



Hardwick Green Primary Academy

Newsletter



April / May 2024

Message from the Principal

Hello parents, carers and family members,

I hope you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend – and that the sun keeps shining for us all! Great weather means that we can enjoy even more of our field and grounds during our OPAL lunch and play times.

It is a busy time in school, especially for our Year 6 children who have their SATs next week. We have lots of treats prepared for them to reward their hard work, including a trip to the 'Rock Factory' at Tees Valley Music.

Remember to come and see us if you have any concerns or questions that we can help with.

Chris Story

Principal



Philosophy 4 Children – Question of the month

This month's question might be a one you have discussed yourself!



What's better – a poorly-paid job you like or a well-paid job you dislike?



Attendance Update

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Our school attendance for this term is currently...

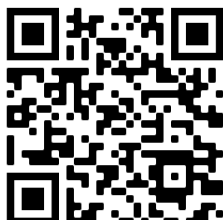
Year Group	Attendance
Reception	92.1%
Year 1	92.9%
Year 2	92.9%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	88.8%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	92.0%
TOTAL	92.9%

Well done to Year 3 for making a super start to the term, and to Year 5 for a big improvement.

EVERY day in school is important – ensure your child in school every day unless it is unavoidable.

*****Please remember to phone the school office on 01642 677968 if your child is going to absent.*****

Don't forget to speak to Michelle, our Education Welfare Officer, if you need any support with attendance.



Remember that we have lots of key information about school, such as term dates and uniform information, on our website. Give the QR code a scan to visit!

www.hardwickgreenacademy.org.uk

What's happening at Hardwick?

Year 5 Chess:

Year 5 have mastered the rules of all of the pieces in a game of chess and can now apply their skills to a full game. Well done Year 5!



Year 3 and 4 Go Ape:

Our Year 3 and Year 4 classes visited Go Ape in Daly Forest as part of the Outdoor and Adventerous Activities learning in PE. They took part in a tree-top adventure high above the ground that tested their resilience and team work skills. It was also great preparation for the upcoming trip to PGL in the Autumn term!



Year 3 racket festival:

Year 3 Ginsburg class attended Durham University's Stockton campus) sports centre a few weeks ago to take part in a racket development session. Year 3 developed their tennis and badminton skills, and had lots of fun in the process!



HOLIDAYS ARE FUN

Free, fun activities for school age children from Reception to Year 11.

To be eligible, families must be in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, in receipt of Universal Credit or experiencing financial difficulties.

BOOK NOW!

Scan to register: 

www.stockton.gov.uk/haf
01642 527752
HAF@stockton.gov.uk



UPCOMING KEY DATES

- 13th – 16th May – Year 6 SATs!
- 10th – 14th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- 5th July – Year 6 Rock Factory Visit

Remember, all key dates are on the website under the 'events' section and are in the 'calendar' section. You can subscribe to the calendar on your smartphone, so you are always up-to-date with what's going on.



We are now using Instagram to showcase the learning that goes on in school. Our school account is:

@HardwickGreenPA

Please give us a follow! There are lots of exciting learning opportunities each day. The updates from Instagram are also shared on our website too, so if you don't have Instagram, you can still see everything going on in school.

Information and reminders...

Being on time:

A small number of children are consistently late for school and missing vital learning, and social opportunities at the start of the day. School starts at 8:40, with doors open until 8:50. There is also a breakfast club you can access for free, without the need to book, from 8:00 am. Please support your child by getting them in on time!

Please can we also ask that you schedule routine appointments such as opticians and dentists for after school time.

If it is absolutely unavoidable that you need to collect your child early, please can you telephone the office to let them know. This will help the office manage the collections.

Thank you for your support.



Key staff:

If you'd like to speak to anyone in school, just give us a call on 01642 677968. Some people you might want to speak to are:



Miss Howarth

Academy Senior
Wellbeing &
Safeguarding
Lead



Miss Featherstone

SENDCO



Mrs Rankin

Education Welfare
Officer

Message from the NHS – childhood vaccinations:

We know your child's health is your top priority and so protecting them from serious disease is incredibly important. That is why the NHS offers a free childhood vaccine programme, safeguarding your child from certain illness.

Vaccines work by causing the body's immune system to remember the specific infection targeted in each vaccine. If your child comes into contact with an infection and they have had their vaccines, your child's body will recognise that infection and quickly respond to fight off diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough and more. Because vaccines have been used so successfully in England, they prevent more than 5,000 deaths and more than 100,000 hospital admissions each year.

Sadly, England no longer has the levels of population immunity recommended by the World Health Organisation of 95%, and this has led to increased risk for those who are unvaccinated or under-vaccinated. It means that infections like measles and whooping cough are rising.

Such infections can have a huge impact on your child's life. They can miss out on school due to time spent unwell, be hospitalised, and even experience life-long complications, disability and in some cases tragically can cause death.

We understand that you may have questions about vaccine safety and effectiveness. All childhood vaccinations offered by the NHS have been used in millions of children and have an excellent safety record. All health authorities worldwide agree that immunisation is the safest way to protect our children's health.

If you do have any questions, do not hesitate to speak to your GP or health visitor – they will be happy to address any concerns and guide you through the vaccination schedule.



Although it important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection, if you or your child have missed a vaccine, it is never too late to contact your GP to check if you can catch up.

Please visit www.nhs.uk/childhoodvaccinations to find out more.