

# Hatfield Heath Primary School Weekly Bulletin

21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

## Message from Mrs Gelston

We are all getting ready for a very busy time next week. Firstly we have Sports Week all ready with some exciting events and activities for your children to take part in (see the section below for more details) and secondly, we have our Year 5 and 6 play. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who put in many extra hours to get special weeks and special performances ready for the children to take part in – without their dedication and hard work we just wouldn't be able to do it.

I am certainly looking forward to next week and I hope your children are too!

## Parent WhatsApp Groups

The school is fully aware that each year group has a parent WhatsApp group that have been set up by parents to aid communication. These groups can be an excellent source of information and guidance and are, I know, particularly helpful with those daily reminders.

Unfortunately, though, I have been made aware of these groups being used to complain about individual members of staff or decisions made by the school. The school has clear policies in place that allow parents to make complaints or to raise concerns – a WhatsApp group is not the place to raise these concerns and it is not the place where concerns can be resolved. I am available almost everyday in the playground if a short conversation is needed or, if needed, an appointment can be made to have a more detailed discussion.

Please do not voice concerns via WhatsApp or on any other form of social media – come into school so that we can deal with them in a manner that displays courtesy towards the staff who work exceptionally hard for your children. Thank you.

## Sports Week – Next Week

As you will know from the various letters and messages sent home over the past couple of weeks, next week is national Sports Week. The aims for this week is for children at Hatfield Heath to follow the Youth Sports Trust's 5 steps to wellbeing by being active; connecting with others; giving back; taking notice of the world around them and by learning something new.



Our week will include the following activities and events (and many more):

Monday - Years 3, 4 and 5 will get to take part in wheelchair basketball

Tuesday - All children will take part in a skipping rope activities with Jump Rope UK (there is an option for children to purchase their own jump rope but this is not essential)

Wednesday – All children will get to meet Richard Chiassaro, one of our incredible Paralympic Athletes

Thursday – Reception, Years 1 and 2 will take part in Marathon training

Friday – All children take part in the fun run. Please remember to send children dressed in something they are able to run around in!

## Online Safety – A Few Apps That Are Raising Concerns



**YOLO (You Only Live Once):** The YOLO app is becoming very popular at the moment and YOLO was the most downloaded app in the Apple store last week. YOLO is currently very popular in secondary school and is likely to become popular with younger children in the coming weeks. The YOLO app allows users to add an, “ask me anything” sticker to their Snapchat story which encourages other users to ask anonymous questions. These can either be replied to privately or publically and selfies can be taken to accompany responses. This app is similar to other apps that have lead to large numbers of bullying incidents.

**TikTok:** TikTok is a video-sharing app that is extremely popular with both primary and secondary school children. TikTok is a platform that allows its users to lip-sync and dance to their favourite songs as well as performing short comedy skits or completing challenges. It has recently come to light that although instances of sexually explicit comments have been reported by users, TikTok has removed the comments and messages sent to users but has made no effort to block those users from the site.

## Dates for the Diary

| Date  | Event   |
|---|---|
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June | Sports Week   |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Afternoon – Year 6 out at Crucial Crew  |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June                             | 6.30pm - Year 5 & 6 Play for Parents/ Carers  |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                              | 6.30pm - Year 5 & 6 Play for Parents/ Carers  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Whole School Fun Run – children to come to school in sportswear, sports kits or fancy dress |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July   | Year 6 Residential  |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July                                | Year 5 visit to Layer Marney Tower  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                              | Reception Class visit to Marsh Farm   |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                                | Year 1 visit to Barleylands Farm<br>End of Year Reports sent home                           |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                             | Sports Day for Whole School   |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                              | Transition Morning in school for pupils   |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July                               | Rainbow Voices Event in school – more information about this will come                      |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                             | Open Afternoon – more information about this come   |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July                              | Year 2 visit to Southend Sealife Centre   |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                                | 1.30pm - Year 6 Leavers Graduation Assembly   |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July                             | Last Day of Term  |