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# Newsletter

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## Article 30

If you come from a minority group, you have the right to enjoy your own culture, your own religion and your own language.



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What amazing weather we have been having! So lovely to see the sun shining. Please make sure that your children come to school with a bottle of water, a sun hat and cream if required. We will ensure that the children are not exposed to the sunshine for dangerous periods throughout the school day.

Thank you to all parents who have been extremely supportive during assessment time. We have completed the KS1 and KS2 SATs tests now as well as the phonics screening check in Y1. Thank you to all parents who read with their children at home as well as ensure homework is always done (including spelling and times tables practice).

I have included some key dates for the rest of the year below—so clear your diaries and we look forward to seeing as many of you in school as possible.



## KEY DATES

<b>MONDAY 2ND JULY</b>	Meet the Teacher morning
<b>THURSDAY 5TH JULY—all day</b>	Tamaraneh Cup Tournament
<b>MONDAY 9TH JULY—all day</b>	Y6 Trip to Kew Gardens
<b>WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY</b>	9.30AM EYFS SPORTS DAY 1.45PM Y1 AND Y2 SPORTS DAY
<b>THURSDAY 12TH JULY</b>	9.30AM Y5 AND Y6 SPORTS DAY 13.45PM Y3 AND Y4 SPORTS DAY 18.00PM Y6 PRODUCTION: LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION
<b>FRIDAY 13TH JULY</b>	ANNUAL REPORTS TO PARENTS
<b>SATURDAY 14TH JULY</b>	SUMMER FAIR 11AM-2PM
<b>WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY</b>	Y6 GRADUATION 18.00PM
<b>THURSDAY 19TH &amp; FRIDAY 20TH JULY</b>	CLASS PARTIES—VARIOUS School closes @ 2pm (20th)

# School Trips & Visits



Many parents have been asking why there have been fewer trips this year.

At Houndsfield, we believe that children should be able to experience education away from school however if we do not get enough children to sign up for trips, then they are not viable to run. For example the annual Y6 trip to Manor Adventure could not go ahead this year as only 7 children out of 88 signed up. If you do not sign your children up for trips, the

trip won't go. That means paying for and giving your permission in advance. Some parents are conducting a survey about trips and we would love your feedback so please speak to Mr Ruskin (parent) with your views.

## School Dinner Debt

*Apologies for the issues caused with the recent NRS and Parent Pay malfunction.*

*There are vast amounts of parents across the school who have money owing on their child's school dinner account. The majority of this debt is from historic non-payment and not as a result of the recent issues.*

*Debt that is not cleared will be chased via our debt recovery policy.*

*Where there is debt on a school dinner account, you will be required to send your child with a packed lunch until the issue is resolved i.e. the debt is clear.*

*Many thanks for your understanding with this matter.*





## Hall of Fame! Well Done!



Well done to Jessica Brooks-Hasan from Rowling Class.

She has written something so AMAZING—we had to share it with you!

### *The shop down the road...*

Blankets of pearl white snow comforted the roof tops of the small town of Jerona. The sky was filled with fog and the frost was keeping everyone inside, except a girl who had not a care in the world. She danced and skipped along the streets whilst beautiful and angelic snowflakes glided across the lace white sky which looked onto the small peaceful village below. The young carefree girl went by the sweet name Alma and she loved to watch the snowflakes take the roll of the ballerinas of the sky.

Alma took no notice of the dangers of that very town, from all of the missing children posters hanging on the walls to the lonely streets.

During Alma's delightful skip, a black wall came to her sight. The wall had names of many young girls written in all shapes and sizes. When Alma found a space on the board, she picked up the small lump of chalk she had found on the floor and wrote her name as if it were a masterpiece. After her name was written, she stood back and smirked at her perfectly written name.

Alma halted at the sudden creaking noise coming from behind her. The lovely thoughts Alma had been having when she was alone had disappeared.

It was so hard for her not to turn around and see what it was so even though she didn't want to, she turned around to look and to her surprise, it was only a doll at a window of an old doll shop. Alma loved dolls and played with them all the time, so she ran to see it. The small doll was at the front window and it stood there as if it were the queen of the shop. As Alma got closer to the doll, she realised just how much it looked like her from her red jacket to her bright blonde hair and even her small button nose and rosy red cheeks. Alma was in shock. After she finished comparing herself, she looked back up for a final glance and the doll was gone!

Determined, Alma ran and looked through each window and then she spotted it on a table inside the shop. Alma tried so hard to get in: banging on the door and fiddling with the handle but she realised it was impossible to open. Or was it? As Alma was walking away, she heard another creak and her face lit up.

She sprinted to the door not knowing how dark and gloomy it was in there. Young Alma hesitated after slowly pushing open the door. The doll came into Alma's sight and a beautiful smirk formed across her chubby little face.

She headed towards the table that had the doll on it but she trod on another doll which went unnoticed on the floor. This doll was on a bike, it wore all black and had short black hair. Alma lifted it back up and it rode into the exit again and again and again, as if it were a sign of what was to come.

Alma lifted her head and her identical doll was gone yet again. Slowly Alma eyeballed the room until she spotted it on the top shelf. Determined, Alma stood on her tippy toes on the sofa and still wasn't quiet there just yet so she grabbed onto a high shelf, pulled her glove off with her mouth and stretched her arm as far as she could then... The end of her finger finally connected with the doll's little button nose.

Images and words rushed through Almas head and new memories replaced her old ones. It was as if her life flashed before her eyes.

When Alma opened her eyes, she could see the shop as if she were on the shelf. Alma could hear herself blink and breathe but yet she heard no heartbeat.



# Punctuality



The school gates are open from 8.30am.  
Children can make their way to the classroom at this time.

The children must arrive by 8.50am. The gate will close to parents at 8.55am.  
The Headteacher will be arranging meetings with the parents of children who are arriving

When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions and induction to the lesson.

Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child.

School begins at 8.50am. Please help your child to be punctual.

## 2018 Houndsfield Summer Fair! 14th July

The summer fair will take place from 11am-2pm on Saturday 14th July. Please come along with the family to support our wonderful school!

**Bouncy castle**

**Talent Stage**

**Tombola**

**Face paints**

Plants, cakes, clothes, bric-a-brac

**Food**

**Henna**

**Professional Barber**