



# Hatton Hill Highlights

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Attendance:** You will be aware from the national press that the attendance of children at school is a serious source of concern across the country. It saddens me greatly that Hatton Hill attendance is worse than the already poor national average – this means that our children come to school less than most other children in the country. This is a constant source of bafflement to me as I know that Hatton Hill parents care about their children and want them to have a successful future. Good school attendance is key to this.

As a school, we can't emphasise enough how important good school attendance is. We know that children who attend school the most; achieve the highest. It is also important to note that poor attendance can create or increase anxiety in children as they lack routine; feel they are falling behind with work so have the pressure of catching up; and friendship groups may change in their absence. **Poor attendance makes children's lives harder.**

Children should only be absent when they are genuinely too sick to attend school. With most mild illnesses, such as coughs and colds, children can still attend school. Generally, children feel better as the day goes on. The NHS has provided a useful checker to help you decide if your child is too ill for school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Holidays should not be booked during term time. Children should also not be absent because they are tired; for a birthday or because they have had a late night.

There are 175 days during which children are not in school to enjoy family time and other magical moments. **Remember, we can't teach an empty chair** so let's work together to ensure that our children get the very best experience of school:



**What YOU must do:**

- ✓ Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- ✓ Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- ✓ If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- ✓ Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- ✓ If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

**What WE will do:**

- ✓ Check your child's attendance every day.
- ✓ Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- ✓ Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- ✓ If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.
- ✓ Provide useful information on our website: <https://www.hattonhill.co.uk/page/attendance/130256>

The role of Mrs McLoughlin, our attendance officer, is to support attendance. We want to do this in a positive way by working with families. However, firmer action will be taken if parents do not engage because your children remain our priority and access to education is a fundamental right of every child.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs Anna James  
Headteacher

**Week Commencing: Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

**Monday**

	Lunchtime Sports Club	Selected classes (rota)
	Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps	Year 6
	Indoor PE lesson – remember pumps!	Reception
	Outdoor PE lesson	Year 3
15:15-16:00	Handwriting Club	Selected Year 3 Children
15:15-15:45	RM Maths Club	Selected Children

**Tuesday**

	Lunchtime Sports Club	Selected classes (rota)
	Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps	Year 1 & J6
15:15-16:00	Dance Club	Year 2
15:15-15:45	RM Maths Club	Selected Children
<b>15:15-15:45</b>	<b>KS1 SATs Parents' Meeting</b>	<b>Year 2</b> <a href="https://forms.gle/LaYGjwnBT44JxbhMA">https://forms.gle/LaYGjwnBT44JxbhMA</a>
15:15-16:00	Phonics Club	Year 2 – selected children

**Wednesday**

	Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps	Year 2 & 3
	Outdoor PE lesson	Reception & Year 5
15:15-15:45	RM Maths Club	Selected Children
15:15-16:00	Multi Sports	Year 2 – selected children
15:15-16:00	Phonics Club	Year 1 – selected children
15:15-16:15	Singing Club	Juniors
15:15-16:15	Footy Training	Team

**Thursday**

	Lunchtime Sports Club	Selected classes (rota)
	Indoor PE lesson – remember shorts & pumps	Year 4
	Indoor PE lesson – remember pumps!	Nursery
	Outdoor PE lesson	J5 & Years 6
<i>13:30-16:00</i>	<i>Swimming</i>	<i>Cancelled – pool closure</i>
15:15-15:45	RM Maths Club	Selected Children
<b>15:15-15:45</b>	<b>Mini Police Bike Marking Event</b>	<b>All invited</b>

**Friday**

<b>Mini Police Museum Visit</b>	<b>Mini Police (J7)</b>
Lunchtime Sports Club	Selected classes (rota)
Indoor PE lesson – remember pumps	Reception
Outdoor PE lesson	Years 1, 2 & 4

**Spring PE Timetable** (Please ensure that children in Years 1-6 have the correct kit (no brand logos) on the following days):

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Indoor <i>Pumps needed</i>	Reception Year 6	Year 1 J6	Year 2 Year 3	Nursery Year 4	Reception
Outdoor	Year 3		Reception Year 5	Year 6 J5	Year 1 Year 2 Year 4

**This Week's Menu**

**\*\*\*Dinner money must be paid in advance. £2.42 per day\*\*\***

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
V Quorn Bolognese Spaghetti Wholemeal Bread	The Big Breakfast (Sausage, Beans, Bacon, Toast or Sliced Brown Bread)	Roast Turkey & Gravy Sweetcorn & Green Beans Paprika Potatoes	Chicken Tikka Curry Boiled Rice Naan Bread	Fishy Friday Garden Peas Chipped Potatoes
V Veggie Enchilada Crispy Salad Crusty Wholemeal Bread	V Cheese & Onion Quiche Garden Peas Oven Baked Wedges	V Quorn Fillet & Gravy Sweetcorn & Green Beans Paprika Potatoes	V Meatballs in Gravy Garden Peas Mashed Potato	V Tomato & Basil Pasta Roasted Vegetables Crispy Salad & Bread
<b>Or</b>				
Jacket Potato with Various Fillings Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings Deli Bar (Y3,4,5&6)
<b>Dessert</b>				
Iced Muffin	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Jam Sponge & Custard	Fruit Jelly & Cream	Mini Cookie & Sliced Fruit
<i>Plus the option of Fresh Fruit</i>			<b>Drinks:</b>	Fruit juice or fresh water