



## HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning and Achieving Together*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **End of Year letter, 2023-24**

It has been another successful year at Hillingdon Primary, and we were delighted with the outcome of the Ofsted inspection and summary report in March. We are also very proud to have achieved the Gold Artsmark, Schools For Nature award and an RSPB Wild Challenge Bronze award this year. We have also again been awarded the Platinum School Games Mark.

We are so proud of these awards; all recognising the fantastic work going on in school.

We are also very proud of all our pupils for their hard work and positive attitude to their learning this year, and seeing so many of them take advantage of all the learning opportunities on offer. You will be able to see much of what we have been doing this year on our Twitter (X) feed, which you can find under the handle [@Hillingdon\\_PS](https://twitter.com/Hillingdon_PS).

### **Year 6 Pupils – Goodbye and Good Luck!**

This week we say a very special goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We are very proud of their achievements throughout their time at Hillingdon. They have been fantastic role models for the rest of the school; their positive attitude and behaviour has helped and reminded younger pupils of our expectations. It has been a pleasure to see them enjoy the traditional end of term events for Year 6: an exciting and competitive sports day (brilliantly organised by Ms Livingstone and the staff team - thank you!); the end of year disco; the wonderful Year 6 school production with confident singing and acting and finally prize giving when we had the almost impossible task of summing up all their achievements during their time at Hillingdon Primary School.

They are leaving us with life long friends and happy memories. They are well prepared for the new challenges of secondary school through their hard work and resilience. We wish them much success and happiness in the future. They will always be valued members of our school community and we look forward to their visits in their new school uniform and hearing about their news.

To our parents and carers who have supported their children throughout their time at Hillingdon we would like to say thank you. A special goodbye to parents whose youngest or only child is now leaving us. You have helped to make our job more enjoyable; we know that success is a team effort between parents/carers, children and staff.

### **Our School Community - Thank you!**

Thank you to all our children, staff, parents/carers and community councillors who have worked so hard as a community to make sure that we work as a team for the benefit of our children. Thank you for the end of term presents and cards; they are not expected but always appreciated; especially the messages in the cards.

A special thank you to the staff who are leaving us this year. Thank you for being part of the Hillingdon community and giving so much during your time with us. We wish them all a very happy and successful future.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Gary Harvey to our school in September as our new Premises Manager. He will be working closely with Louise Camilleri (Operations Manager) and Larry Clake (Assistant Premises Manager) to ensure the safe and smooth running of our school site. He will be at the main gates at Nicholls Avenue at dismissal time in the new school year.

### **House name election outcome**

Election fever gripped Hillingdon Primary last week and the children enjoyed voting for the critically endangered animal they wanted their house to be named after. The results are below. We are keeping each house's designated colour, to enable the children to represent their house at events such as sports day.

- Vaquita House (red)
- Amur Leopard House (yellow)
- Orangutan House (green)

### **Reminders:**

#### **Attendance**

We return to school **on Wednesday 4th September 2024**. Without an appropriate reason, attendance for all children who do not attend on this date will be unauthorised. **Pupils who miss the first day(s) miss an important induction to the school year that would put them at a disadvantage to their peers.**

Parents and carers of new Nursery and Reception pupils have already received their child's start date, which may differ to the date above.

Another letter will be sent out to parents and carers today regarding arrival and dismissal arrangements for the first days back to school in September. The children will be made aware of these arrangements in class today. All letters are added to our school website for reference, and a [section has been added to our website](#) with all the information regarding the new school year in September.

School term dates for 2024-25 are published on [our school website](#).

#### **Arrival and Dismissal Times for September 2024**

**Arrival:** From 8.35 am - Pupils should be in their classroom by 8.45 am and ready to start their lessons. The gate will be shut at 8.45 am to maintain security on site.

**Dismissal:** 3.15 pm - Please be prompt when collecting your child.

### **School Uniform**

All students should return to school in the correct school uniform. The correct PE kit should be worn for PE. We will inform parents/carers of the PE days on our return. Please make reference to the school website for information about the school uniform. Please note that during the winter, boots should not be worn with skirts. We would like to thank all parents/carers for ensuring that their children are dressed in the correct school uniform.

### **Bags - Important for Health and Safety in the School - No backpacks for Year 1 to Year 5 please.**

Students in Year 1 to Year 5 should not bring backpacks into school. They should bring a book bag (it doesn't have to be the school one) as these easily fit in children's trays. This means our corridors remain less congested making it easier to move around and work in. A book bag fits into your child's tray and ensures it is easily accessible for your child to efficiently organise their belongings.

Nursery, Reception and Year 6 are able to have backpacks. Their classrooms are located in the new building where the cloakroom provision is more generous. We know that many of the Nursery and Reception children need to bring a change of clothes and backpacks are used for this purpose. For our Year 6 children it is now a privilege that comes with being the oldest members of the school and as role models for our younger students.

### **Stationery - Pencils, pens etc.**

We know that many of our students enjoy preparing for the new school term. If they wish, pupils can bring in a pencil case with a pencil, pen, rubber and ruler. Please ensure your child does **not** have a pair of scissors in their pencil case in school. These are not required, as we have plenty to use in the classroom.

### **Learning during the summer break**

Information has been sent out in a separate letter about the National Summer Reading Challenge for 2024 - 'Marvellous Makers'. More information can be found on the [website](#).

We encourage all the children to take part in as much of the challenge as possible, so they are able to continue to enjoy reading over the holidays. We also encourage the children to take part in our 'Marvellous Makers' art and design competition too - we look forward to seeing their creations in September! Further information about this can be found in the letter about the reading challenge sent out to all parents on Monday this week.

We do not expect all children to complete the learning above but we encourage all parents/carers to see if it can fit in with their plans for the summer. If not, we would really appreciate your child reading for pleasure as much as possible.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

Best wishes,



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