



Haxby Road News

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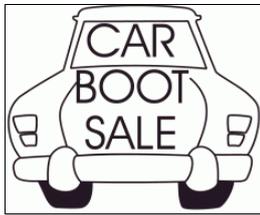
Welcome Back!

Hope you have all enjoyed a fabulous Easter break. The weather last week was definitely an added bonus and it is lovely to see all our children glowing after a few days in the sunshine! We have lots of fantastic events planned this term so keep checking our website www.hrprimary.co.uk and Facebook page for up to minute information.

Some of the staff have been very busy over the Easter holiday training for our Moonwalk Marathon. You may have seen us in our pink caps marching the streets of York to build our fitness levels so we can walk 26 miles to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. We are holding a number of pink and purple events this term to help our fundraising so check in the newsletter for more information.

In Early Years, Ms Martin is around each morning from 8.30 - 9.30 and again from 2.30 a 3.30 so if you are interested in our new two year old provision or our school nursery pop along and see her for more information and support in accessing free funding for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

Hope you're still enjoying the chocolate eggs! Happy Easter!



Saturday 18 April 1-4pm

(In the staff car park and rear playground)

Please send donations for cake stall, tombola and bric-a-brac to school office—thank you

Do you like to go shopping? Or bag yourselves a treat?

If so, our car boot sale will be right up your street.

You could hire a table for only £5

Then sell unwanted items you found lying around!

Bring along your family and even your friends

Bring anyone you want to our annual event.

We open at one and finish at four

But to grab the best bargains you need to be first through the door!

There'll be stalls to browse, cakes and ice-creams to buy

A tombola to win on, so come give it a try

We've ordered blue skies and even some sun!

Please come on down and join in the fun.

Easter Egg Competition

Thanks to everyone who entered into our Easter Egg Competition. We had some fantastic entries—here are the winners for each class, each receiving a chocolate egg:

Nursery	-	Evie Langan	Year 4	-	Kelsey Fahey
Reception	-	Amelia Ziolek	Year 5	-	Letitia Jackson
Year 1	-	Jayden Holroyd	Year 6	-	Angelica Fernandez
Year 2	-	Teegan Turner	ERP KS1	-	Eliza Morrison
Year 3	-	Kelisha Thomas	ERP KS2	-	Kai Gattenby

Attendance

We are working hard in school to achieve our target of 95.6% attendance. A **HUGE** well done to **Year 2** for achieving **100% attendance** before the Easter holidays! Year 1 had 99.6% and Year 5 were very close behind them with 98.7%! This is great attendance! Can any other class knock them off the top spot this week? Remember to be **In School, Every Day, On Time, In Uniform.**

Pink (& Purple) Day

Friday 24 April

On 16 May 2015 Ms Lightfoot, Mrs Morton, Mrs Thompson, Ms Martin, Miss Woodward and Mrs Huggins will all be doing the **MoonWalk Marathon** in London to raise money for breast cancer charities. The MoonWalk is a unique challenge where thousands of women Power Walk a Marathon (26.2 miles) through the night. In order to raise funds for this fantastic charity we will be holding a Pink (and Purple) Day next Friday 24 April. Please can all pupils come to school wearing pink (purple for the boys if they don't want to wear pink!) and donate £1 to the breast cancer charity. You can also visit <https://moonwalklondon2015.everydayhero.com/uk/bootilicious-babes> to donate. Please also find a sponsor form at the back of this newsletter which you can use to sponsor the staff involved. Many thanks.



Bring –a-toy-to-school day!

On Wednesday, 6th May, we are encouraging every child to bring one toy to school which they no longer play with. All toys should be in reasonable condition as they will be donated to the British Heart Foundation shop in town. Toy bins will be available at the school entrance on this day. Thanks for your support :)

Have your say about our school!

We would be very grateful if you could fill in this really short, anonymous questionnaire about our school. You can find it at parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and it takes 2 minutes! The results aren't visible unless enough parents complete it, so please fill it in if you can—thank you.

After School Club need boxed games, dressing up clothes and shoes. Please donate if you can. Many thanks.

Parent Forum

Lucy Rycroft, one of our Parent Governors, is working hard on behalf of the School and Governors to make sure your voice is heard. Here are some answers to the questions raised at our last Parent Forum in March. Do you want to have your say? If so, come along to the next forum on Wednesday 29 April, 9-10am in the Family Room.

How is communication being improved in the school?

School newsletters are now distributed every two weeks (instead of every month). Text reminders are being sent to parents regularly. Please check school has an up-to-date phone number to ensure you receive these. Please join our new Facebook page for all the latest news and updates ('Haxby Road Primary Academy'). We are hoping to eventually produce 'Audio News', a sound file of the fortnightly newsletters, which will help us to access news on the go, as well as get the news if a paper newsletter has been lost.

Can halal meat be provided in the school canteen?

Yes. From now on there will be a halal option for chicken, sausages and burgers.

Can sandwiches be provided as a dinner option?

The school is considering whether this is possible and/or advisable. We are trialling sandwich wraps on our menu in the Summer Term.

Is my child allowed time off for religious festivals?

Yes. Please apply in writing to Ms Lightfoot for time off for 'religious observance'.

Is the policy on parents taking photos/videos of school events too lenient? We're concerned about images of our children appearing on other parents' Facebook feeds.

Ms Lightfoot is going to consult Local Authority guidance for advice on our policy. We would also like your views, please could you complete the slip below and return to school.

We're trying to be punctual for school - but it doesn't help when the doors open late, or when children are let out late in the afternoon.

Apologies for this - all the clocks in school were set at slightly different times. They have been adjusted, and hopefully you're now noticing an improvement.

Is 'Star of the Week' given out equally?

All staff keep a record of who has received star of the week to ensure equality, however, to be worthwhile this award needs to be earned. Some children will get it twice (because there are more weeks in the year than there are pupils in each class), and it will always be given on merit. Each child is given opportunities to shine and gain this award, but it can't be given if a child is persistently refusing to follow school rules.

How do you feel about allowing parents to take photos for their personal use at whole school events?

I am happy for photographs to be taken at events

I do not want parents to take photographs at school events

I would like school staff only to take photographs of events and upload onto the website (these would be protected so they are not downloadable)

Other _____
