

Dear Parent/Carer

Phonics workshop

Thank you to all the parents and carers who turned up to our phonics talk. You can find the information shared here <https://www.hermitageschools.com/assets/Reading-at-home-booklet-1.pdf>

If you have any questions about phonics, then please speak to your child's class teacher

Cross Country Trials

We are pleased to announce that Cross Country trials will take place for all year groups at the Juniors on **Monday 28th September**. Any child who would like to take part should come to school wearing their **PE kit** and bring a **spare pair of trainers**. We are also looking for volunteers to support the event between **1.00pm and 3.00pm**. If you have an interest in Cross Country or Athletics and would be happy to assist Mrs Spires with the trials, please contact the School Office. Thank you for your support.

Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol on the 22nd of September, please be extra vigilant.

The Big Future Survey

Please use the following link to complete the survey: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

Harvest Festivals

For our Harvest celebrations this year we would like to support the Foodbank in Woking with donations. During the lead up to our Harvest Celebration, we invite our parents and children to bring in a small non-perishable food donation. This can either be tinned or dried food. These contributions are voluntary, however if you feel that you are able to donate one item, we will be collecting these from Monday 28th September – Monday 12th October.

Infant Harvest Celebration

On Friday 2nd October, between 9-10am, The Hermitage Infant School will be holding their annual Harvest Celebration. We are looking forward to parents and carers being able to join in our Harvest Celebration on the school playground, weather permitting. If the weather turns out to be too wet, we will hold our Harvest Celebration in the School Hall and unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents in to join us.

Junior Harvest Celebration

The Junior School harvest assembly is being performed by the Year 5 children in the Junior school hall and will be on Monday 12th of October for Year 5 parents between 9 and 9.30am.

We thank you in advance for all your contributions and hope you enjoy our performances.

October Half Term Holiday Club

Please find attached a flyer for the October Half Term Holiday Club. If your child has attended before, please book on SCOPAY. If your child has not attended before, please email clubs@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk to register. Bookings are now open and will close at noon on Monday 12th October. No bookings will be accepted after this time.

HSA Updates

Minibus Fund

We're excited to share that the school is moving forward with the purchase of a new school minibus. The school is making a substantial contribution towards the cost, and we're incredibly grateful to Woking Lions for their generous pledge of £900.

The HSA has committed the remaining £4,100 towards the purchase of this minibus, which will help provide even more opportunities for our children to take part in educational visits, sporting fixtures and school-based activities.

To help us meet these commitments and continue supporting the school, we're launching our Minibus Fund.

Donations can be made online at:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=119932&IsProductGroup=1>

Alternatively, donations can be made via the donation bucket in the school office.

Every donation, no matter how small, will help us reach our target and support opportunities for all our children.

Nursery Tea Party

Our first event of the school year is almost here!

Nursery families are invited to join us for our annual Nursery Tea Party on Tuesday 29th September (3:30pm to 4:30pm on the Infant School field).

This is a great opportunity to meet other nursery families while your little ones enjoy games and activities, plus we'll have a special appearance from our very own Princess Petra!

We'd love to see as many families there as possible. Book your place at www.pta-events.co.uk/hsa . Tickets cost £3 per family.

Movie Nights Are Back!

Our ever-popular Movie Nights return this October:

- Year 3 & 4: Friday 2nd October
- Year 5 & 6: Friday 9th October

Children will be voting for their preferred film in class over the coming weeks, and the winning movies will be announced via Arbor and class WhatsApp groups.

Movie Nights will take place straight after school until 5:15pm. Tickets cost £5 per child. Spaces are limited, so book your child's place at www.pta-events.co.uk/hsa to avoid disappointment.

HSA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

All parents and carers are invited to attend this year's HSA AGM on Tuesday 29th September, 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

This year's meeting will be held online via Google Meet:

<https://meet.google.com/dcm-schk-umi>

Or dial in on [+44 20 3956 8112](tel:+442039568112) (PIN: 402 361 780#)

Come along to hear about our achievements, finances, upcoming plans and opportunities to get involved. Meeting notes will be shared afterwards for those unable to attend.

Help Us Plan the Christmas Fair!

Our Christmas Fair is one of the biggest events of the year, and we're looking for volunteers to join our Christmas Fair Planning Committee.

Whether you can help with ideas, logistics, sponsorship, stalls, raffle prizes, or simply want to get involved behind the scenes, we'd love to have you on the team.

Join the Christmas Fair Planning Committee WhatsApp group here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BVI2MYMolymBHhHAa9jp7E>

Many hands make light work, and the more people involved, the bigger and better the event will be for our school community!

Best wishes,

School Calendar Link

Please see the link to the school calendar for dates and events coming up -

[The Hermitage Schools Calendar - The Hermitage School - Inspire, Learn, Achieve](#)

Kind Regards

The Hermitage Schools