



Hardwick Green Primary Academy

Newsletter



November 2023

Message from the Principal

Hello parents, carers and family members,

It is always exciting at Hardwick Green but this has been such a particularly busy month with school trips and special events. We hope you've seen on Class Dojo and on X what everyone has been up to, but some particular highlights are showed on the next page.

As you can see to the right, our attendance is currently 92.0%. This is below our target. It's really important that children come to school as much as possible – as well as lost learning, children miss out on vital social experiences and exciting activities if they are not in school. If you are struggling with any aspect of attendance, including lateness, please telephone Michelle, our Education Welfare Officer, on 01642 677968 and she will provide help and support.

The staff and children are already hard at work preparing for the Christmas festivities. Christmas is always such a special time in primary school, especially at Hardwick Green. As well as Christmas plays, we also have our annual Christmas Fair on 6th December, Christmas Parties for each year group and on the last day of term (Tuesday 19th December), a visiting theatre company will be in school performing **Beauty and The Beast**. This is not to be missed!

I look forward to seeing you in school over the festive season!

Chris Story

Principal



Attendance Update

Our school attendance to-date is currently...

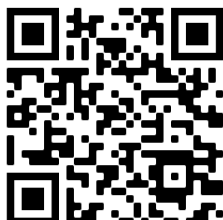
Year Group	Attendance
Reception	89.9%
Year 1	93.5%
Year 2	90.4%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	92.2%
Year 5	90.8%
Year 6	92.0%
TOTAL	92.0%

Well done to Year 3 who have the highest attendance so far. Year 2 and Year 5 – let's have a big push to get that figure up before Christmas!

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 6 residential to Paris:

On Tuesday 14th November, Year 6 embarked on the trip of a lifetime to Paris. One rough ferry crossing later, the children arrived in France. Over the next few days they visited the sights of Paris, including the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower, and enjoyed a river cruise down the Sienne. On the Thursday, children were treated to a full day in Disneyland, including the fireworks show and a McDonalds tea. The children were brilliantly behaved and a real credit to school and you as parents and carers. The trip was such a success that we will be offering this each year for our Year 6's! I'd also like to add a huge thank you to Mr Adams, Mr Laing, Mrs Wright, Mrs Laverick and Mrs Salmon for giving up their time and taking the children on the trip. Thank you!



Bullying isn't welcome here:

Monday 13th November marked the start of anti-bullying week, at Hardwick Green and schools across the country. We had workshops from Bigfoot Arts Education who helped each year group learn about friendships, what bullying is and that **bullying isn't welcome here!** Year 5 and Year 6 made a music video on the theme of **Make A Noise About Bullying** - you can see their Music Video by visiting our website, or by clicking [here!](#)

Children In Need:

Thank you for all of your donations of cakes for our Children In Need sale. We raised a whopping £253.50. Well done!

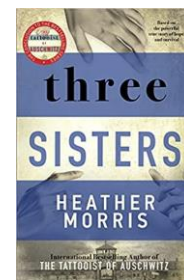


What is everyone reading?



I'm about to start 'The Drift' by C. J. Tudor. A murder mystery set in the depths of winter sounds like a great fireside read for December!

Miss Charlton, who works in Year 3 and 4, is reading 'Three Sisters' by Heather Morris. This is a heartbreaking story of love and survival based on the incredible true story of the Meller sisters.



UPCOMING KEY DATES

- Friday 1st December – Christmas Fancy Dress Day
- Wednesday 6th December – Christmas Fair 2pm – 4pm
- Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
- Tuesday 19th December – Theatre Performance & Last Day of Term

Remember, all key dates – *including the Christmas Concerts* - are on the website under the 'events' section and 'calendar' section. You can subscribe to the calendar on your smartphone, so you are always aware of what's going on.



Remember you can see on Class Dojo's Class Story and on X (formerly known as Twitter!) what's going on in each class! There are lots of exciting learning opportunities each day. The updates from X are also shared on our website too.

@HardwickGreenPA – School's X

@HardwickMrS – Mr Story's X

Information and reminders...



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.



Key staff:

If you'd like to speak to anyone in school, just give us a call or Dojo message. Some people you might want to speak to are:



Miss Howarth

Safeguarding Officer



Miss Featherstone

SENDCO



Mrs Rankin

Education welfare Officer

You can contact any member of staff by phoning the office on 01642 677968.

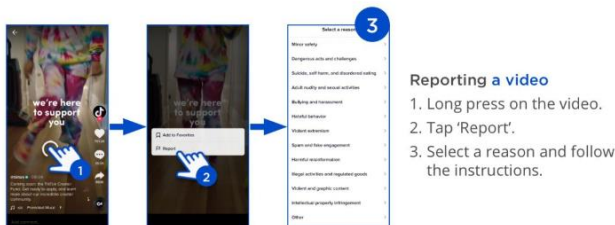
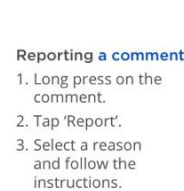
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Advice on how to block and report



You can **block** a user so they won't be able to view your videos or interact with you through direct messages, comments, follows, or likes.

You can **report** abuse, spam, or anything else that doesn't follow the Community Guidelines within the app.



Online Safety:

In this day and age, online safety is becoming ever more important.

Miss Dunning has shared this guide with children about how to block and report anything offensive or abusive online – it is definitely worth going over this if your children have devices with internet access.

In school, our team of Digital Leaders support pupils with the safe use of online devices. You can listen to the Digital Leader's online safety podcasts on our school website, or by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions or would like any support with online safety, you can ask Miss Dunning by emailing enquiries@hardwickgreenacademy.org.uk

Online bullying



projectevolve.co.uk

Did you know?

At Hardwick Green we have a completely FREE Breakfast Club for all pupils in Reception to Year 6. You don't need to book – just turn up on the playground each day between 8:00am and 8:15am. Breakfast Club has cereals, bagels, toast and more, plus lots of fun activities and things to do.

We are kindly supported by our friends at Magic Breakfast, whose mission is: **no child too hungry to learn.**

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