



# HENLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 2023

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Friday 30th June:

Whole School International Day.

**Tuesday 4th July:** Y6 visit Henley High to see Aladdin.

### Thursday 6th July:

Y6 are organising a sponsored walk.

**Friday 7th July:** Non-uniform day—children need to bring in sweets/bottles for the Tombola stalls for the afternoon of Sports Day. Opal Play sessions for parents to attend at 2.00 – 3.00pm

Judiciary learning session with Year 6.

**Monday 10th July:** Y6 Induction Day. Secondary schools to confirm the new date change.

**Thursday 13th July:** Reports out.

**Friday 14th July:** Sports day, family picnic and summer activities.

**Tuesday 18th July:** Transition sessions for the school.

**Wed 19th July – Y6** Awards night at 6pm

**Thursday 20th July:** Tillman Lodge Sports Day.

**Friday 21st July** at 9.05am - Y6 Leaver's Assembly.

**Monday 24th July at 9.05am –** Music assembly for all musicians in school. Parents welcome.

**Tuesday 25th July:** Leavers assembly at 9.05am.

Nursery Graduation at 11.00am

**Break up for Summer Holidays**

**Term dates for next year can be found here—<https://www.henleyinardenpriary.org.uk/term-dates/>**

The term is flying by very quickly and we have lots of activities and events planned. Please make sure that you check your Studybugs messages regularly so that you do not miss key information. We can see that quite a few messages are not being read at home.

**International Day:** We have sent out information regarding this on Studybugs. It will take place on **Friday 30th June**. For the day it would be great if the children could dress up in any of the following - colours of the flag for their own chosen country, a traditional costume for their chosen country, or it could be a famous person/icon from any country. It does not have to be the country that the class are focussing on. Just a reminder the countries that each class will be learning about are as follows:

- Reception/ Nursery - Greece
- Year 1 - Kenya
- Year 2/3 - China
- Year 4/5 - Australia
- Year 6 - USA
- Tillman Lodge—Japan

**Sponsored Walk:** Y6 are organising a sponsored walk for the school in order to raise money for their green wall at the front of school, known as their 'Legacy wall'. A form will be sent home this week. Please support Y6 and return the form on Thursday 6th July. We really appreciate the money and the form being sent back into school by **Thursday 13th July** in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and the amount inside labelled.

**Sports Days:** This will take place on Friday 14th July for the main school and Thursday 20th July for Tillman Lodge. For both of these, the children need to come to school in a house coloured t-shirt (**Red for DeMontfort, Green for Beaudesert and Yellow for Arden**). All children need plenty to drink, a sun hat and sun cream on. Both events will start at 10.00 and will be followed by a family picnic.

On 14th July, we will sign the children out to you at 12.00 and into your care for the afternoon session. On the 14th July, the PTA are also organising a summer games afternoon around the outdoor area. More details to come.

On 20th July, Tillman Lodge can go home with their parents after their picnic.

On Friday 7th July, the children can come to school in non uniform and, in return, bring in sweets and bottles.

**Music Assembly:** There will be a music assembly for the children who have lessons in school on Monday 24th July at 9.05am. More information to come regarding this.

**OPAL Play sessions for parents:** On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July between 2 pm – 3 pm, parents are invited to attend an OPAL play session in school to find out more on how OPAL is run in our school.

**School reading books:** Please can you send in any books that belong to school that your child has finished with. Before the end of term we will be asking for all books to be returned but for now, any not being used at home need to be returned. In addition, if you are having a book sort out, we are always looking for reading books, especially in Key Stage 2.

**Football result:** Well done to our football team who recently played St Mary's. We saw a great team effort and a very close score in the end. Well done team and thank you to Mrs Bleby and Mr Manise for your support with the team.

**Well done** to Oliver Supperstone for being in the U9 football team that won the UK International Cup Champions, with Solihull Academy.

**Congratulations well done to the following children:**

- **Our 'Certificate of Achievements' have been awarded to the following children:**

Year 6— Year 6, Lawson, Ethan

Year 4/5— Max, Ellis, Eva

Year 2/3 – Kaiden, Mila, Maisie, James H

Year 1— Josh, Eli, Annabelle

R/N— George, Ivy, Ruby, Molly

- **Our 'Caught being kind' children have been awarded to:**

Year 6— Scarlett, Ethan, Sophie J, Tiffany, Eden

Year 4/5—Laila, Oli, Alyssia

Year 2/3—Olivia, Harper, Jamie, Milly, Lucas

Year 1— Jack, Tilly, Freddie

R/N— Arthur, Lillie, Rex, Jack

- **Our Learning Behaviours—'Team Player' certificates have been awarded to:**

Y6— Jay, Grace, Mckenzie, Bobby

Year 4/5— Billy, Freya, Frankie,

Year 2/3 – Parker, Ruari, Ben, Joe

Year 1— Rimika, Archie, Eliza

R/N— Rex, Rose, Jessie, Gabby

- **Reader leaders (for the number of gold readers in each class) have been:** Y2/3

- **Attendance Trophy has been awarded to:** Year 1 and R/N

- **Total housepoints so far:**

Arden	Beaudesert	DeMontfort
8189	8084	8219

Thank you for your help and support as always.

*Mrs Gill Allen and Mrs Elaine Field*

*Heads of School*







## ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

### UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. 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.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

*Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.*

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required 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, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

**It is important to note**, Fixed 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 in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority**

**Warwickshire School pupils recorded 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2020.**