supermarkets has become increasingly difficult. **In school, in the run up to Red Nose Day, we will be selling a limited number of Official Red Noses.** These will cost **£2 each**, with the proceeds going towards the Comic Relief fund. There will only be a limited stock (as they are quite difficult to get hold of!) so it will be first come, first served.

On Red Nose Day itself (Friday 15th March), **the children are invited to come into school in Mufti - with a Red Nose theme.** Children who wish to take part are to wear one or more red item(s), for a suggested donation of **£1**.

The children are also invited to enter '**Hanslope's Best Comedian' Competition** - an idea innovated by the school council. For **50p**, children can enter their favourite joke to the competition. School Councillors will shortlist a number of entries, before Mr Brown (or should we say Simon Cowell...) will judge and reveal the competition winner in a Celebration Assembly before the end of Spring Term. The winner will receive a joke book to keep! Please hand your entries in to your class teacher, who will pass these on to School Council organisers, Miss Norris and Miss Hudson.

Further into the term, on Thursday 21st March:

We will be holding '**The Big Comic Relief Event.**' Throughout the day, classes will be invited to Salcey Hall to participate in various activities, games and stalls run by the School Councillors. These will include things like: a soft toy sale, activity stalls, 'Guess the name of the Teddy,' some Art Club creations (like Comic Relief-themed book marks) and more! Children will need to bring in some small change as most stalls will need between **20p and 50p** to enter.

School Council have been really excitedly planning these activities during their Monday lunchtimes and we look forward to having your support!

Miss Norris and Miss Hudson (on behalf of School Council)

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? 📱

Introducing easyfundraising, the FREE platform that lets us earn donations when you shop at 7,500+ brands like Tesco, ASOS, M&S, and more. 🧑‍🎓

➡️ How it works:

1. Download the Easy Fundraising app.
2. Join today.
3. Shop as usual.
4. The brands you love send us FREE donations based on your spending. 💰
5. No extra spending required! Use easyfundraising and support us without any additional cost to you. 🔄

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! ✨

The Digital Leaders' E-Safety Guide

Top Tips for Supporting Children Who Are EXPERIENCING BULLYING

In a DfE survey, 36% of parents said that their child had been bullied in the past year, while 29% of secondary school headteachers reported bullying among students. Public Health England states that young people who maintain positive communication with their family were less likely to experience bullying – so it's important that parents, carers and educators know how to talk to children about bullying.

1. WATCH FOR BEHAVIOURAL CHANGES

Children who are experiencing bullying may become quiet, withdrawn, or anxious; however, they may also act on the pain and anger that they're feeling. A shift in attitude towards their existing friends (or not mentioning them any more at all) or alluding to new friendships which seem notably different could also be warning signs. It's important to be alert to such changes and talk to your child about them if they occur.

2. THINK THINGS THROUGH

Before acting, ask yourself if this is the right time and place to address concerns about bullying. Might your worries trigger strong feelings – perhaps from your own experiences – that could discourage your child from opening up to you? You could try discussing what you've noticed with another trusted adult who knows your child well.

3. BE OPEN AND UNDERSTANDING

Try to outline to your child the changes that you've noticed in their body language, appearance, behaviour, or tone of voice – and do so without sounding judgemental. Help them to describe what they're feeling – be it anger, sadness, fear or something else – as accurately as possible. If they say they're "angry", do they mean "enraged" or "frustrated"? This will help them to understand how they're feeling and why.

4. LET THEM SPEAK FREELY

Use open questions and a welcoming tone to encourage your child to talk. Listen closely and summarise what they've said at appropriate points (ideally without interrupting) to demonstrate that you're understanding clearly. Bullying may have undermined your child's sense of control, and they may fear that you'll judge them, overreact or impose consequences – so this conversation can reassure them being honest with you was the right decision.

5. CALL A TIME OUT

A conversation about bullying could leave both you and your child feeling distressed. It's important to recognise this and pause at suitable moments to calm down. Take deep breaths, enjoy a hot drink or even have a cathartic cry. This can reinforce trust, while also helping you both feel that you have control over the situation and the emotions that you're feeling.

6. STAY INFORMED

Make sure you know your child's school's definition of, response to and relevant contacts for bullying. This information should be in their anti-bullying policy, which ought to be available on the school's website. Class teachers or form tutors are usually the first point of contact, though there may be dedicated support teams or key workers to help your child, depending on the specific situation.

7. PREP YOUR CHILD FOR THE RESPONSE

Schools' responses to bullying vary depending on whether they're resolving disagreements and arguments, or addressing unintended verbal or physical harm and so on. It's important to work out with your child whether any harm was intentional, how much control they had over the situation and how often such incidents have occurred. Reporting concerns accurately will get the best outcome for your child more quickly.

8. SUMMARISE YOUR CHILD'S EXPERIENCE

When you contact the school, make sure you've precisely described what your child experienced: what happened; when; where; and who was involved. This will help the school to investigate further, identifying any witnesses, as well as those who were directly involved. It can also help the school to know how your child is feeling and how they'd like the matter to be resolved.

9. LIAISE WITH THE SCHOOL

Any school has a duty to ensure that the members of its community feel safe and included. It's important for children to learn their role in this. The school must determine how best to restore these feelings of safety and respect. It's often best for schools to keep parents and carers informed of any action taken – and for families to avoid taking matters into their own hands.

10. CHECK IN FREQUENTLY

Once the issue has been resolved and the bullying behaviour has stopped, your child may still feel anxious and might find it difficult to rebuild relationships or develop new ones. Parents, carers and the school should all keep an eye on how the child is feeling and acting over the following months. Any relevant information should be shared, so that further support can be planned if necessary.

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.

Monday 11th March – KS2 Indoor Athletics

WB Monday 11th March – Science Week

Friday 22nd March – Parent/Carer MKMHST workshop – Anxiety and Strategies to Support

Thursday 21st March – The Big Comic Relief Event

Sunday 24th March – Hanslope School Car Boot Sale

Wednesday 27th March – Year 1 travelling to Woburn Safari Park

Thursday 28th March – TERM ENDS

*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.*

Mrs McGarr is having a planned operation so will be off school for some time. We wish Mrs McGarr a speedy recovery and look forward to her return.
Hanslope School Staff



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