



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing News

Mrs Moreton, our teaching assistant in Year 5 and 6, will be leaving Henley at the end of this half term. Mrs Moreton has worked at our school for 18 years and is well known and loved by so many. We wish her all the best in the next step of her journey. Mrs Payne, Mrs Bradford and Miss Parker will be supporting KS1 and KS2 from after half term.

We have had another busy few weeks as we head towards the end of this half term. A huge thank you for your generous donations for our Harvest Festival. The food was given to the Stratford Food Bank.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their trips to the Heart of England Forest. Year 3 and 4 looked at seasonal food and practised their peeling and chopping skills before making and cooking soup in the forest. Year 5 and 6 began their day by making scrambled egg and toast on the fire!

The whole school took part in Art day with each class celebrating an artist from a diverse culture as part of Black History Month. Today our catering team, Miquill, brought in their smoothie bike! The classes had the opportunity to design their own smoothie and used a bike to blend the fruits together. We are hoping to add healthy smoothies to our tuck offer in the future.

Please remember that it is an INSET day next Friday so school is closed.

Have a lovely weekend

Kate Adcock



FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2024



Diary Dates can now be found on the school website using this link:
<https://www.henleyinardenprimary.org.uk/diary/grid/2024/9/>

COMING UP:

Tuesday 22nd October Year 5 and 6 Bell boating Trip
Tuesday 22nd October - Parents Evening - 3.50pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Evening - 3.50pm - 7.00pm
Friday 25th October - INSET Day School Closed
----- w/b Monday 28th October Half Term Holiday -----
Friday 8th November Year 1 and 2 Heart of England Forest trip
wb 11th November Anti-bullying week
Friday 15th November School Photos
Friday 15th November Reception Vision Screening
Friday 15th November PTA Disco* **see below**
Friday 29th November Break the Rules Day



The PTA need you



We are looking for parent volunteers
to help at the school disco.

Friday 15th November
4:00-5:30 (approx)

Without volunteers the event cannot
happen.

Please let the office or Lucy
Supperstone know if you can help





Stars of the Week

Leyla
Ava-Rea
Isla
Oli

Marci
Jack
Ben

Value Champions



Khayri
Isabelle W
Lucas
Amelia P

Sebby
Gwen
Phoebe

Attendance

Year Group	Year to Date
<i>Whole School</i>	<i>96.4%</i>
Reception	95%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	92%



Whole School Target 96%



Arden



Beaudesert



Demontfort

Reporting Concerns

If you have a worry or concern, please speak to the class teacher at the end of the day. If you are not satisfied that your concern has been dealt with then please make an appointment with Mrs Griffin as our Assistant Head teacher. If you are still not happy, then you can make an appointment with myself through the main office. If you have a concern regarding your child's additional needs, please contact our SENCO Mrs Gray.

Values 2024-2025



Collective Worship

We have considered how we show respect to the world. We remembered the Creation Story and considered how we can look after our planet. We enjoyed singing 'He's got the whole world in his hands'.

New School Prayer

The children have been learning Makaton Signing to help us remember our new school prayer. Can they remember the signs?

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the children, staff and families in our school
Guide us to care for one another as you care for us.
Help us with our learning and to be the best we can be
and to live life in all it's fullness
Amen

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (*Platt v Isle of Wright 2017*). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent i.e. the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence. Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation.

This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

- o First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

- o Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996. Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.