HERMITAGE HEADLINES

TOGETHER WE THRIVE

22nd October 2026







Dear Hermitage Families,

It has been a jam-packed first half term, with so much to celebrate at Hermitage!

I hope you all enjoyed meeting with our teachers at Parents' Evening this week and hearing about how well your children have settled into the new academic year and the progress they are making. We really do appreciate the support you provide at home, enabling us to work together in partnership to help all of our children thrive.

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, our attendance this half term has improved significantly compared with last year. It is so important that this continues into next half term and beyond, particularly as we enter the time of year when coughs, colds and tiredness tend to peak. Every day in school really does make a difference.

This week, we were visited by our Early Years Consultant, who is also a current Ofsted Inspector. They were delighted to see how well the children have settled into their routines and the progress they are already making at the start of their journey with us. It is so important that we get things right from the very beginning; we are so passionate about ensuring our children get off to a flying start at Hermitage!

We have celebrated Diwali and raised awareness of healthy eating in our assemblies with the children this week. Today, we held a special assembly to say farewell to Mrs Robertson. Over the years, Mrs Robertson has provided tremendous support to our children, particularly those who have struggled with their emotions and self-esteem. Her care, guidance and encouragement have been invaluable, and we will all miss her.

I know that lots of the children are looking forward to celebrating Halloween over half term, with Bonfire Night following shortly afterwards. As I mentioned to the children in our Celebration Assembly this afternoon, it is important that we are mindful of the dangers that both celebrations can pose. I hope all our children have lots of fun while enjoying these events safely.

I wish you all a wonderful half term break together. A reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 3rd November due to an INSET day on Monday. Our staff are looking forward to undertaking training focused on the teaching of reading during the INSET day.

Have a lovely weekend and a well-deserved break!

Mr Young

REMINDERS

Please remind children to bring (and wear) a coat each day as we head into winter.

School re opens on Tuesday 3rd November.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Reception: 100%

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 94%

Year 3: 99%

Year 4: 94%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 98%

Whole School: 97%

AWARDS

THRIVE AWARDS



Reception: Louis and Austin

Year 1: Thomas O and Grace

Year 2: Nico and Evie

Year 3: Lydia and Finn

Year 4: Brody and Amelia

Year 5: Lucas and Lizzy

Year 6: George and Leyland

The Den: Jaxon

HOUSE POINTS



House	Weekly Total	Running Total
ELM	181	1596
BEECH	329	2047
CEDAR	236	1242
HAWTHORN	244	1315

The winners of this half term are: BEECH

Beech House children will have hot choclate and biscuits with Mr Young on the afternoon of Thursday 5th November

Letters Sent:

Year 4 Football

Year 3 Grosvenor Museum

Year 6 Parent Survey

School Field Spare Shoes



Run for Pudsey - Friday 13th November

Our School Parliament have been busy planning our Run for Pudsey event which will take place during afternoon in school on Friday 13th November. Children across the school will be taking part running laps of the field or playground to raise money for Children in Need!

Thanks to donations from friends and families, we've already raised over £1,000! There's still time to sign up and all children who raise will receive a medal after the event for taking part

Parents and carers can sign up at: https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/hermitage-primary-school and enter the school's code F09E to set up a fundraising page for your child.

The day will be a non-uniform day. Children can come into school in sports wear ready to run. If you would like to, children can also wear a white t-shirt decorated at home with a Run for Pudsey/Children in Need design.

PTFA NEWS

EVENTS

23/10 Pop-up Drinks Stall & Pizza Van

27/11 Rainbow Raffle Donation

27/11 Wreath Making

15/12 KS2 Carol Concert

REQUESTS

Purchase your name labels from Sitkins - Fundraising Number: 9443

Sign up to Easy Fundraising

SCAN ME

ATTENDANCE

Every day in school counts – good attendance helps your child learn more, make friends, and build a brighter future.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring strong attendance across the school.

Regular attendance plays a vital in children's learning, wellbeing and friendships. While we understand that children will occasionally be unwell, we encourage attendance whenever possible, as many children who feel slightly under the weather often improve as the day progresses. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact us as early as possible so that we can work together to provide the appropriate support.

Holidays in Term Time

We would like to remind all parents and carers that holidays should not be taken during school time. Holidays are only authorised in extremely exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences will be reported to the local authority, and a fixed penalty notice may be issued.

KEY DATES AND INFORMATION

Autumn Diary Dates:

Friday 23rd October	Break up for Autumn Half Term
Monday 2nd November	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th November	SEND Coffee Morning
Thursday 5th November	Flu Spray
Friday 6th November	Bridge the Gap – Year 5 Remembrance
Monday 9th November	Year 6 Learn with Me
Tuesday 10th November	Year 5 Learn with Me
Wednesday 11th November	Year 4 Learn with Me; Year 1/2 Dance Festival
Thursday 12th November	Year 3 Learn with Me; Reception Library Trip
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day; Anti-Bullying Week; Reception Learn with Me
Tuesday 17th November	Year 2 Learn with Me
Wednesday 18th November	Year 3/4 Dance Festival
Thursday 19th November	Year 1 Learn with Me
Friday 20th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 25th November	Railway Safety Workshops; Year 5/6 Dance
Friday 27th November	PTFA Wreath Making
Monday 30th November	Rocksteady Concert – 2:15pm
Friday 4th December	Bridge the Gap
Tuesday 8th December	Infant Nativity – 4pm
Wednesday 9th December	Infant Nativity – 6pm
Tuesday 15th December	KS2 Carol Concert
Friday 18th December	Break up for Christmas

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION







FACE

November Timetable

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE USE OF OUR FACE PARENT COURSES!

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Introduction to OCD	2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT?	10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 7pm
FREE - Responding to Stress & Anxiety	19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance	23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety	24 Nov 7pm