



# HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

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### PTA NEWS



We have two new co-chairs of our PTA this year; Mrs Hayley Parkinson and Mrs Kate Westwood. They have taken over the reins from Mrs Leanne Hayes who has done a fantastic job raising funds with our parents for over 8 years!

Kate and Hayley are keen to grow the membership of the PTA and have already recruited a sizable number of parents! With this support they have amazing plans for events over the coming months.



Hello my name is Hayley Parkinson and I am glad to be a part of the PTA at Hardy Mill. Hardy Mill School is held very close to my family as not only did my sister and I attend many years ago, my three daughters and two nieces are of have also attended. I am excited to take my long history with school into the PTA to help build strong family and community links. I am a qualified psychiatric

nurse and understand that childhood experiences can help shape our adulthood. Our school years can be the most influential years of a person's life and I look forward to making some lasting memories for our children whilst raising funds for the school in the process.

Hi, my name is Kate Westwood. I am very excited to be part of the PTA team and to help it grow. My son is currently at Hardy Mill and my daughter will be starting in September 2024. I currently work for the NHS but have previously owned my own health and wellbeing business and won an award for massage therapist of the year. As part of the PTA, I want to make sure that we organise events that both the children and parents will enjoy whilst raising funds for the school.



#### **Upcoming events:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair including Santa's Grotto
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas movie night

From January, there will be a PTA news board in the main entrance with lots of information about what the PTA are up to, planned events and how to get involved.



If you haven't already done so, please join the Hardy Mill PTA Facebook group so you can get involved in all the planned events!

Your support at all these events is so appreciated as it raises much needed funds for school and gives our children some lifelong memories. Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE

Almost every class has shown an improvement from before half term. Well done! Class attendance for each class so far this year:

Guide to Attendance		Class	Current attendance %
100%	Perfect!	Crompton	94.4
98%	Very good	Dibnah 1	96.0
		Dibnah 2	96.4
96%	Good	Kay	94.2
		Kenny	96.0
95%	Almost there	Lancaster	95.8
		Devey	96.7
94%	Improvement needed	Heathcote	94.5
		Leverhulme	96.8
90%	Concerned. This equates to 20 school days missed in a school year	Lofthouse	95.8
		Hamilton	95.0
85%	Very concerned. This equates to 29 school days missed in a year	Rostron	93.6

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.



## PARKING REMINDER

Just a reminder at this time of year when the roads are icy to be mindful of our neighbours and each other when parking. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...



Christmas preparations are already in hand and it is certainly going to be a busy time! Please check the diary dates below for the dates and timings for all the upcoming festive events.

We will be getting the festivities started with our Tree Dressing assembly this Friday. Every child in school will have made a decoration to hang on the school tree and children will be entertaining each other with Christmas songs.

DECEMBER 2023			
	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
5 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Parents meetings for Kenny Class – please see Parent App for details	Kenny Class
6 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Parents meetings for Kay and Lancaster – please see Parent App for details	Kay and Lancaster Class
7 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Parents meetings for Kay, Kenny, Lancaster – please see Parent App for details	Ken, Kenny and Lancaster Class
8 <sup>th</sup>	All day	<b>Come as you please day – PTA</b> Donations of bottles please.	Throughout school
8 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	PTA Christmas Fair	Throughout school
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Nursery Christmas Singalong	Hall
12 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Parents meetings for Key Stage 2 classes – please see Parent App for details	KS2 classrooms
12 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	KS1 Performance 'The Inn-spectors' for Kay Class parents	Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Parents meetings for Key Stage 2 classes – please see Parent App for details	KS2 classrooms
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Nativity Performance for Dibnah 1 parents	Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	KS1 Performance 'The Inn-spectors' for Kenny Class parents	Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Nativity Performance for Dibnah 2 parents	Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	KS1 Performance 'The Inn-spectors' for Lancaster Class parents	Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner	Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Whole School Pantomime Performance – Sleeping Beauty <b><i>This event is being subsidised by the PTA</i></b>	Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Year 3 and 4 Party	Classroom and hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	All morning	Nursery and Reception classes Party Day	Classroom and hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Year 1 and 2 Party	Classroom and hall
20 <sup>th</sup>	All afternoon	Year 5 and 6 Party	Classroom and hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	3.30pm	<b>PTA Christmas Movie Night</b> – more details to follow	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am	Carol Service	Hall
22nd	School closes at 2.15pm for the Christmas break. School re-opens on Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January at 8.50am.		