

Achieving Excellence Together

20th September 2024

Dear Parents,

The importance of reading with your child at home

Reading is fundamental to children's learning and making progress in school. At Hadrian, pupils have achieved fantastic results in reading over the past few years and a big part to achieving this is the support we get from families in hearing children read at home.

There can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to children. It has astonishing benefits for younger children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter.

Reading with your child, for just a few minutes a day, will help them develop their vocabulary, their understanding of language and help them develop a love of books. Age is no barrier – just because your child may be a confident, older reader does not mean you cannot share reading experiences. Talk to your child about what they are reading; share the book together; ask them to tell you about the characters or plot. Showing an interest is important.

Below are some tips to encourage your child to read for pleasure:

- **Set aside some time**

Find somewhere quiet without any distractions – turn off the TV/radio/computer.

- **Ask your child to choose a book**

Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.

- **Sit close together**

Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.

- **Point to the pictures**

If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.

- **Encourage your child to talk about the book**

Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.

- **And lastly, above all – make it fun!**

It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices – children love this!



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

Vacancy at Hadrian Academy

We are currently recruiting for Midday Supervisor at Hadrian Academy. The role will include supporting children whilst they have their lunch as well as outside on the playground. The hours will be 11:45 to 13:15, Monday to Friday. If you are interested in applying, please contact the school office or visit MyNewTerm whereby you will be able to download the application form:

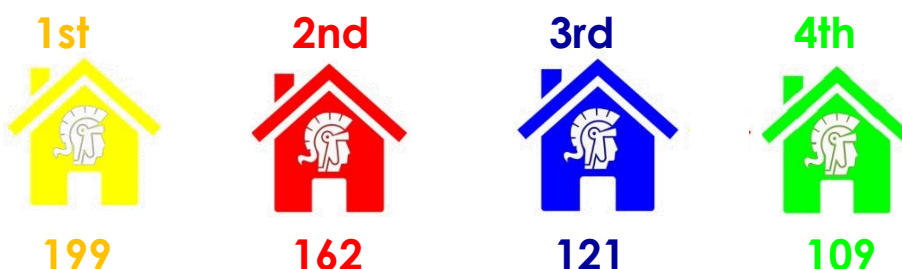
<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/137778/EDV-2024-HA-45730>

House Points

Weekly total:

St. Patrick	34
St. David	89
St. George	90
St. Andrew	69

Overall points since the start of the school year:



Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Koala class with 98.6%

Leopard class with 97.5%

Honeybee class with 97.5%

The whole school average attendance this week is **95.4%**.

Mr Griffin

Principal

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Celebration Assembly



Dates for your Diary

Mon 30 th Sep	Big Talk -Relationship Education	All	Details sent via ParentMail
Fri 4 th Oct 9.30 -11.00am	Early Years Open Morning Starting school in 2025		Starting school applies to children born between 1sep 2020 and 31 st Aug 2021
Mon 14 th – Thur 17 th Oct	Bikeability Level 2	Yr 5	Details to follow to those who have signed up
Fri 18 th Oct 9.30 -11.00am	Early Years Open Morning Starting school in 2025		Starting school applies to children born between 1sep 2020 and 31 st Aug 2021
Tues 22 nd - Thurs 24 th Oct	Parents Evening	All	Bookings will be available online via ParentMail. To be held in person. Full details to follow.
Half Term Week 28 th Oct – 1 st Nov			
Mon 4 th Nov	No school – Teacher training day	All	

Diary dates can also be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

Hadrian Academy

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Primary Success with Top Progress

Starting School in September 2025



Our vision at Hadrian Academy is to provide a school of excellence where every child is encouraged and supported to reach their full potential.

In September 2023 we were visited by OFSTED and we maintained our 'GOOD' rating. OFSTED commented that Pupils love learning and there is a great team ethos...Pupils play well together and show kindness, they take responsibility for themselves...Pupils have high ambitions for themselves and others and work hard.



We offer a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. In recent years, the school has achieved the School Games Mark Gold, Sing-Up-Platinum Award and Arts Mark Gold Award.

Admissions for children starting School 2025 is now open.

Our open mornings are Fridays on 4th October, 18th October, 15th November and 6th December at 9.30am.

These drop in sessions are open to all and no appointments are required.

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Central
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**Was your child born between
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

**They will start school in September 2025, so you
need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025.**

 **Apply online at** www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school
or by contacting School Admissions  admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk  0300 300 8037

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