



Newsletter 3 20.10.23

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below for the latest news and information from Havannah First.

Shavannah Returns!



It has been great to welcome Shavannah back to the Havannah Flock!

She has had a great time in the Gosforth Shopping Centre and has been admired by thousands of people over the summer. She is now safely in her new pen in the school entrance and is wowing all of our visitors to school.

Thanks again to Rhonda Crosby who helped the children to decorate Shavannah last term. She is covered in illustrations which reflect all of the classes in our school and our unique location. We love her!

Children in Need

You will see from the dates list that we have added Children in Need day on Friday 17th November. All children can come to school dressed in non-uniform and something spotty – Be Spotacular! You can make a donation online at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



The Sponsored Bounce



Thanks to our wonderful PTFA and many helpers who organised and ran this year's sponsored Bounce. The children loved bouncing – almost as much as the helpers!



Some children came on a sponsored dog walk as a non-bouncing alternative and we all had a great time.

The PTFA will let you know how much money we raised once they have the final figure.



Harvest

All Donations gratefully received!

On Wednesday 25th October, the children in Y4 are having a Harvest assembly for their parents and carers.

We are collecting non-perishable food this week and up until Wednesday morning next week. Please donate what you can spare and it will all be given to Newcastle Salvation Army to support people in our city who are in need. Thank you.



Robinwood

We have scheduled the Robinwood information meeting to take place immediately after the Harvest assembly. We thought that this was more convenient than bringing you back into school on another day. If you cannot attend, don't worry – we will send the information to you.

Year 4 Buddies

The Year 4 children have been enjoying getting to know the Reception children once a week on a Friday afternoon. This has given them the chance to model safe play, share some stories, make new friends and most importantly, to nurture and welcome our youngest children. It has been a privilege to see them in action. Well done Year 4 and Reception!



Rise in School

Jackie and Jenny, our Rise professionals, have been delivering lessons and support for children from Reception to Year 4. They are helping children to understand their feelings and develop the skills, knowledge and resilience to manage tricky situations where big feelings take over. The children are learning new strategies and have been great at taking part in the sessions.

There are still two parent and carer workshops which you can sign up to. See the dates list for more information.



Parents and Carers' Evenings

Parents and Carers' Evenings for Y1 – Y4 are taking place on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November. Reception Parents and Carers' Evenings will take place on Wednesday 8th November, Thursday 9th November, Wednesday 15th November and Thursday 16th November. Reception appointments are for 15 minutes and Y1-Y4 for 10 minutes.

The booking system will go live on Monday evening. Don't forget to get your appointment booked in!

There is a dates list below and we will add to it as the term progresses.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Helen McKenna

Headteacher



Dates for Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 25th October Y4 Harvest Assembly for Y4 Parents and Carers 9.00am
Y4 Parents and Carers' Robinwood Meeting 9.45am

Friday 27th October Staff Training Day – School Closed to Children

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November – Half Term Holiday

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| Wednesday 8 th November | Y4 to Robinwood Reception Parents and Carers' Evening |
| Thursday 9 th November | Y4 at Robinwood Reception Parents and Carers' Evening |
| Friday 10 th November | Y4 return from Robinwood |
| Monday 13 th November | Parents and Carers' Evening |
| Tuesday 14 th November | Parents and Carers' Evening |
| Wednesday 15 th November | Reception Parents and Carers' Evening |
| Thursday 16 th November | Reception Parents and Carers' Evening Rise Workshop – Sleep Hygiene 9.00-10.00am (Please complete the Form on ParentMail to book) |
| Friday 17 th November | Children in Need Day – All children invited to be Spotacular (wear something spotty!) in return for a suggested donation of £1 |
| Monday 27 th November | Reception Parents and Carers' Maths Workshop 5.00-6.00pm |
| Tuesday 28 th November | KS1 Parents and Carers' Maths Workshop 5.00-6.00pm |
| Wednesday 29 th November | KS2 Parents and Carers' Maths Workshop 5.00-6.00pm |
| Thursday 30 th November | Rise Workshop - Anxiety 9.00-10.00 (Please complete the Form on ParentMail to book) |
| Monday 4 th December | Flu Vaccines |
| <i>Week beginning Monday 11th December – Christmas Concerts Week – details to follow</i> | |
| Thursday 14 th December | Reception visit to Northern Stage |
| Thursday 21 st December | Reception Stay and Play for Parents and Carers - 8.50am |
| Friday 22 nd December | Outdoor Carols – weather permitting – 1.30pm Break up for Christmas Holiday |