



HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023

We have been back in school for a whole month. The children are settled well into their classes, working hard and enjoying their learning.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION



I am pleased to announce that our school council for 23-24 has been democratically elected. All the candidates' speeches were excellent which made it a very tough decision for the children voting. This year, our school councillors will be taking on specific areas of responsibility to give each of them more opportunities to make a positive impact during their year as councillor.

A huge well done must also go to the candidates who were not elected and we would encourage each and every one of them to stand for school council again next year as their speeches were amazing!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBERS

Charlie K Isla T Violet H	Jodie B Jenson N Beatrice S	Rose Miller Leo R Emily B	Chloe L Orla M Grace Mc	Mia W Vincent W Dotun O
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BREAK TIME SNACKS

If your child is bringing a snack to school for their break, please ensure that it supports our 'Healthy School' ethos by avoiding sugary snacks such as sweets, crisps and chocolate.



APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION CLASS PLACES 2024

Applications for children born between 1st September 2019 & 31st August 2020 for reception 2024 is open online at [Primary school places – Bolton Council](#) The **closing date is 15th January 2024** at 11.59pm. National offer day is 16th April 2024. We are holding our **Open Days** for prospective parents on **Tuesday 3rd October 2.00pm – 6.00pm** and **Wednesday 8th November 9.30am – 12.00pm**.



APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES 2024

Applications for secondary school places for our current Year 6 children is open on line at [Secondary school places – Bolton Council](#) The **closing date is 31st October 2023** at 11.59pm. National offer day is 1st March 2024.

Please check local secondary schools' websites for details of their Open Days. If you have any questions about your child's application, please contact their class teacher who will be happy to help.



NSPCC – SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE PROGRAMME

Key Stage 1 and 2 children have taken part in the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Programme through virtual assemblies and follow up activities. Year 5 and 6 children have also had face-to-face workshops to deepen their understanding further.

This excellent programme has helped our children to understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including the [NSPCC - Childline](#).



The NSPCC website also has some excellent resources to support parents including advice and parenting tips for all stages of your child's life. [NSPCC - Support for Parents](#)

IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Registering free meals could also raise an extra **£1,455** for your child's primary school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

To check if your child is eligible, please complete the on-line form via the website link below: [Bolton Council - Free School Meals and help with school uniform](#) If you wish to speak to somebody, contact the One Stop Shop in Bolton. Telephone 333333.



DO YOU ENJOY READING? WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL?

We are looking for parents, grandparents and carers who would be able to dedicate one hour a week to a volunteer role within Key Stage 1 to support the children with their reading. Full training will be provided.

If you would like further information, please get in touch with Mrs Frankland: franklanda@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk



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 over the coming weeks.

Autumn Term 2023

	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
OCTOBER			
3rd	2.00-6.00pm	Open Day (for prospective parents – Reception 2023 intake)	Throughout school
11 th	All day	Flu Vaccinations	Drama studio
20 th	All morning	PHOTOGRAPH DAY – Individual and siblings photos	Drama studio
30 th Oct – 3 rd Nov inc	HALF TERM BREAK		
NOVEMBER			
6 th	All morning	Sports Champions Athlete assemblies and sponsored circuit training	Hall and outside
8 th	9.30am – 12.00pm	Open Day (for prospective parents – Reception 2023 intake)	Throughout school
6 th – 10 th inc	Throughout the week	Theme Week – ‘I am a Champion’ – more details to follow	Throughout the school
13 th – 17 th	Throughout the week	Anti-Bullying Week – Make a Noise About Bullying - more details to follow	Throughout the school
17 th	All day	Children In Need fundraiser – more details to follow	Throughout the school
20 th	All day	Rock Kidz Workshops for all year groups – Respect and Diversity	Hall
22 nd	All morning	Year 6 – NHS Heights and Weights	Drama studio
27 th – 30 th	Days and times to be confirmed	Nursery and Reception classes Parent meetings	In school or virtual on School Cloud
27 th Nov – 1 st Dec inc	Throughout the week	End of term assessments and review in Year 1 to Year 6	In class
DECEMBER			
1 st	Throughout the day	PTA – ‘Get Festive Day’ – more details to follow	Throughout the school
1 st	All afternoon	Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly	Hall
8 th	Throughout the day	PTA – ‘Come as You Please Day’ – more details to follow	Throughout the school
8 th	3.30-5.30pm	PTA – Christmas Fair – more details to follow	Hall
6 th – 8 th	Days and times to be confirmed	Key Stage 1 (Kay, Kenny and Lancaster classes) Parent meetings	In school or virtual on School Cloud
11 th	9.00am	Nursery Christmas Singalong	Hall
12 th	2.00pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Kay Class parents’ performance)	Hall
13 th	9.30am	Reception Christmas Production (1 st performance)	Hall
13 th	2.00pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Kenny Class parents’ performance)	Hall
14 th	9.30am	Reception Christmas Production (2 nd performance)	Hall
14 th	2.00pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (Lancaster Class parents’ performance)	Hall

15 th	All afternoon	Kay, Kenny and Lancaster Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
11 th – 15 th	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 th	All afternoon	Devey, Heathcote and Leverhulme Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
19 th	All morning	Crompton and Dibnah Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
19 th	All afternoon	Lofthouse, Hamilton and Rostron Classes Christmas Party	Class and Hall
22 nd	9.00am	Christmas Carol Service	Hall
22 nd	School closes at 2.15pm for the Christmas break. School re-opens on Tuesday 9th January 8.50am.		