

Newsletter 4th December 2020



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Thank you and Feedback from the online Questionnaire

A huge thank you to everyone who completed the online parent survey, we have had 66 responses , what super responses and some really kind words about what we are doing well.

“ School safety has improved.”
“teachers work hard to build relationships with children”
“the school is well coordinated and organised”
“ a sense of care for children and their learning”
“caring teachers”
“ my son has learnt a lot here”
“just keep doing what you are doing”

We are always looking to improve, make sure children get the best education possible and that our communication with yourselves is as good as it can be. We will be taking onboard all of your comments and can clarify a few instantly !

- **Afterschool Clubs** – we will be offering after school clubs as soon as we don't have to operate year groups in bubbles, fingers crossed that will be in the late spring/ summer term.
- **Windows open** – we have to keep the rooms ventilated at the moment, due to Covid. We have ensured children wear sufficient layers to keep them warm throughout the day and contacted parents where children appear to be cold . As soon as we are able to ventilate less, we will !
- **End of School** – Some parents are highly vulnerable with their health and are concerned about the amount of people and the proximity of people when collecting their child. Please adhere to our frequent polite requests to keep your distance when collecting your child. Please don't crowd at the end of the drive when the class come out, the teachers can see you better if you stand back. !Please then walk home straight away , rather than chatting on the gate . This keeps everyone safe from spreading covid and safe from the road traffic !
- **Electronic Payments** – We are hoping we will be able to accept payments on line for dinners and breakfast club early in the new year – watch this space for more information .
- **School Dinners** - will be returning to meat after the holidays

Attendance

Attendance is UP!

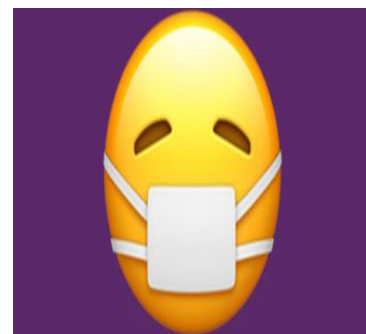
We are bucking the national trend –THANKYOU! Our attendance is now 95% across the school, this is fantastic and thank you to all our families for sending their children into school every day.

There are one or two children who are persistently late – please ensure your child is in school on time too!

Keeping Everyone Safe

As we head towards the festive period, no one wants to have to isolate due to Covid over the holidays, including the teaching staff, so please adhere to the following to support our community over the next few weeks....

1. Wear a mask when collecting your child, if you can't due to health reasons, keep 2m distance from **everyone** or send someone else down the drive to collect your child
2. Ensure only one person collects your child from school, secondary siblings can wait at the top.
3. **Please ensure your child understands we cannot accept in to school Christmas cards for their friends to take home.**
4. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and contact the office.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We are hoping one of our super parents would like to become more involved in the strategic direction of the school and join the governing body. The board meet once a term, 4-6pm at school or via Microsoft teams at the moment! If you would like more information about this fantastic voluntary role, please speak to myself or Miss Cooper.



Christmas Good Wishes!

IF you would like to let your child's class teaching team what a great job they are doing and sent them a Christmas wish, please email your comments into me and we will print them off to make a display for staff to read at the end of term. Send your comments in before Friday 11th December 2020. Thanks to those that have done so already!



Christmas Activities at Hogarth – reminder -Dates for your diary!

Christmas Jumper day - NEXT FRIDAY 11th December 2020

Christmas Dinner day – Wednesday 16th December 2020

Please ring school and book your child's dinner by next Wednesday 9th December 2020

Christmas Party Day – Thursday 17th December 2020, non-uniform day

School closed for the Christmas holidays Friday 18th December 2020 and reopens Monday 4th January 2021.

We will still be operating a staggered start and finish when we return in January, unless anything changes!

Christmas Video!

We will all be singing along to a Christmas song and uploading the video onto our website in the last week of term to celebrate – watch out for a marvellous message to let you know when it's on the website!



Hogarth Academy School Council

Well done to all our year five pupils who have been voted on to the Hogarth Academy School Council. After speeches and voting, we now have ten council members who are ready to start their roles next week!

Thank you everyone!
Sarah Lee