

# The Hazel Leys Chronicle

January 2024 Academy Newsletter

## Principal's message

Happy New Year, and welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for the new year. The previous half term was filled with fantastic enrichment opportunities for our children.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas carol concerts, Fete, and Nativity plays, it was great seeing so many of you there. Your positive feedback indicates that you enjoyed these events as much as we did.

At this point, I'd like to remind parents and carers about the importance of excellent attendance. We aim for all pupils to achieve 97% attendance or higher. There's a clear link between poor attendance and low academic performance. Absences can significantly affect your child's learning, confidence, and social skills. If you need assistance in getting your child to school, please reach out to our Family Support Worker, Mrs. Edge.

We bid farewell and extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Sue Tansey, a Teaching Assistant who has been with Hazel Leys for 24 years. We wish you the very best in your retirement. We also say goodbye to Mr. Chris Egan, Assistant Principal, who returns to New Zealand after dedicating 10 years to education in the UK. We wish you all the best in New Zealand and thank you for your service.

Following our recent recruitment process, I am pleased to announce that Miss Kate Wareing has been appointed as the Interim Assistant Principal starting January 2024. Congratulations to Miss Wareing!

We value the benefits of children reading aloud to adults, so please remember that you're welcome to join our weekly early morning reading session for your child's class. Thank you.

Mrs. Beverley Trotman  
Principal

## Dates for your diary

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 –**  
School reopens to all children.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January –** Reception  
class trip to the Space Centre

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February –** Reception  
health screening

**W/C 5<sup>th</sup> February –** Parents' Open  
Sessions (Maths) – days and  
timings tbc

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February –** Year 6  
health screening

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February –**  
**NSPCC workshops** for years  
2,5 and 6

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February –** School  
closes for Half Term

## School Lunch



Just a reminder that if you have not booked your child's school lunch time meal for next week, please can you make sure they are sent into school with a packed lunch.

The deadline for ordering meals is **every Wednesday** for the week ahead. Please can parents wanting their child to have a school dinner make sure the meals are ordered by **midnight every Wednesday**.

## After School Clubs

Available this half term:

Jam Coding  
Arts and Crafts  
Mad Lab Science  
Gardening Club  
Library Club

**Please speak to the school office for full details.**

More clubs will be announced so please keep an eye on your email and or text messages.

## Welcome Year 5 Teacher

We are pleased to welcome Miss Maja Celebicanin, who has joined us this term to teach our Year 5 Class. We also welcome Mrs Tina Nelson as our Year 5 class Teaching Assistant. Mrs Nelson will join us just before the end of January.

## Punctuality

Please arrive at school on time every day.

### Reception to Year 6

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Academy opens           | 8.55am          |
| Registration closes     | 9.00am          |
| Break                   | 10.30 - 10.45am |
| Nursery Lunch           | 11.45 – 12.15pm |
| Reception and KS1 Lunch | 11.45- 12.45pm  |
| KS2 Lunch               | 12.15pm -1pm    |
| End of Academy Day      | 3.15pm          |



## School Uniform

Please remember to name all your child's clothes – one Hazel Leys sweatshirt looks much the same as another!

If you have any uniform (including shoes) that is in good condition, that you would like to donate, we are always happy to accept it.



## Online Safety Information for parents and carers

Keeping children safe online is a vital aspect of our schools' safeguarding procedures and aspects of this are covered across the school's curriculum.

Both our Computing and PSHE curriculum have specific units of work linked to teaching children to stay safe online. We will also participate in the Safer Internet Day on 7th February. It is also vital, for parents to be aware of the current trends and harms around online safety.

### How to contact us:



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## Attendance

If your child is absent from school, you **must** contact the school on 01536 202681 and leave a message **before 8.45am**.

This is particularly important for children who walk to and from school without an adult.  
Thank you.

## Days off school add up to lost learning

### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



Whole School attendance week ending  
**8<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**94%**

National 93.5%  
Regional 93.7%

## Our School Values



## Hot Meals

Please make sure you are ordering your child's hot dinners if they have them (log-in details can be given if you visit the Academy office).

<https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/>

**It is your responsibility to order your child's hot Dinner even if they are free!**

Thank you.

## Family Support Worker

Please remember that if you require any assistance or need any advice or guidance, you can speak to Mrs Geraldine Edge our Family Support Worker. She is available in school every morning until 12.30pm. Alternatively, please send her an email to [gedge@hazelleysacademy.org](mailto:gedge@hazelleysacademy.org) and she will get back to you.