



# Hargate News

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Friday 8 September 2017

Dear All

It has been lovely to see the children again. They are great and they look smart too. I am –as ever– very proud of them.

I spent a couple of days in West Brom over the summer (please note that Mr Hipkiss even put his hand in his pocket (rare) and bought me a Costa coffee). As we had a walk to the library I thought that the town centre looked vibrant and busy. It seems a popular place to be. Also each 3 times I visited the library over the holiday one of our children was there which was great.

I am convinced that this will be our best year yet. Our children achieved really well last year and made great progress, but this year we will better that.

Our children need to dream BIG and reach high. They can achieve anything, especially as they are not afraid of getting things wrong. When you're failing you're learning!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need anything, have any concerns or suggestions. My email is below. We are really looking forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Mr Orgill

My email is: [headteacher@hargate.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@hargate.sandwell.sch.uk)

## Attendance

**Our school attendance for the last academic year was 96.2%.**

**This is the best ever!**

The Local Authority have strengthened the procedures for applying for leave of absence during term time. Leave can only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

New forms will need to be completed and these can be collected from school office. Our criteria still applies. Only if your child(ren) has attendance of 95% or above will be invited to meet with Governors.



## Uniform

I am proud of our children and very proud of how smart they look. This was commented on by Her Majesty's Inspector in the Ofsted report. It's important that we have high expectations for our school and to prepare children for their (bright) future.

### **Girls**

Dark Grey/Black skirt, pinafore or trousers  
White blouse or white polo shirt  
Navy sweatshirt or cardigan  
White socks or grey tights  
Dark blue checked dress in summer (optional)  
Black Shoes

### **Boys**

Dark Grey/Black trousers or shorts  
White shirt or white polo shirt  
Navy sweatshirt  
Black Shoes

### **Religious garments (including head scarves)**

These should follow school colours of either dark blue or white

### **P.E. Kit**

Plain white T shirt  
Dark blue or black shorts  
Plimsolls

**Uniform is very important to us and this includes appropriate hairstyles**

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS CLEARLY LABELLED IN THEIR UNIFORM

# Term Dates for the Academic Year 2017/18

**Autumn term 2017 - Tuesday 5 September 2016 - Wednesday 20 December 2017**

School will be closed to pupils on the following dates:

**Monday 4 September**

**Training Day**

**Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2017**

**Half Term**

Children return to school Monday 30 October 2017

**Thursday 21 December 2017 to Monday 1 January 2018**

**Christmas Break**

Children return to school Tuesday 2 January 2018



**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Road Dahl Day**

to celebrate what would have been his

**101<sup>st</sup>** birthday!



Join us dressed as your favourite

**DAHL Character!**



## Year 7 Admission Workshops

We have arranged for representatives from the admissions team at Sandwell Council to attend, they will be able to provide further information for you to consider when choosing your school preferences. This includes the importance of visiting prospective schools, attending Open Days and selecting alternative choices.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**9.00am**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**2:00pm**

We look forward to seeing you at one of these sessions.



## **Summer Reading Challenge**



Hargate Summer Reading Challenge has been held over the summer break!

**\*\*\*Closing date EXTENDED for completed cards  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017!\*\*\***