



Friday 5th January, 2024

NEWS & VIEWS

Explore Discover Learn

Headteacher: Mr R Watson



Headteacher's Comment

Myself and the staff at Hogarth would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year. We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable time as a family. With two young boys myself, it gave me a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time with them, when I was able to wrestle them from their Xbox's and YouTube.

When we reflect on the opportunities that the children at Hogarth have had over the last term and what we have planned for the rest of the academic year, it is pleasing to see the changes having a marked impact on the development of the whole child. Our activities are not solely Maths and Literacy focused - they are centred around developing each unique individual and embracing all areas of the curriculum. We have many trips and visitors planned for this term, plus many opportunities to work with parents/carers. If you feel we, as a school, could do anything better or improve our offer, please feel free to speak to members of SLT on the gate.

As we start the Spring term, I just wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of the expectations we have at Hogarth:

- Every child to read daily and for this to be acknowledged by a parent/carer in their Reading Record.
- Every child to login in to their TT Rockstar/Numbot account to support their mathematical development (this will be monitored and praised this term).
- All children to arrive in school before 8:45am and to be collected at 3:15pm.
- Any child arriving after 8:45am to be signed in by an adult.
- School uniform to adhere to the school policy, which was published at the beginning of the year.
- Any concerns to be raised immediately with the class teacher.

Unwanted Christmas gifts and games

It's that time of year when we may receive duplicate gifts or consider throwing out old games to make space for new. If this is the case, Hogarth would like to improve our wet play provision. Please send any complete board games, puzzles and or toys that can be used when the children are unable to play outside.

Football for kids podcast news

I would like to thank Alfie M (3S), who made me aware of a podcast that he listens to and enjoys at home. The podcast asked its listeners to enquire if their school would be interested in hosting the podcast. This would help children to develop their knowledge and understanding of this type of media. Following Alfie's request, I contacted Darren Rees who hosts the podcast and they have agreed to visit our school and record. This should be happening next half term. Alfie and I will let you all know how well it goes.



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Dates for the diary

Thursday 4th January – Children return to school

Thursday 11th January – Trust Football afternoon

Friday 12th January – Skip to Fit workshops

Tuesday 16th January – Houses of Parliament Visit (School Council)

Thursday 18th – Essex Venn Maths Hub visit to the school

Friday 19th January – SEND coffee morning

Wednesday 24th January - 5OD Class Assembly

Wednesday 24th January – Reception and Year 5 Road Safety workshops

Friday 26th January – Don Rae Dance Workshops for Upper KS2

Friday 26th January – Food Discovery Programme for Year 4 (Gardening session)

Monday 29th January – Aspirations week

Wednesday 31st January – Chef Ashely Assembly

Tuesday 6th February – Internet Safety Day

Friday 9th February – Parents Evening reports out

Tuesday 13th February – Late Parent Evening

Thursday 15th February – Early Parent Evening

Thursday 15th February – 5Y Class Assembly

Friday 16th February – Food Discovery Programme Year 4

Friday 16th February – Alom Shaha – Author visit 2pm



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