



A member of the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust

AUTUMN TERM 2020 NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th December 2020

Our December Value is Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another extremely busy and productive term and indeed one like no other, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you all for working tirelessly with us to keep our school community safe and bubbles open. This term all staff have been very proud of how children have coped with our new routines that have become the new 'normal.' I have been extremely pleased to see that they have remained focused on enjoyment, achievement and have continued to make good progress with their learning.

We have enjoyed celebrating festivities in different ways which the children have embraced. Children continue to show our Values in all they do and we continue to be amazed by their resilience and perseverance during these challenging times.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable time with your child and family over the Christmas break. We will welcome children back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Covid Reporting Letter

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

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. Please see the attached letter for guidance on what to do should you test positive. Please use the following email which is also on the attached letter Covid19@harlington.cbeds.co.uk

Free school meal E-Vouchers

If your child receives Free School meals you will be receiving vouchers direct from the Local Authority for £15 per week for the Christmas holidays.

The Local Authority have set up the following telephone helpline with any queries that you may have around accessing the E-vouchers - **0300 300 8306** (select the option for FSM) Thank you



Santa Zoom visit!

During celebration assembly this week we had a special surprise visit from Santa! Children were very excited to see him and had the opportunity to ask him a few questions. Thank you Santa for taking time to come and visit us, we really appreciate it especially as it is your busiest time of year.



Jack and the Beanstalk On-line Pantomime

The children had a fantastic time watching Jack and the Beanstalk this morning, it was lovely to see all the children laughing and joining in! Thank you to the Friends for organising this end of term Christmas treat.



Virtual Christmas Songs

This was a new experience for the staff and pupils and we hope you enjoyed our recorded performances via zoom unfortunately we are unable to send out the recordings as the file size is too large for e mail.

Oak Class

Oak Class children thoroughly enjoyed performing for their families via Zoom this week. They sang beautifully and we were delighted to see so many families watching.

Chestnut & Hawthorn Class

Children in Chestnut and Hawthorn class performed brilliantly during their first ever virtual Christmas performance. We hope all parents who joined in on the call enjoyed it as much as the children did.

Christmas Dinner

We would like to thank Mrs Rolls for providing the children and staff with a delicious Christmas dinner which was enjoyed by all.



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for supporting our Save the Children's Christmas Jumper day held on Friday 11th December, your generosity in donating to this worthy cause has raised £166.

Golden Book



This week congratulations go to:

- Oak - Alayna Munir
- Chestnut - Rylee Sinclair
- Hawthorn - Joe Bucknell
- Rowan class - Isla Banks
- Beech Class - Elsa Zwanik

Class Christmas Parties

The children had a lovely afternoon at their class parties today and thoroughly enjoyed the dancing and games.

Starting School September and Transfer to Middle School September 2021

Children born between 01/09/16 and 31/08/17 are due to start school in September 2021, even if your child attends a nursery or pre-school on the school site or if your child is due to start Middle School in September 2021. The Application deadline is the 15th January 2021.

All the information you will need regarding your Starting School or transfer to Middle School 2021 application is available online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or you can Complete a 3 paper application; this can be downloaded from the Central Bedfordshire website or you can call 0300 300 8037 and they will post one out to you.

Diary Dates

Friday 18 th December	Last day of term
Monday 4 th January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Pupils return to school

Attachments

Spring 2021 Caterlink menu

Covid Reporting Headteacher Letter