



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and enjoyable half term, and there have been lots of highlights to celebrate. The half term has ended this week with several successful and enjoyable sports day events. We were very impressed with the resilience, perseverance and passion that all the children demonstrated when taking part in all their events. It was a delight to see and celebrate with them. A huge thank you to Ms Livingstone, the teaching staff and the operations team for working so hard to organise each year group's event. Thank you too, to all the parents and carers who attended to support their child/children and the staff .

If you have not already, we encourage you to have a look at our school Twitter (X) account, where so much of the children's learning and successes are celebrated, including highlights from sports days. You do not need to have a Twitter account to view all of our school news; our account can be found and be viewed by searching for our handle, [@Hillingdon_PS](https://twitter.com/Hillingdon_PS).

It is a real shame that we had to cancel and postpone the Year 4 and 6 sports day on the 23rd May. The decision was made as the field was too slippery and unsafe for the children to use, following the heavy rain that we had during the days before the event. However, we are pleased to confirm that the new date for the event is **Wednesday 12th June at 9am**. We thank you for your patience and understanding, and we hope that Year 4 and 6 parents and carers can join us then.

Attendance update

In order for your child/children to access, enjoy and take full advantage of the wide range of learning opportunities and activities that are on offer in school, it is of course vital that they enjoy full attendance at school wherever possible.

Overall attendance as of the 3rd May was 94%. This is a slight improvement from this time a year ago, when it was 93%. Although there has been a slight improvement, attendance currently is still not as high as it was in 2019, before the Covid pandemic, when it was 96%. **Children should be attending school each day if they are well enough.** Ms Childs and the welfare team are always available to advise parents and carers if they are unsure if their child is well enough to attend school and the advice from the [NHS](https://www.nhs.uk) is also another useful source of information for parents and carers.



We continue to ask that family holidays are taken during the school holidays - there are a total of 175 non-school days in a year where holidays, family visits and activities can take place. We are required to follow government guidance on attendance and we are rarely able to authorise holidays during term time.

We know many parents and carers support their child/children to also be punctual and arrive on time to school each day. If children arrive at school late, after 8.45am, this impacts their learning, as they miss the start of lessons that begin at the start of the day. Punctuality also supports the children to develop a good habit in starting the school day on time, which will stand them in good stead as they progress through their school years and beyond. We thank you for working with us to support your child/children to achieve strong attendance and punctuality.

We wish all our families a peaceful break during the holidays. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 4th June.

Best wishes,



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