



# HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023



### CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us for Nursery Sing-A-Long, Reception class Nativity and Key Stage 1 play 'The Inn-spectors!' The children certainly entertained us with their outstanding performances. All the productions were a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Well done to all the staff and children involved!

### PTA UPDATE

The PTA have worked hard this term putting on a range of events for children and families to enjoy. Their efforts and your generosity and support have raised:

- Break the Rules Day - £440
- Spooky Mask Competition - £18
- Christmas Jumpers - £33
- Christmas Fair - £1,692
- Christmas Movie Night - £462.50



This is a huge £2645.50 altogether of funds to spend in school! We will share with you next term how this is going to be spent. We are already looking forward to the New Year to see what this formidable team can plan next for us!

## DINNER MONEY

Dinner money must be paid in advance. Payment can be made weekly, half termly or termly.

School is aiming to become fully cashless this year and would ask that payment for dinner money is made through School Gateway. If you do not already have a School Gateway account, details of how to set up an account can be found on the school website: [Online Payment System | Hardy Mill](#)

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

The amounts for Spring Term are as follows:

Week	£12.35
First half term	£71.63
Second half term	£59.28
Whole term	£130.91



## TERM DATES 2024-25

Term dates for 2024-25 have been agreed by the Governing Board. We have chosen to shorten the Easter break in order to create a two week break in the middle of summer term to support families with holiday bookings. A copy of the term dates is attached to this newsletter.

## UNIFORM

**Shoes** - A quick reminder that school shoes must be black. If for any reason your child needs to come to school in anything other than black school shoes, please send a letter explaining the circumstances to the class teacher.

**Active Wear Uniform** - Please make sure that your child has the correct active wear uniform on for PE days. This uniform must be **plain black** and **not branded** sportswear. A list of the uniform can be found on the school website: [School Uniform | Hardy Mill](#)





### CONGRATULATIONS LANA!

Congratulations to our very own Trampolining Champion, Lana Goodwin. She is now the Under 12s Northwest Champion. We are very proud of her achievements in this sport and think that her talent and determination will take her all the way to the Olympics.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

We have really enjoyed our first term as school council!

One of our focuses has been to raise funds and awareness for local and national charities. We have supported The Royal British Legion by selling poppies around school and raised £218 for 'Children In Need' with our Spotty biscuits. Thank you for helping us achieve this!

Our new committees: Behaviour and safety; Health and wellbeing and Leisure have also been very busy. We have led assemblies for Anti- Bullying week and supported the launch of our Well-being Wednesdays and Mindful Mondays.



### HOUSE POINTS – AUTUMN TERM



Congratulations to all the children in Bramhall House as they are this half term's house point winners. All the children in this house will be receiving a letter early in the new year telling them when they can have an 'own clothes' day. Belmont, Patterdale and Longsight were not far behind the winners so let's see if they can beat Bramhall in spring term.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY– SPRING TERM 2024

Please find below a current list of dates for events in spring term. Please note that this diary of events is subject to change and further details for many of the events listed will follow.

SPRING TERM 2024			
Please note that this diary of events is subject to change. You will be informed of any changes.			
	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
JANUARY			
22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.00pm	Year 6 parents SAT information meeting	Rostron Classroom
FEBRUARY			
6 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Safer Internet Day <i>More information to follow</i>	In class
6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Rostron Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Hamilton Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Lofthouse Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Heathcote Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Devey Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Leverhulme Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
HALF TERM – 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>			
26 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens - 8.50am		
MARCH			
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Throughout the week	Science Theme Week <i>More information to follow</i>	In classes
5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Year 4 Multiplication Check Parent Meeting	Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Kenny Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Kay Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	All day	World Book Day – Character Day <i>More information to follow</i>	In classes
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Lancaster Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Throughout the week	End of term assessment week in Year 1 to Year 6	In classes
15 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Red Nose Day	In classes
28 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	School closes for Easter break	
APRIL			
15 <sup>th</sup>	8.50am	School reopens for Summer Term	

## ATTENDANCE

The winter bugs and coughs and colds have certainly taken their toll on attendance this month! I'm sure that we will see class percentages improving again at the start of the New Year!

Guide to Attendance	Class	Current attendance %
97% - 100% Best chance of academic success!	Crompton	94.4
	Dibnah 1	94.8
95% - 96.9% Risk of underachievement.	Dibnah 2	96.1
	Kay	94.8
93% -94.9% Serious risk of underachievement.	Kenny	95.2
	Lancaster	95.2
90% - 92.9% Severe risk of underachievement	Devey	95.8
	Heathcote	95.1
0% - 89.9% Extreme risk – Persistent absenteeism	Leverhulme	95.2
	Lofthouse	94.7
	Hamilton	93.3
	Rostron	95.0

Leave of absence (appointments etc.) during school time should be requested by email to [office@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk) or via Absence or Medical Notification tabs on ParentApp. Please refer to our school Attendance Policy for how these absences will be coded. Holidays will not be authorised except under exceptional circumstances and may result in a fine from the local authority.



We hope that you have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

School closes from tomorrow and will **reopen** on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



## **TERM DATES 2024-25**

### **Autumn Term**

School opens: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Term ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### **Spring Term**

School opens: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Term ends: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### **Summer Term**

School opens: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Bank Holiday: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May (Bank holiday) – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Term ends: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025