



Respect – Responsibility – Resilience – Kindness – Teamwork

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Good afternoon,

What a fantastic day we had yesterday! Our Brilliant Beginning really was brilliant! We attended workshops throughout the day. These included yoga, a sound bath, a saxophonist, an alpaca visit, a penalty shootout, circuit training, forest school and more! What a jam-packed day. We were all exhausted but lots of fun was had by everybody. Thank you to our visitors who made sure everything went so well for our children.



Thank you to all of our staff for making sure that the children had a wonderful day filled with enriching experiences.

Our teachers have hit the ground running with their teaching and children have made a great start with their learning. Please remember that the details of what your child is learning this half term can be found on our website. <https://hoylecourtprimary.co.uk/>

Reading

We are aware that there have been some problems with the reading element of ClassDojo. Hopefully most key stage 2 parents have been able to get set up now on that platform.

Key Stage 1 parents, please continue to use the paper-based reading records.

The most important thing is to support your child reading at home. Whether you are reading to them, with them or listening to them. Every element of reading is so important and reading and communication are the key into all areas of the curriculum. Please help your child to develop a love of reading. It is valuable not only to support academic learning but also to help children with self-regulation, stillness and quiet for their minds and bodies.

Parking

Please can I ask that when you park your car you do so with consideration for our neighbours. I have had several complaints in the past week from local residents. Parents are parking on double yellow lines, on the zig zags and at times even blocking drives. Please park with care. If it is possible to park a little further away from school and take a short walk in, that would alleviate some of the congestion!

Safeguarding

We all know that online safety is one of the most important things we need to consider for our children. My greatest advice would be to limit time online for your child, as much as possible.

Accessing inappropriate content

Children are curious creatures. Online, they might seek out content they learn about from friends or unknowingly look up inappropriate words they hear in a song.

They might also come across inappropriate content by:

- Joining apps and platforms before reaching the minimum age allowed.
- Playing games, using apps or watching content aimed at older children or adults.
- Watching livestreams where content isn't always predictable.

Tips to keep them safe

- Set up parental controls across broadband, devices and apps to limit access to websites, apps and content.
- Talk with them about what to do if they have questions about something (like asking you).
- Discuss what is appropriate for their age, maturity and media literacy skills.
- Explain what to do if they come across scary or confusing content by accident such as telling you and using in-built reporting tools.



Attendance

A fantastic week for attendance this week! Well done! Let's keep that up please! We continue to have some learning opportunities lost, due to lateness. Please get your child to school on time or they miss fundamental parts of their learning.

Target 96%	Owls	Beech	Aspen	Sycamore	Ash	Hazel	Birch	Willow	Rowan	Maple
98.4	99.2	97.1	99.0	97.1	99.2	95.8	96.7	98.5	100	99.2

Have a great weekend

Mrs Thirkill