

## Message from Mrs Horton

I hope that all of our families had a good summer. It has been so lovely to see children excited to return to school. They have really settled well and are enjoying the late summer weather and playing with friends.

Classes have been busy getting to know each other and learning new routines and expectations for their new year groups and staff.

Thank you so much to families for supporting the children to return in school uniform. They all look very smart and we are keen to maintain this high standard across the year. (*Please, please do make sure all uniform is labelled . . .*)

New school photos have been taken and all families have had the opportunity for 'Meet the Teacher'. The attendance for these meetings was really good this year, which is great. I think it is nice for families to see their child's new classroom and meet the teacher and teaching assistant, as well as learn some information about PE days and home learning etc.

Information about the term is available on our school app – please do download if you haven't done so already; (information in this newsletter).

Next week we have our first class trips of the year! We place a high value on the enrichment of children's learning – and class trips can really help learning 'stick' in the memory. Often when we reflect on memories of school, class trips are talked about warmly. We are really grateful to those parents and carers who are available to support these trips to run successfully. Your time and contribution is really much appreciated.

## **Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> Sep**

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sep:** Green Class -Ragged School Museum

**Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Sep:** Red Class - Ragged School Museum

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep:** Blue Class - Ragged School Museum

## **Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> Sep – Purple Class Swimming**

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sep:** Indigo Class -Natural History Museum

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sep:** Cyan Class to Natural History Museum;

Lime Class to Spitalfields Country Farm

**Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Sep** – Violet Class to Natural History Museum

## **Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Violet Class Swimming**

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – Orange Class to Spitalfields Country Farm

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Purple Class to Spitalfields Country Farm

## **Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parent Consultations**

## **Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Cardfields for Year 6;**

## **Bikeability for Year 5**

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Halloween Disco

## **Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct – Half Term Holiday**

## **Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct** – INSET day – school closed to children

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Children return to school

## **In the Newsletter today:**

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## Home Learning

Home learning will begin going home from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Here is a reminder of key info

### EYFS and KS1:

- Weekly home learning is set on Tapestry on Fridays and due the following Wednesday
- Children should be reading at home for at least 5 minutes a day. Reading journals should be brought to school and are checked by teachers weekly.
- In KS1 classes weekly spellings are set on Tapestry every Monday, with a spelling test on Friday

### KS2:

- Digital home learning is set on Seesaw on Fridays and due the following Wednesday
- Doodle spellings are set on Mondays with spelling tests each Friday
- Children should be reading at home for 15 minutes a day. Reading records should be brought to school and are checked by teachers weekly.
- Children are encouraged to use Doodle Maths and English for 10 minutes a day

More details and links to user guides can be found on our website: <https://www.hargravepark.com/curriculum/our-curriculum/home-learning/>

## Year 6 residential to Cardfields

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
2023

All year 6 children are expected to attend the week-long residential at Cardfields in Essex. It is a popular tradition on the calendar where children make lasting memories!

A meeting for parents will be held on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3:40pm in Indigo Class**, where you can find out more information.

Please contact Tracy in the office if you have any questions about Parent Pay.

You can explore more on their facilities here:  
<https://cardfields.co.uk/about-us/>



## Toddler and Nursery spaces

Do you, a friend or a neighbour have a two year old? You could be eligible for a funded early education childcare place.

We have spaces available in our Toddler Room for 15-hours-per-week childcare. Please check you eligibility online.

We also have a few remaining Nursery spaces available. All 3 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free!

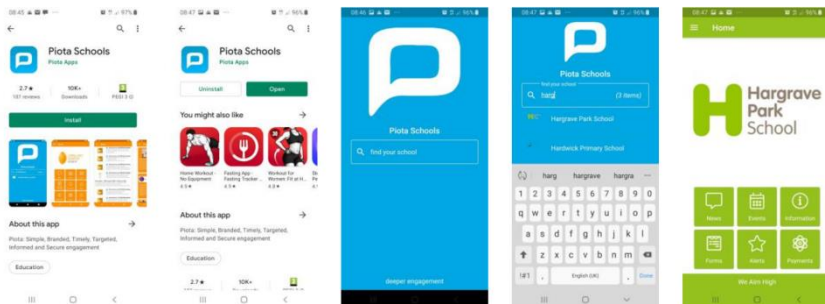
Please get in contact with the Office team for more information or contact at [parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk](mailto:parents@hargravepark.islington.sch.uk).

We look forward to welcoming you for a tour.



## Download our school App

You can download the app from either Google Play or the Apple Store. Search for Piota, download software and search for Hargrave Park. Please find below a step by step guide on downloading the app. If you require any support with this please pop into the office.



You can use the app to:

- Keep up to date with school events
- Change contact details
- Register permission to administer medicine
- Report absence
- Receive alerts about upcoming events
- Make payments via Schoolmoney
- And more....!

## Supporting your child's attendance

### Did you know your child can attend school with...

Toothache, Earache, Headache  
Sore throat, Conjunctivitis  
Glandular Fever, Head lice  
Molluscum Contagiosum (viral skin condition)  
Ringworm/Threadworm  
Warts and Verrucae  
Cough/Cold – If your child has asthma, remember they may need their blue inhaler more often  
Hand, Foot and Mouth

### If your child has been diagnosed with the following:

**Chicken pox** – Child can return to school 5 days from the onset of rash

**Diarrhoea and vomiting** – can return to school 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting

**Influenza (flu)** – Children should return to school as soon as they have recovered

**German Measles (Rubella)** – Keep off of school for 6 days from onset of rash

**Impetigo** – Keep off of school until lesions are crusted/healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

**Measles** – Keep child off of school for 4 days from the onset of rash

**Mumps** – Keep off of school for 5 days from onset of swollen glands

**Scabies** – Child can return after first treatment

**Whooping cough** – 5 days from starting antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment has been given.

**Doctors notes will be required for all of the above**

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GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS...  
EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS  
BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS

Even when you're very **small**  
good attendance makes a  
**BIG** difference!

"Children in the Early Years have little chance of catching up their peers if their attendance is bad.  
If they fail to succeed early on in their school careers they are likely to get further behind; disillusionment with education sets in and they become excluded or begin to truant."

Regular attendance helps children to:

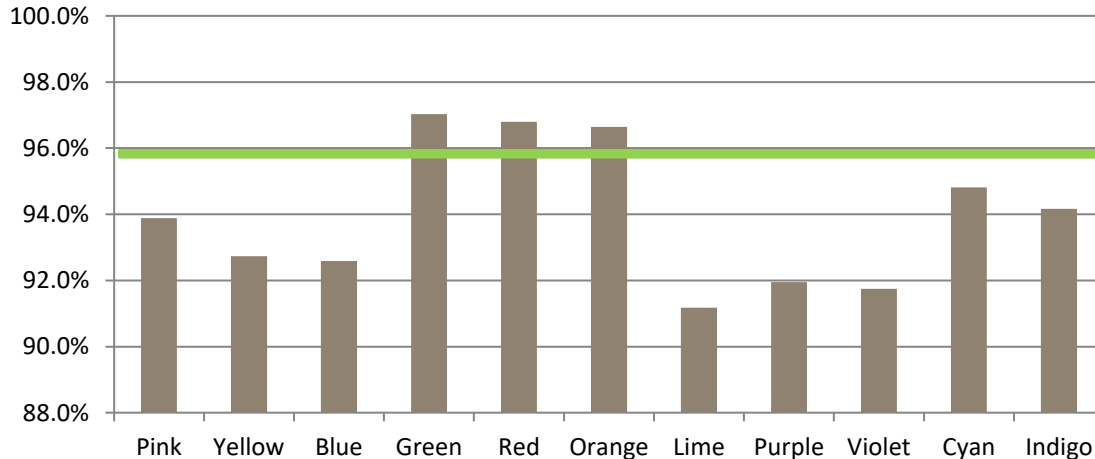
- Make friends and learn social skills
- Feel settled and happy
- Enjoy their learning
- Benefit from good routines
- Get ready for school

Charlie Taylor,  
Government's expert advisor  
on attendance and behaviour

Help your child to succeed in the early years,  
at school and in adult life

What a fantastic start to the new Academic year  
Keep up the good work!

**W/C 08/9/23- 14/9/23**



### Best Class Attendance

Well done to Green class for achieving the highest attendance last week, achieving 97%  
Green class will be rewarded with a prize for their great efforts.

Red class were a very close second with 96.8%, and Orange Class a very close third!

At Hargrave Park School we believe that good attendance is vital for children's :-

- learning and progress
- academic achievement
- mental health and wellbeing
- personal, social and emotional development

### Authorised absences

Most absences for acceptable reasons will be authorized by the school:

- Illness
- Emergency medical or dental appointments
- A day of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstance, such as bereavement

### Unauthorised absences

Some of the following examples are reasons why the school may not authorize absence:

- Term time holiday
- Shopping/Day trips
- Birthdays and other celebrations
- Tiredness
- Parental illness

Our Parent and Staff Association

# Friends of Hargrave Park School

We are your parent and staff association organising events and activities to build the school community and raise funds to enhance our children's experience of school life.



## *Socialise & have fun*

Become a class rep  
Join the class WhatsApp group  
Come to a coffee morning  
Attend the school fairs



## *Volunteer & take part*

Help with events like the pre-loved uniform sale or winter fair  
Bake cupcakes or traybakes  
Buy raffle tickets or be a sponsor

Look out for our page in the school newsletter to find out more about our events and how you can get involved.



[friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhargravepark@gmail.com)



## Teaching teams

Nursery	Emel Cinar, Carolin Oliver, Petra Slezakova
Pink class	Georgie Bell, Ema Gaywood
Yellow class	Georgina McNamara, Charley Dixon
Blue Class	Nilsu Bulut, Kulsuma Khanom
Green Class	Emily Conway, Andie Childs
Red Class	Emily Thomas, Nazinet Bereket
Orange Class	Jamie Harney, Lynda Pigott
Lime Class	Juliet Makima, Bobbie-Jo Jago
Purple Class	Michael McGearty, Kim Fosbrook
Violet class	Sophie Gaston, Deborah Foxon
Cyan Class	Georgia Cottington, Louka Cotta
Indigo class	Zoe Nadarajah, Lorraine Stannard

## Term Dates for this academic year – 2023 - 2024

### 2023/24 Academic Year Dates

#### Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September– Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Half term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

#### Spring Term 2024

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Half term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

#### Summer Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April– Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

#### INSET days

INSET 1 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

INSET 2 – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

INSET 3 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

INSET 4 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

INSET 5 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024