



HPS Friday Bulletin

Friday 16 June 2017, forthcoming events for the week commencing 19 June 2017

Monday	19.6.17	8am 3.15pm-4.30pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club
Tuesday	20.6.17	8am 9.30am-12.20pm 1.15pm-3.15pm 1.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm	Breakfast Club KS2 Sports morning FS and KS1 Sports afternoon Year 6 Cycle proficiency training Hang Out after school club
Wednesday	21.6.17	8am 1.30pm-3.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm	Breakfast Club Willow Class swimming lessons at Warriner – please pick your children up from Warriner Hang Out after school club Judo club after school
Thursday	22.6.17	8am 1.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm	Breakfast Club Year 6 Cycle proficiency training Hang Out after school club HPS Orchestra
Friday	23.6.17	8am 3.15pm-4.30pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club

Reflections

As I sit at my desk with the window open listening to sound of Orchard class children playing and learning in their outside area this afternoon, I have been reflecting on the extraordinary acts of selflessness and heroism during last few weeks and months.

We were all horrified by the terrorist attacks on Westminster Bridge, in Manchester and then again on London Bridge just two weeks ago, we have witnessed the power of democracy play out in a quite extraordinary General Election and the power of the human spirit in the response to the tragic fire at the Grenfell Tower in Kensington this week. As I watch and listen to the media response I am struck by the stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things in moments of crisis like those above. Only this morning, I read about a resident of the tower who, at the height of the fire, had the forethought to turn the bath on and flood her flat which allowed enough time for the emergency services to save her and her family – I'm not sure I would have that kind of clarity of thought in that kind of situation. I looked at the pictures of exhausted firemen and firewomen this week and remembered that they are normal people, mums, dads, uncles, aunties, friends, brothers, sisters, colleagues who went to work as normal for just another shift at the London Fire Brigade and who became heroes overnight. We should all take a moment to reflect on the extraordinary work our emergency services do. Next time you see a policeman, fireman, nurse, doctor, ambulance driver or anyone else working in the public sector keeping us safe, say hello and thank them for the work they do. They are heroes!

These kinds of events, while absolutely tragic, bring people together and that was evident in school this week. The morning after the fire, I received an email from a parent about how their children were so struck by the fire that they wanted to do something to help by sending items to help such a

clothes or bedding to the victims – what an amazing demonstration of compassion from children so young. Their first thought was ‘how we can help?’ – this kind of compassion is an example to us all.

School Attendance

You may remember that earlier in the year I mentioned attendance in several of these weekly bulletins? I explained that we needed to work together to ensure that our overall attendance figure rose. I was pleased to see that the figure had been on an upward trend for most of this year, however, during the last three to four weeks, our overall attendance figure has been falling again, not by much but it is a worrying trend.

I appreciate that sometimes children are genuinely unwell and need time off school to recover and we must make sure that we enforce our 48 hour return to school policy if your child has been sick, but the major factor in the recent fall in our attendance figures is parents and carers taking their children on holiday during term time.

I’d like to reiterate that any time taken out of school during term time means key learning is missed; this is made worse when a longer period of absence, like a holiday, happens. The missed learning may not be revisited for a few months, if at all. If key learning is missed, this leads to slower progress later in the year and throughout school.

I am not allowed to authorise ANY term time holiday, unless in exceptional circumstances and am actively discouraging you from taking holiday during term time. The diagram overleaf will put into perspective how much learning is missed when you take time off school.

I set an ambitious target of 98% overall attendance at the beginning of the year. Our current overall attendance figure for the whole year is just over 95%.

Attendance Percentage	Number of sessions missed	Equivalent number of days missed	Equivalent number of weeks missed	Equivalent number of lessons missed
100%	0	0	0	0
95%	19	9 ½	2	48
90%	38	19	4	95
85%	57	28 ½	6	143
80%	76	38	8	190
75%	95	47 ½	9 ½	238
70%	114	57	11 ½	285

Parking

Please can we remind everyone to park responsibly in the village avoiding the greens and entrances to people’s houses. We have received a few complaints about parking recently, particularly with vehicles parking so that other vehicles cannot pass. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sports Day – Tuesday 20 June

Please see the letter that went home today, Friday 16 June, for details about Sports Day.

Cycle Training

This is taking place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon next week so please can everyone take care when entering the village as pupils will be on the road.

News from the PTA

No updates this week

Attendance this week

Foundation Stage – 98%
Year 1 – 95%
Year 2 – 100% - well done Yr2!
Year 3 – 98%
Year 4 – 95%
Year 5 – 94%
Year 6 – 98%

Overall figure = 97% this week!

Thought for the Day

*"We have far more in common than
that which divides us."
Jo Cox MP*

HPS Achievements this week

300 Class Dojos	400 Class Dojos	500 Class Dojos	House Points
Max Kobrel Audee Strangwood Edie Madden Fred Madden Pippa Nurdin Taliyah Igweh Adelaide Tustian Annabel Armstrong- Ortiz AJ Titman	Connie Joyner Jack Abel Riley Fowler	Lottie Atkinson	Buchan - 6976 Lively - 7956 Hawking - 7818 Simon - 6269

Work of the Week

Orchard Class – Sienna Ayres – for her perseverance and determination during learning tasks this week

Oak Class – Riley Cockle – for applying things his previous learning in new contexts this week

Willow Class – Jessica Chase – for always asking great questions!

Rowan Class – Faye Cartwright – for hitting so many writing targets this week!

With very best wishes,

Matt Green

Headteacher