



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Well done to the following children who have been recognized for their efforts in the weekly Appreciation Assemblies:

Year 1:

Leja, Aiden, Haseef, Zahra, Harshi, Hasan, Akansha, Grace, Ramit, Muskan, Zahra, Taranveer and Syed

Year 2:

Willow, Rajab-Ali, Ruruthika, Muhammad, Madiha, Jaber, Muhammad, Yahya, Jimmy, Stevie and Vinaya

Year 3:

Bahar, Imran, Kaartikeya, Dhruv, David, Hassan, Daison, Methan, Osob, Evaan, Rafay and Naleese.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

23rd January  
Year 2 SATS meeting in  
Junior Hall @2:30pm

17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February 2025  
Spring half term

**Term Time Leave**

The law requires that ALL children of school age attend school every day unless s/he is ill or there are exceptional circumstances. For this reason, parents should always arrange visits to family, including those in other countries, during the school holidays. If you feel that you need to take your child out of school during term time please discuss this with the school before finalising any arrangements.

A 'Term Time Leave' form is available in the school office and we ask that this is completed with all details of absence/travel prior to leave being taken.

We monitor the absence of all children and you are likely to be required to have a meeting with the Headteacher or the Attendance Support Officer, either before or after time away from school, to discuss all term time absence.

Where these term time absences are not authorized, the absence will be referred to the Local Authority (LBH) and parents may incur a fixed penalty warning notice or a fine.

**A T T E N D A N C E**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Chestnut and Sal class had the best attendance this week from 13th - 17th January 2025.  
Well done and keep up the good work!

**Remember - Attendance Matters**  
Please come to school everyday and on time, every missed day has an effect on your future.

**Your education is so very important**

**Attendance**

If your child is unable to attend school, for any reason, please let us know.

Please email:

[absence@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:absence@tops.hounslow.sch.uk) OR telephone the school on 020 8570 6247 and

leave a voicemail message on the absence line by choosing Option 2. 'sick' or 'unwell' cannot be accepted as a reason so please provide as much detail (symptoms) as possible. If your child does feel generally unwell in the morning before school, we encourage them to come into school, and if needed, the welfare officer will call you if your child is not well enough to stay in school.

Absence of a child due to parents ill health or that of a relative, is not an acceptable reason for a child to not be in school.

Please try to make GP and dental appointments outside of school hours so that your child is in school as much as possible. If your child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, we expect your child to be in school before and after the appointment.

If your child has a hospital appointment or needs to attend the hospital please provide an appointment card, hospital discharge letter or email details (appointment & time) to the absence email.

**This is a requirement so that absences can be authorised.**

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

**Sports Council News**

by Anahita in Sycamore Class

I am enjoying being a part of the Sports Council this year, because I have the opportunity to develop PE and school sport, by helping younger children. I enjoy attending the meetings, so I can learn new playground games, and give feedback to my class. Last term, I enjoyed playing playground games with my class, and included all the children, so they did not feel lonely and had fun at lunchtimes.



**Learning about the Arctic - Juniper Class**

Just before the Christmas holidays, Juniper class learnt about the Arctic in Geography and were given a home project of creating their own Igloos - and what a fantastic job they did! Brilliant work Juniper Class; all of these Igloos are amazing!



These igloos look like great homes!

**The Orchard Explorer Fun Geography Facts**

Russia and China touch 14 countries each.

Looking at a map, it may seem Russia can swallow China whole. However, both countries border 14 countries.

**Russia borders:** Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mongolia, North Korea, Norway, Poland and Ukraine.

**China borders:** Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Myanmar, Mongolia, Nepal, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Vietnam. Cool!

Are you from or have you ever visited any of these countries?



Attendance Matters!

