



AUTUMN HAS ARRIVED

As I am writing this newsletter, I have seen rain, thunder, hail and sunshine outside of my window! It is hard to believe that just a few hours earlier, we were having our annual Autumn fair in the glorious sunshine. Not only did this event raise lots of money for the school, but it was also a wonderful social event. It is always lovely to see past pupils as well as Houghton families and say hello to some families from around the area who have seen the event advertised online. Visitors always comment on our wonderful outdoor space which I think we sometimes take for granted.

As well as being grateful for the weather and the school environment, I must thank our wonderful Houghton School Helpers who organised this event, plus their team of helpers and school staff who gave up their Saturday to run a stall or help set up or clear away. They thought of everything so that everything ran like clockwork. They are always looking for new committee members so please ask if you would like me to pass on your name to them. Our next big event is the Christmas Tree Festival in December.

Finally, thank you to everyone who donated a filled jar, or turned up to the event to spend their pennies and pounds!

All the best

Ali Woollerson
Headteacher



Houghton on the Hill
CE Primary School

OPEN DAY

**WEDNESDAY
16TH OCTOBER**
9.30AM - 11.30AM

Come and see our school in progress, meet our early years team and find out how to apply for a place for September 2025

No need to book, we look forward to seeing you here.
Any questions in the meantime, please contact our office.
Email: office@hsh.learnat.uk
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Houghton on the Hill, LE7 9GD

"Underpinned by the values of kindness, forgiveness, self-respect, courage and gratitude, it is wholeheartedly lived out at every level. Families of many faiths choose to learn here because they are lovingly welcomed and their children are prepared to be good citizens of the world". SIAMS report 2024

Have you got a child who is due to start school next year or do you know anyone in the area who is looking for a place for their child in Sept 2025? If yes, please let them know about our Open Morning on Wednesday 16th October. They can pop along between 9.30 and 11.30 for a tour of the school and to have a chance to meet with the staff.

Year 7 ADMISSIONS

Applications for secondary school are due by 31st October. Please come and speak to us if you need any support with this.





HARVEST

You will have received an email about our Harvest Service on Friday 27th September. All donations will go to our local food bank. A list of items that the food bank would be grateful to receive, can be found on the email. Please remember that we have a collection point for the food bank in our school foyer, all year round, not just for Harvest.

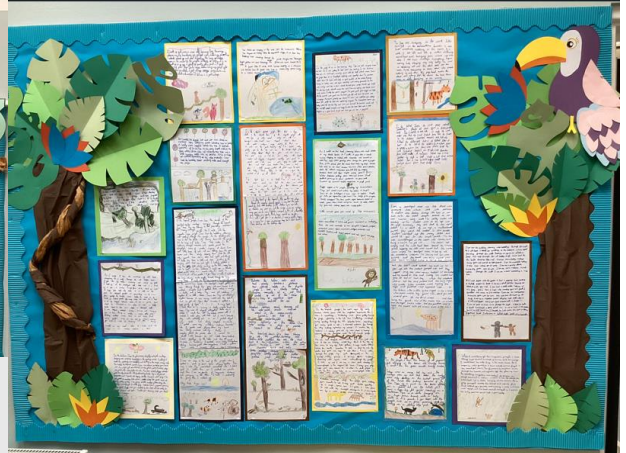
SMILE PLEASE!



On Friday 27th September the photographer is in school for individual photos so please remember smart jumpers or cardigans and big smiles! The photographer will be in the school hall from 8.20am for families that would like to include preschoolers in a family photo.



Our Jungle Book Writing is brightening up our practical area!



ATTENDANCE!

The Trust is in the process of updating the Attendance Policy in line with new DfE guidance Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). Once agreed, the new policy will be on the school website for you to refer to and I will include attendance information in future newsletters too. Please note that school will **NOT** authorise an absence for a holiday in term time unless an **exceptional circumstance**. The following are not deemed as an expectational circumstance:

- The availability of cheap holidays or desired accommodation
- Holidays which overlap the beginning or end of term
- Holidays booked by a third party e.g. relative

At a Learn Academies Trust school 'exceptional circumstances' are interpreted as:
... being of unique and significant emotional, educational or spiritual value to the child which outweighs the loss of teaching time (as determined by the headteacher). The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are events that are "rare, significant, unavoidable and short". By 'unavoidable' we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time, outside of school term time, regardless of who has planned or paid for the holiday or absence (including grandparents or other family or friends).

ZONES OF REGULATION

You may have heard your child talk about the Zones of Regulation. These zones provide an easy way to think and talk about how we feel on the inside and sorts the emotions into four coloured zones, all of which are expected in life. We want children to recognise which zone they are in but most importantly know a strategy which helps them move into a different zone so that they can regulate their emotions and behaviours. Mr Taylor, who is leading this in school, will be creating a short video for parents as this is something that we believe may help to support children at home as well as in the school environment.



Blue Zone

Sad • Bored • Tired • Sick



Green Zone

Happy • Focused • Calm • Proud



Yellow Zone

Worried • Frustrated • Silly • Excited



Red Zone

Overjoyed/Elated • Panicked • Angry • Terrified

ACCEPTABLE USE OF IT

If you have not submitted this yet, please see the link attached regarding the acceptable use for IT. Please read it through with your child and submit the Microsoft form. Thank you. <https://forms.office.com/e/Q2SrVExU0q>

ONLINE PLATFORMS

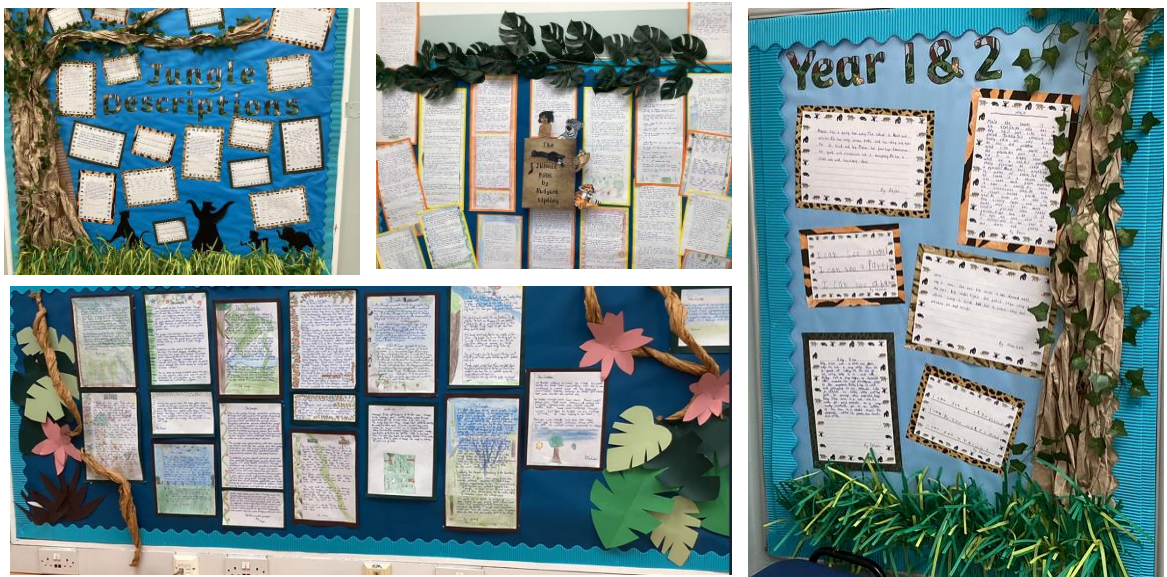
I am hoping that in the next week or two, we will move over to our new website. It will take a bit of time to add new material, but I am hoping that you will find this platform easier to navigate and quicker to find important information. We will also be sharing information on Instagram and Facebook, in line with other Learn-At schools.

https://www.instagram.com/houghton_on_the_hill_primary/
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565045933551>





Every day is a learning day whether this be watching a live performance, socialising with friends when eating or conducting a science experiment.



Writing inspired by The Jungle Book story



ALL THE
FUN OF
THE FAIR



General Dates for the Diary

Fri 27th Sept

School Photographer
Individual photos

Fri 27th Sept

Harvest Festival 2pm

**** Mon 7th and Wed 9th
October**

Parent Meetings for FS
to Yr 6
3.30-6.30pm

Tues 15th Oct

Year 6 trip to Warning
Zone

Wed 16th Oct

Open Morning for new
starters 25-26

Fri 18th Oct

Last day of term

Mon 28th Oct

Return to school

Friday 29th Nov

Chocolate Donations
Non-uniform day

Friday 6th Dec

Christmas Tree Festival
5-7pm

Tuesday 17th Dec

Trip to the panto!

Friday 20th Dec

Last day of term

Monday 6th January

Back to school

It is always useful to plan ahead, but please note that although we are not planning to make changes to these dates, if we have to due to unforeseen circumstances, we will notify you asap.

Class Assembly

These will start at 9am and will finish by 9.30.

YEAR 6: Friday 15th November

YEAR 2: Friday 17th January

YEAR 1: Friday 31st January

YEAR 4: Friday 28th February

YEAR 5: Friday 21st March

YEAR 3: Friday 4th April

FOUNDATION STAGE: Friday 23rd May

Christmas Plans

Apologies for mentioning Christmas so early!

Foundation Stage Nativity

Tuesday 3rd December 2.15pm
Wednesday 4th December 9.15am

KS1 Performance

Tuesday 10th December 9.15am
Wednesday 11th 2 pm

KS2 Service

Friday 13th December 9.15
Friday 13th December 2pm

Times tbc for KS2



****** You will receive your invite to Parents' Evening later in the week. Please reply asap especially if you have more than one child to enable the teachers to co-ordinate your preferences. Please reply by **September 30th**, otherwise the teachers will assign a time for you. Thank you for your support with this.

