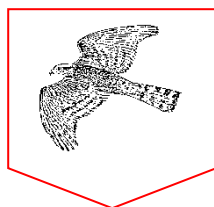


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Friday 3rd November

Dear Parents,

The first week of term is always exciting with lots of classes 'launching' their new themes for the term. We always 'launch' new themes to ensure children understand the 'bigger picture' of things they will be learning over the half term and to hook them into the new terms learning. We always want their learning to be as memorable as possible.

The children in Reception loved their Launchpad for their theme 'Where the lights shining?' Our lovely ICT Technician lent us his disco lights and the children used them to inspire their firework dances in the school hall! Thank you to Mr Curtis for your kindness!

The Year 5 and 6 children started their week with a Musical Theatre show – they could sign up to watch a musical of their choice – Annie, Oliver, Singing in the Rain or Hair Spray. It was a very enjoyable way of launching their theme of 'What has been the impact of theatre throughout history?' Years 3 and 4 launched their theme of 'How have rainforests changed over time?' by tasting exotic fruits and creating (through team work) a great representation of each of the layers of a rain forest!

Pupils in Years 1 and 2 will be launching their theme 'Who is awake at night?' next week as they welcome the Owl Academy into school! Something to look forward to for them!

Thursday was an 'exciting' day at school with the strange old weather conditions and the electricity dropping out for a couple of hours! It was like teaching back in the 'olden days' with no computers (or lights!!!!). I would like to thank the wonderful team of staff who work at HPS for all managed to dodge trees and puddles on their way into work and arrive safely in a timely way allowing us to get the school open and keep it open for the day! Thank you!

I do not want to start talking about the Christmas Holidays but below are a few dates for your diary for Term 2....

Thursday 9 th November 2023	Individual & Siblings Photos
Tuesday 14 th November 2023	EYFS Open Day
Tuesday 21 st November 2023	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 nd November 2023	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 rd November 2023	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	Nativity - am – more info to follow
Monday 11 th December 2023	Year 5 & 6 Landing Pad (2:15pm)
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	Year 3 & 4 Landing Pad (2:15pm)
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Christmas Lunch – more info to follow

Keep dry and safe this weekend

Individual Photographs



These will be taken on Thursday 9th November allowing enough time for you to buy and wrap as Christmas presents!

If you have children at school who also have brothers and sisters at school leave it to us to sort group photographs out!

If you have a child with a sibling who is a pre-schooler if you arrive between 7:45am and 8:25am you can have a family group photograph taken then. Make your way around to the school cookery room (*near the area the reception children leave school in the evening*) and you will see the photographer there.

Please do not arrive later than 8:25am as we do need school aged children in their classrooms at that time and ready to start their lessons!