



A member of the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust
AUTUMN TERM 2021 NEWSLETTER
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Our November Value is Peace

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing half term. We have a busy term ahead and were delighted to welcome all the children back this week.

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. Chestnut class earned the most leaves and they will be arranging a suitable reward with Mrs Greaves.

This week we introduced the value of Peace in a whole school zoom assembly. We discussed the importance of having Peace in our lives and how we can resolve disputes and conflicts through listening, understanding and compromising. We also discussed the power our words can have to help solve disagreements and restore peace in our lives.

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

Golden Book

Oak Class	- Jacob Abbott
Chestnut class	- Sasha Honey
Hawthorn class	- Annabelle Fishpool
Rowan class	- Esmée Shuttleworth
Beech Class	- Toby Tyler



Reading Scheme

We have bought some new books for our reading scheme to support children's reading in school. As we add them to the current reading boxes, we are finding that we need to revise and re-allocate book and box numbers. This might mean that your child appears to have moved backwards in the reading scheme, but please be assured that this is not what has happened. It might also mean that your child receives a book which they have already had. If this happens, please let us know and we will change it. We appreciate your patience and support whilst we get the amended reading scheme order embedded.

Beautiful New Storytelling Chair.

Over the past year HLS and FRIENDS have been working hard on developing the outside space on the back field. Throughout this time you will have noticed the addition of log seating circles, a bug hotel and two vegetable beds. Over the summer holidays FRIENDS continued working on the project with the commission of a bespoke storytelling chair. Working with a local carpenter, Chris, who kindly donated his time, a design was agreed. Just before the October half term holiday the storytelling chair was installed. I'm sure you will all agree it is truly spectacular and a wonderful addition.



Black History Month

In school we teach equality, diversity and inclusion during the year through our wider curriculum. Inspiring Music have worked closely with Nathan Holder to gain an understanding on inclusive musical delivery in schools which has followed on from Nathan reflecting on his highly acclaimed poem *If I Were a Racist*.

We will be reading his books, *Where Are All the Instruments?* and *Why is my Piano Black and White?*

From Beethoven to Billy Joel and Scott Joplin to Stevie Wonder, we hope that children will be inspired by some of the most interesting people who have ever played the piano. Please listen out for the new songs that they may come home singing or ask them about the composers that they are learning about.



Wear It Pink Day for Breast Cancer - Friday 22nd October

Thank you for supporting Wear it Pink Day. The pupils, Parents & Staff of The Harlington & Sundon Academy Trust have jointly raised £236.



Children in Need

Each year the School Council raises funds for Children in Need. For this year's Children in Need on Friday 19th November, we would love for the children to wear something spotty for a 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 donate via the following link

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4832>



Brass Instrument Tuition

If your child is interested in playing a brass instrument, please find out more information here - <https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/lessons-schools/enrol>

If you have any further questions, please do email Mark Lowe on Mark.Lowe2@CentralBedfordshire.gov.uk

St Mary's Arty Take Over Exhibition

Suitable for all ages Saturday 27th November 10.00 - 4.00pm

Please see attached poster.

FHLSA

Today in school we had the 100 club draw.

We are delighted to announce that 1st prize went to Evie Watson and 2nd prize went to Grace Tyler. There will be a double draw in December, taking place on Monday 6th December.

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. 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 or call **0300 300 8306**.

Packed Lunch changes

In school we continually encourage children to eat a healthy and balanced diet. However, we have noticed an increasing number of children bringing juices and other drinks into school that have a very high sugar content. Therefore, **children no longer need to bring a drink in their packed lunch box**. They can take their water bottles into the dining

hall or help themselves to fresh water cups. This will also make a positive impact on the amount of disposable packaging being used in packed lunches on a daily basis.

Our school dinners are very well balanced and are made with no added salt and fruits being used as a natural sweetener. However, if you are looking for inspiration on what to pack in your children packed lunch box there are lots of healthy recipes and ideas on the NHS website [Lunchbox Ideas | Recipes | Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

We appreciate your continued support.

Diary Dates - Dates are subject to change.

Mon	8th	November	Parent Consultations	3.50pm - 6.30pm
Thur	11th	November	Parent Consultations	8.00am - 10.30am
Mon	15th	November	Anti - Bullying Week	
Tue	16th	November	Trustees Curriculum Meeting	6.00pm
Wed	17th	November	Music Assembly	9.10am
Fri	19th	November	Children In Need Day	
Fri	19th	November	Bike Ability Year 4	
Wed	24th	November	Trustees Premises H& Safety Meeting	7.00pm
Wed	1st	December	Trustees Finance & Audit Meeting	7.00pm
Mon	6th	December	KS1 Nativity	2.00pm
Tue	7th	December	KS1 Nativity	9.30am & 2.00pm
Fri	10th	December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Mon	13th	December	Carols at the Methodist Church	1.45pm
Tue	14th	December	Whole School Pantomime The Grove Theatre Dunstable	10.00am
Wed	15th	December	Oak Nativity	2.30pm
Thur	16th	December	Class Parties	
Thur	16th	December	Year 4 Calendar Delivery	9.15am
Fri	17th	December	Christmas Assembly	2.30pm
Fri	17th	December	Break for Christmas	

Attachments

St Mary's Church Arty Takeover Exhibition Flyer
Parkfields Open Day Flyer