



A member of the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust
SPRING TERM 2021 NEWSLETTER
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Our March Value is Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful having all our children back in school over the past three weeks. Hearing children's enjoyment, fun and laughter throughout all our classes has been delightful to see and hear! Our teaching team have been very pleased and proud with how they have settled back into school routines and shown excitement and interest for their learning. As we come to the end of our Spring term I would like to reiterate my thanks to you for continuing to work in partnership to support your child's learning over this difficult term. I hope you enjoy quality time with your child over the Easter break and we look forward to an exciting summer term.

Whilst we still cannot have parents and visitors in school at present I would like to draw your attention to our website where we have a virtual tour of our school which I hope gives a 'feel' of school. We sincerely hope that we will be able to invite parents back into school once government guidance and lockdown restrictions allow.

Monday the 12th April is an Inset day, we welcome all our Pupils back to school ready for the summer term on Tuesday 13th April.

Year 4 Pupils Walking to School

As part of transition to Middle School Year 4 children have traditionally started to walk to school for the last half term of summer. With the current social distancing restrictions children still need to be accompanied to school with an adult and should not be walking on their own after Easter. We will review this for the last term nearer the date if we feel it is safe to do so. Many thanks for your support with keeping our children safe.



World Book Day

Children and staff looked splendid in their costumes and it was lovely to hear laughter and see the children having fun. It has also promoted lots of discussion about books and characters. Please remember to use your World Book Day voucher which can be used to purchase one of a range of specially printed books. Reminder **vouchers have an expiry date** please check your child's voucher.



Reading eggs

We are eggcited to let you know that we have purchased an online reading programme as part of our recovery curriculum. This will support reading while we are unable to send home reading books.

Each child has been given their login and they have taken a placement test in school. This has placed them at the appropriate level for their reading and comprehension ability.

Your child will bring home a letter with further details, including their individual password. They are eggstatic and we would ask you to encourage them to get reading.

Covid Reporting from 26th March 2021

The Department for Education and Public Health England have asked Schools to continue to assist with contact tracing 48 hours after school closes for half term.

In order to facilitate this, we need to know about any child who either tests positive or has symptoms within 48 hours of being at school in order to trace their close contacts. If they haven't been in school in the 48 hours before a positive result or symptoms, NHS test and trace will replace us in this role.

Should you need to report a positive Covid case to us between 26th March and 28th March, please use the following email address for children at Harlington Lower Covid19@harlington.cbeds.co.uk

The school will identify close contacts and contact affected families to advise self-isolation via a text message. After this date, the NHS Test and Trace will undertake contact tracing.

The table below shows the steps you need to take:

Date of onset of symptoms or date of positive test	Parent/ carer responsibility for reporting
Saturday 27 th March	Report to school via Covid19@harlington.cbeds.co.uk
Sunday 28 th March	Report to school via Covid19@harlington.cbeds.co.uk by 3.30pm
Monday 29 th March and after	Advise NHS Test and Trace Do NOT use Covid19@harlington.co.uk

When emailing please provide the date of onset of symptoms, the date the test was taken, the test results and when the test was received.



Golden Book

Oak	-	Neil Boakye
Chestnut class	-	Yumi Asano-Warwick
Hawthorn class	-	Michaela Roche
Rowan class	-	Amelie Young
Beech Class	-	Jacob Stevens

Caterlink School Lunches

Activation letters will be sent home today for parents to set up their Parentpay accounts. Please activate these accounts as soon as possible. Please e mail any queries to harlingtonlower@harlington.cbeds.co.uk and they will be addressed once school returns on the 13th April.

Caterlink School Summer Menu will commence with Week 1 on the 13th April. Please see attached menu.

Relationships, Sex and Relationships Education (RSE) and Health Education

Relationships Education and Sex and Relationships Education is a statutory requirement of the curriculum for Primary and Secondary schools. Relationships Education is compulsory for Primary schools in England. Personal, social and health education (PSHE) and Sex, relationships education (SRE) helps to give pupils the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy, independent lives and to become informed, active responsible citizens. At The Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust, our PSHE/RSE curriculum will support the moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils and prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences in school and later in life. Our RSE Policy is available on our website which gives details of our curriculum. As a Lower school, our focus is teaching children the building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships with particular reference to friendships, family and adults.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Free Easter holiday fun in Central Bedfordshire!

This Easter, Central Bedfordshire Council is running a range of free activities in the Easter School Holidays for children and young people aged 5 upwards. There will be a mix of virtual and face to face activities including creative activities, music, outdoor and sporting activities, holiday club provision and adult cooking sessions. We will be providing healthy snacks to children accessing face to face activities.

It has been a difficult year for children and families and we hope that the Holiday Activities and Food programme will enable children to take part in activities in their local area and have some fun! The Holiday Activities and Food programme is for children

eligible for benefit related free school meals. This is a requirement from the DfE who are funding the programme.

Please click on the link in the footer of the attached poster to register for activities. If you have more than one qualifying child, you only need to register once.

In addition, please see a [flyer for Full House's Creative Buzz programme](#) - for your information and for Holiday Activity and Food registered families only - they have 200 spaces available for Clay Makers and Circus Fun workshops - an activity box will be delivered to family homes to enable children to take part and they have targeted sessions for children with SEND. They have an exciting programme of workshops and performances that can be accessed at home.

To note - if families do not have access to web link through mobile or computer, they can contact Children's Centres by telephone on either 0300 300 8115 or 0300 300 6515. The Children's Centre staff will be able to assist families to ensure they can register and book on to activities.

Harlington Churches Together

Harlington Churches are organising an Easter trail around the village from Sunday 28th March up to the 5th April. The trail will be available for one week which spreads out the time for people to take part so it will not encourage groups to gather in one place at any one time. There will be picture clues along the route for people to follow. Please see the attached poster.

Attachments

Easter Activities Holiday Club
Harlington Churches Together Easter Trail Poster