



# HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023

It is hard to believe that we have been back in school for a whole half term! The children have been working very hard and enjoying their learning.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School council have made a few changes since being elected to role. They really want to make a difference in school and have introduced three sub-committees with special responsibilities to make that happen:

- **Leisure** – making sure that playtimes and lunchtimes are the best they can be for everyone
- **Behaviour and Safety** – making sure that school is the safest place that it can be
- **Health and Wellbeing** – making sure that everyone in school is the best person that they can be



The newly formed Behaviour and Safety Committee will be supporting our Anti-Bullying Week 'Make a Noise about Bullying' by leading an assembly and working with Mrs Briggs on ideas to improve our Anti-Bullying policy in school.

The council worked together on their first task this year and a great job they did of it; organising a food collection for the local foodbank at Urban Outreach. The council were blown away with your generosity! There were so many non-perishable goods donated that Urban Outreach needed to organise a large van to come and collect it. Our Councillors helped loading up the van with your kind donations. A huge thank you to everyone who donated to this worthwhile charity!



## PTA NEWS

We have new Co-Chairs of the PTA; Mrs Hayley Parkinson and Mrs Kate Westwood. They have some fantastic ideas for events for our children and families and have already been recruiting on the playground to build up the PTA membership to make these things happen.

Today was our first ever 'Break the Rules' day and I have to say that the children have loved it. Thank you for supporting this

event with your donations. I look forward to telling you how much was raised.

### PTA dates for your diary:

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – 'Spooky mask competition' judging. Bring your entries in with the entry slip.
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** at 5.00pm – **PTA planning meeting**. Everyone welcome.
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – 'Get Festive Day' – children can come to school in Christmas jumpers/ outfits for a donation for the tombola. More information to follow.
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – 'Come as You Please Day' – exactly what it says – no uniform required for a donation for the tombola. More details to follow.
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** from 3.30pm – **Christmas Fair**

## CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 children who have represented Hardy Mill at the inter-school cross-country competition at Moss Bank Park. A huge thank you to their parents as well who have supported these events through rain and shine.



## ATTENDANCE

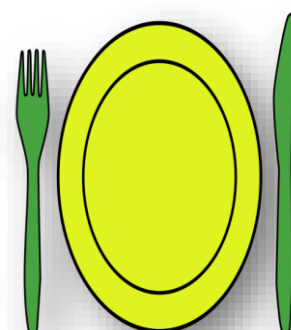
Class attendance this half term:

Guide to Attendance		Class	Autumn 1 attendance %
100%	Perfect!	Crompton	93.0
98%	Very good	Dibnah 1	96.4
		Dibnah 2	96.9
96%	Good	Kay	93.1
		Kenny	96.2
95%	Almost there	Lancaster	96.0
		Devey	96.4
94%	Improvement needed	Heathcote	93.8
		Leverhulme	97.4
90%	Concerned. This equates to 20 school days missed in a school year	Lofthouse	95.7
		Hamilton	94.6
85%	Very concerned. This equates to 29 school days missed in a year	Rostron	93.3

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 as absences in term time except under exceptional circumstances and may result in a fine from the local authority.

## DINNER MONEY

All dinner monies need to be paid in advance. To assist you in managing this, the school office will accept cash or cheque (made payable to BMBC) in either weekly, half-termly or termly instalments. School has changed provider for our online payment system; School Gateway. Please contact the school office, if you are not yet using this system as we are moving towards a cashless system.



Please make sure that any money sent in to school is clearly marked with your child's name and class. The amounts for the remainder of Autumn Term are as follows:

Week	£12.35
Second half term – autumn	£86.45



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a current list of dates for events after half term.

Please note that this diary of events is subject to change and further details for many of the events listed will follow over the coming weeks.

	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
6 <sup>th</sup>	All morning	Sports Champions Athlete assemblies and sponsored circuit training	Hall and outside
6 <sup>th</sup>	All day	PTA – Spooky Mask Competition judging	In school
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am – 12.00pm	Open Day (for prospective parents – Reception 2023 intake)	Throughout school
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> inc	Throughout the week	Theme Week – ‘I am a Champion’	Throughout the school
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Throughout the week	Anti-Bullying Week – Make a Noise About Bullying - more details to follow	Throughout the school
17 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Children In Need fundraiser	Throughout the school
20 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Rock Kidz Workshops for all year groups – Respect and Diversity	Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	All morning	Year 6 – NHS Heights and Weights	Drama studio
27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Days and times to be confirmed	Nursery and Reception classes Parent meetings	In school or virtual on School Cloud
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec inc	Throughout the week	End of term assessments and review in Year 1 to Year 6	In class
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Throughout the day	PTA – ‘Get Festive Day’ – more details to follow	Throughout the school
1 <sup>st</sup>	All afternoon	Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly	Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	Throughout the day	PTA – ‘Come as You Please Day’ – more details to follow	Throughout the school
8 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-5.30pm	PTA – Christmas Fair – more details to follow	Hall
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Days and times to be confirmed	Key Stage 1 (Kay, Kenny and Lancaster classes) Parent meetings	In school or virtual on School Cloud
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Nursery Christmas Singalong	Hall
12 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Kay Class parents’ performance)	Hall

13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Reception Christmas Production (1 <sup>st</sup> performance )	Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Kenny Class parents' performance)	Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Reception Christmas Production (2 <sup>nd</sup> performance )	Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Lancaster Class parents' performance)	Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Whole School Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty	Hall
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Days and times to be confirmed	Key Stage 2 (Devey, Heathcote, Leverhulme, Lofthouse, Hamilton and Rostron classes) Parent meetings	In school or virtual on School Cloud
18 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Devey, Heathcote and Leverhulme Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	All morning	Crompton and Dibnah Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Kay, Kenny and Lancaster Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
20 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Lofthouse, Hamilton and Rostron Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Christmas Carol Service	Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	School <b>closes at 2.15pm</b> for the Christmas break. School <b>re-opens on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 8.50am.</b>		



We hope that you have a very happy and safe half term and look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**