



Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a good summer and a big welcome to all of the children who have started with us this week.

You will receive a newsletter every Friday available via our SchoolCal, email and website. Please keep the newsletters safe as they have vital dates and information on that you can refer back to.



Y6 Parents



Y6 Parents Social Media use outside of school We are writing to share the concerns that we have regarding children's use of social media outside of school during evenings and weekends. Several incidents have already occurred in week 1 of Y6 and it needs to stop as a matter of urgency. There are a number of pupils using social media to be unkind about other pupils - in some cases to an extreme. This is happening over platforms, such as Snapchat and WhatsApp. This behaviour is leading to upset within school and is not in line with our ethos or values. Most Social media apps are for pupils 13 years and over. If you do allow your child to access social media, we ask for your vigilance. Just like their interactions in person, online interactions require supervision and support. What is right will vary from family to family but some strategies that are known to be successful include: • Monitoring their phones for the apps that are downloaded • Enacting parental controls on phones and consoles • Reviewing the messages they send on platforms and apps - making monitoring part of a daily or weekly routine • Setting expectations about what space (preferably communal) and times they have access to devices • Encouraging them to share or discuss with you what they are doing. Whilst we appreciate the benefits of these forms of communication, many of our pupils are struggling to apply the rules they have been taught in school and need your support. "Parents and carers have a primary responsibility to ensure that their own children use the internet safely." (UK Parliament - <https://publications.parliament.uk>) In school, we already have an excellent Computing, Citizenship and Wellbeing curriculum planned for Y6 to build upon their learning from previous years (as well weekly online safety sessions).

We are also in the process of planning a bespoke PSHE topic related to friendships and emotions which will be delivered by the outreach and Y6 teams later this term. We are also providing 1:1 mediation for those whom are emotionally affected. We are asking for your partnership in dealing with this as this is happening outside of school. Please review the advice provided above and make any necessary changes required to keep your child safe online. Please access our school website for more detailed guidance: <https://www.kingsleyprimary.com/tips-for-social-media/>. Additionally, we are inviting all Y6 parents/ carers to a meeting we are calling 'Succeeding in Y6' (7th November from 2pm until 3:30pm). We will provide more details about this soon.

Thank you for your co-operation. Mr. Robinson and the Y6 Team.

Kidszone



We have lots of spaces in our after school club, Kidszone. The cost is £6 per child, with discounts for siblings. We are also asking Parents/Carers if you have any old/unwanted toys that are still in a good working order to donate them to Kidszone, games, consoles, colouring books, felt tips etc. We would appreciate your help.

School Meals



If your child is in Y3 and they are having school meals they are no longer entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Dinner money has now gone up, please send money in to school on Mondays, £2.65 per day, £13.25 a week. If you think you could be entitled to free school meals please call 01429 284188.

Important Information

School Attendance – Changes Parents Need to Know for September 2024—Please take note of the school term dates, as its very important due to new government legislation. Please see next page....

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age the right to access an education appropriate to their needs. It is a legal responsibility of every parent/carer to ensure that their child receives that education. Attendance at school is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.

The Department for Education have significantly toughened the law in relation to school attendance and have now published revised guidance that will become mandatory from September 2024. Please ensure you read the following information and particularly review any holiday plans during term-time you may have as a family.

Requests for Leave of Absence

Parents must request permission in advance from school for leave of absence for any reason, including holidays. Head Teachers cannot grant leave during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances and cannot grant permission retrospectively. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not be an exceptional circumstance. The 'H' code (authorised holiday) will no longer exist in the new absence codes, to reflect the change in policy.

If you take your child out of school without permission this may lead to enforcement action (penalty notice or prosecution).

National Thresholds

From September 2024, schools will need to consider a Penalty Notice if a pupil misses 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. Half of a day (am or pm) is considered as a 'session'. The threshold of 10 sessions can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence, for example, eight sessions of unauthorised holidays in term time and two sessions for other unauthorised reasons. The ten school week period may span different terms or school years, for example: 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 in the Autumn term.

Penalty Notices

Under the new national framework, Fixed Penalty Notices will be considered when a child has missed ten or more sessions (five days) due to unauthorised absence in a period of ten school weeks.

In September 2024, Penalty Notices (fines) charged to parents will rise to £80 (if paid within 21 days) or £160 (if paid within between 22 and 28 days). Where a penalty notice is unpaid, legal action would be pursued.

Under the new framework, only two penalty notices can be issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period. Where a second Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same child, the charge will be £160.

Paid within 21 days		
	Total for 1 parent	Total for 2 parents
1 child	£80	£160
2 children	£160	£320
Paid within 28 days		
1 child	£160	£320
2 children	£320	£640

If a third offence is committed within a three-year rolling period, legal action/prosecution would be considered.

School attendance is a high priority for everyone. The Local Authority and schools are committed to improving attendance and achievement and would like parents/carers to work with us to ensure the best possible outcomes for their children.

Please contact your school if you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance or queries in relation to the changes to school attendance guidance above. For further information please refer to the following document: [Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/90444/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance.pdf)

HARTLEPOOL LOCAL AUTHORITY TERM DATES 2024-25

	AUGUST 2024	SEPTEMBER 2024	OCTOBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2024	JANUARY 2025
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26

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	FEBRUARY 2025	MARCH 2025	APRIL 2025	MAY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2025
Monday	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Saturday	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Sunday	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27

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Bank Holiday	
School Holiday	
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The number of term dates shown is 195 .upto 5 of these dates will be used as Professional Development days for teachers .Pupils will not attend school on these dates and the school will inform parents of the dates .