



HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024

CONGRATULATIONS BETHAN!



A huge congratulations to Bethan Mason for her superb running and athletics achievements. Last half term she represented our school at the Greater Manchester Cross Country competition and made us very proud. She also regularly represented her club, Bolton Harriers, and has recently won the gold medal in the vertical jump! This achievement has led to her being selected for the field events team for the Greater Manchester sports hall athletics that are about to take place in March. A fantastic achievement! We are all wishing her the best of luck at this next event.



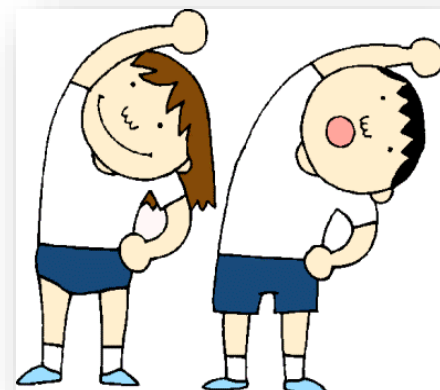
OUR NEW LOOK FACEBOOK PAGE

Please follow our Facebook page - **Hardy Mill Primary School**. There will be lots of posts this week to share what the children are learning about in our Science Week 'Our World – Our Future'. No pictures of your child/ren will be included in any posts without your consent.



PE ACTIVE WEAR UNIFORM

We are seeing a small number of children not wearing the correct PE day uniform. In assemblies over the next week, we will be reminding the children about the need to wear the correct PE uniform. Children will be told that after the Easter break, anyone wearing the incorrect PE uniform will be instructed to sit out of PE sessions. We trust that this will give parents time to obtain the correct PE uniform for their child if they do not already have it.



Our PE uniform must be **unbranded** unless you choose to purchase it from Whitakers where you can get it with the school logo on. It can be purchased from most supermarkets online.

- **Plain white** T-shirt or Hardy Mill logo sport shirt
- **Plain black** leggings or plain black track suit bottoms/joggers
- **Plain black** hoodie or zip up top
- Trainers
- **Plain black** shorts (in warm weather)

If there is a reason why your child is/ will be unable to wear the correct PE uniform after Easter break, please speak to Mrs Briggs as soon as possible.

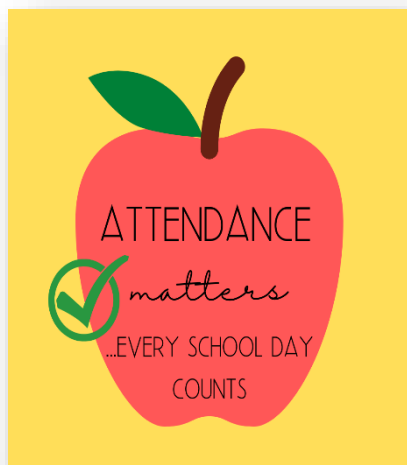
PTA UPDATE



The Key Stage 2 Valentine's Disco was a huge success. Lots of happy children in their best party clothes showing us their best dance moves. The event raised another £184 which takes the total raised this year to £2829.50. £390 has been used to subsidise the cost of the children's pantomime before Christmas. £500 of this money has been used to support the Science Week 'Our World – Our Future' and £490 has been used to buy a shed for the Early Years as part of their plan to update the covered area.

Look out for more information about our next planned events:

- Easter Bingo – Tuesday 19th March 5.45pm 'Eyes down' at 6pm.
- Mad March Hair Day – Friday 28th March all day



ATTENDANCE

We know that sometimes our children cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other children. Medical advice is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

We also know that children fall behind their friends and classmates when they miss school. At Hardy Mill school we want the amount of missed education to be reduced as much as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our children in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success.

To achieve the best attendance for our children, home and school need to work together.

Your role:

- Telephone the school or make an absence notification on ParentApp before 8.30am each day of your child's absence
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and provide appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, check the guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/)
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

Our role:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Provide an update of your child's attendance as part of their termly report card.
- Advise you by letter if your child's attendance has fallen below 90% each half term and work with you to make improvements.
- Invite you to an attendance meeting where attendance is not improving over a half term to work together for improvement.

Any leave of absence (appointments etc.) during school time should be requested by email to 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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a current list of dates for events in autumn 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
MARCH			
26 th Feb – 1 st March	Throughout the week	Science Week – ‘Our World – Our Future’ <i>More information to follow</i>	In classes
6 th	9.00am	Kay Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
7 th	All day	World Book Day – Character Day <i>More information to follow</i>	In classes
8 th	9.00am	Lancaster Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
11 th – 15 th	Throughout the week	End of term assessment week in Year 1 to Year 6	In classes
15 th	All day	School Council - Red Nose Day	In classes
19 th	6pm	PTA Easter Bingo event	Hall
21 st ** NB CHANGE OF DATE **	9.00am	Kenny Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
28 th	All day	PTA – Mad March Hair Day	
28 th	2.15pm	School closes for Easter break	
APRIL			
15 th	8.50am	School reopens for Summer Term	