



A member of the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust  
**AUTUMN TERM 2020 NEWSLETTER**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## *Our November Value is Peace*

### **Values**

For the month of October we were delighted with how many children received a values leaf for living the values in and out of school. Oak class earned the most leaves and they will be arranging a suitable reward with Mrs Puntrello.

This week we introduced the value of Peace in our class assemblies, we discussed the importance of having Peace in our lives and how we can resolve disputes and conflicts through listening, understanding and compromising.

Please continue to send in notes from home telling us how your child has lived the values outside of school.

### **Important Notices**

We hope that you all had an enjoyable half term with your families and we look forward to our Academy continuing to remain open over this coming term. The children definitely needed a rest after a full on return to school as did the staffing team who continued to work tirelessly to provide high quality education as well as keeping our school safe with protective measures in place.

In light of the Prime Ministers announcement, the colder weather and an increase in Covid cases locally and nationally, it is important that we follow Government guidance to ensure that our community keeps safe and prevent the virus spreading to children, families and the local community.

The Government has been clear that despite the country going into lockdown from 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Schools will remain open. Our attendance for Autumn term was excellent; Harlington 97.06% Sundon 98.2%. Well done, this is excellent! It is vital that this trend continues as school is the best place for children to be. School provides enjoyment, learning and achievement as well opportunities for children to play and socialise and follow the normal routines of school life.

A few reminders for parents, carers and children

- Please ensure that **only one adult** from a family drops or collects their child/ children at school.

- In line with Government restrictions, it is important that families **do not** meet up socially on site or outside the school gates. It is essential that the school gate area is kept clear to allow for entry and exit.
- Please follow the one way system crossing over the road at the zebra crossing once your children have gone through the school gate. This will ensure a steady flow of children and adults socially distanced.
- Staggered times, please ensure that you use the timings for your child's year group; arriving earlier causes congestion outside the school gates. If you have children in different year groups, **Please** drop **both** children at the later time i.e. the time for the youngest child's class. This avoids overcrowding at the gate! We have had several complaints from local residents who are concerned that many families are gathering to talk without socially distancing.
- If you wish to pass on a message to your child's teacher, please email or call the school office and messages will be passed on.
- Children will be playing outdoors each day so it is important that they have suitable footwear and coats for all weathers.
- In line with Government guidance we will be keeping all rooms well ventilated throughout the school, day. Please ensure that your child has their school jumper with them each day to wear in the classroom.
- Please ensure children have the correct school uniform. PE kit is to stay in school ready for PE lessons.
- Children should bring their book bag into school daily. Water bottles stay in school Monday to Friday and can be accessed throughout the day to ensure they are hydrated.
- If your child is unwell, please do not send them into school.
- Whilst the wearing of face masks is not currently statutory in public outdoor spaces, **we would strongly request that these are worn during pick up and collection times. You will be protecting those around you.** This does not apply to children or those medically exempt. With local cases rising we feel this request is appropriate at this time and would help to keep our community safe and our school running effectively and safely. Thank you for your goodwill and understanding.
- With the colder weather, we are pleased to say that we are now able to offer hot lunches for children. The menu is attached.
- Thank you for your patience and cooperation in these challenging times.

### **Reminder - Parent telephone consultations**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 3.50pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am - 11.00am

### **Wear it Pink Grand Total**

The grand total of £595 has been raised for the Bedfordshire hospitals charity team and will go to help research into breast cancer. Well done to all the parents, pupils and staff who supported this worthy cause.

**Wear something PINK to  
work or school and support  
our Breast Cancer Services.**



Bedfordshire Hospitals Charity  
Incorporated in England and Wales, no. 101616

Donate just £1 to our  
just giving page  
to take part.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-bedfordshire-hospital-s-charity-team](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-bedfordshire-hospital-s-charity-team)  
You can also call the charity team on 07812 493445



### **Children in Need**

Each year the School Council raises funds for Children in Need. For this year's Children in Need on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we would love for the children to wear something spotty for a £1 donation. This should be a spotty top or accessory (e.g. hairband, socks, or scarf) with their school uniform, so that the children can still change easily for PE and safely play outside at break times. Please could you make your donations using the Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/HLSChildreninNeed>  
**Please do not send cash into school.** Thank You

### **HVPS/WAC TEAM**

**Dear Oak, Year 2 and Year 3 Parents/Carers.**

We are currently running Wrap Around Care sessions after school until 6pm for children in Oak, year 2 and year 3 classes. Unfortunately, due to maintaining social distancing in year groups, we are unable to offer sessions for year 1 and 4 at this time. The after school WAC sessions are run from The Conifers building behind the Lower school by the friendly and Experienced pre-school staff who are qualified to Level 3 in Childcare or above. Your child will be collected at the appropriate time for their year group.

We do have spaces until 5pm for £7.25 or 6pm for £9.25. Children are given a meal such as jacket potatoes, cheese or beans on toast or pasta, along with fresh fruit. We have plenty of outdoor space and equipment along with a large choice of games and activities. The children remain in their year groups whilst at WAC.

Unfortunately, we are unable to operate breakfast club at the moment due to Covid Measures in place. If you would like your child to attend WAC on a regular basis or on an ad-hoc sessional basis, please e-mail [wac@harlingtonvillagepreschool.org.uk](mailto:wac@harlingtonvillagepreschool.org.uk)

### **Caterlink Menu**

Please see attached Autumn Caterlink menu with amended dates. Next week we will be on Week 2. All children have a choice of either the main meal or the vegetarian meal. Thank you

### **Golden Book**



Oak	- Jack Gregory
Chestnut	- Eddie Rankin
Hawthorn	- Noah Skinnider
Rowan class	- Miley Thompson Boyle
Beech Class	- Austin White



### **Bags2School**

The Friends Bags2school collection will take place Monday 9th November. To keep everyone safe it will be slightly different this year. You will need to use your own bags and drop them over the school fence on the day by 9.30am. See the attached poster for more information.

### **Free School Meals**

I wish to remind you that if you are what the government terms 'on a low income' your child qualifies for free school meals. Pupils do not have to take our meals if they do not want to but, if they are on our Free School Meals register, then they qualify for all sorts of other financial benefits throughout the year. When a pupil is on our Free School Meals register, the school receives extra money for that pupil which has to be spent only on the education of free school meals pupils. This extra money is called the Pupil Premium and its purpose is to ensure that children from low income families are not at a financial disadvantage during their education as a result of home circumstances. Is my child eligible for Pupil Premium?

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding a Parent/Carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- ❖ Universal Credit (provided they have an annual net earned income of no more than £7400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of their most recent assessment periods)
- ❖ Income Support
- ❖ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ❖ Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- ❖ Working Tax Credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ❖ The guarantee element of Pension Credit.
- ❖ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ❖ Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16190)

In order to register your Child to receive Pupil Premium you will need to go to the following website and follow the instructions: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) or call **0300 300 8306**.

### **TRUSTEE MEETINGS**

Curriculum Committee	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm
Premises H&S Committee	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm
Finance and Audit Committee	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 7.00pm

### **Attachment**

Caterlink Amended Menu