

Hatfield Heath Primary School Weekly Bulletin

20th September 2019

Message from Mrs Gelston

How lovely it has been to see so many children and adults coming to school dressed in denim today to support Jeans for Genes Day. Thank you for your donations, all of which goes to assist those affected by genetic disorders. We will let you know next week how much we have raised.



School Development Plan 2019 - 2020



This month the senior leadership team in school and our Local Governing Board have been working on formulating our school's development plan for the year ahead. The purpose of this plan is to identify areas that need improvement in the school and develop actions for the year ahead.

The following are keys areas for development this year:

- Raise achievement in Mathematics by further developing pupil fluency and reasoning.
- Develop an engaging and cross-curricular curriculum.
- Further develop leadership at all levels to support and ensure consistency of teaching and learning across all subjects in the curriculum.
- Develop the teaching of Reading and Writing so that all pupils can succeed.

So, so far this academic year, the following has taken place:

- We have introduced an additional 10 minutes a day 'Magic Maths' session for all children to take part in to develop the fluency of Maths. The idea is the more children practice, the more it sticks!
- We have brought in to a very exciting curriculum package that supports with the planning of engaging and exciting new projects for children. Staff are currently exploring all of what the package can offer and are putting in place plans ready to launch. We hope this to take place straight after the half term holiday. More information will come soon.
- We have redesigned our curriculum intent and have written out what you, as parents, and your children should expect from us. We will share this with you very soon.

Much more will be happening over the year and we will provide updates on how we are developing as a school.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to those who have already sent in donations for our Harvest appeal for the Bishop's Stortford foodbank.

We have placed a box in the office for donations to be placed in and if you needed a reminder about what the foodbank needs most, please see the attached poster. Thank you!

Man of the Match for Alfie



Well done to Alfie in Year 4 for receiving the 'Man of the Match' award on Sunday. This very skilled football player scored a hat-trick and another goal making 4 goals in total to help his team to a 7-2 victory. Wow Alfie, this award was well-deserved and your team are incredibly lucky to have you!

Secondary School Admissions—Admissions Area Now Open

Parents of our Year 6 pupils may already be aware that the Secondary Schools Admissions area is open for applications now. The closing date for applications is 31st October.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. We have been informed that no letters are being sent out as all information is on the website above.

Dates for the Diary

| Date | Event |
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| Thursday 26 th September | Reception Parents Workshop in School |
| Friday 4 th October | Harvest Festival |
| Monday 7 th October | Year 3 out at Chelmsford Museum |
| Monday 14 th October | Year 5 out at The Science Museum |
| Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October | Science Week |
| Wednesday 23 rd October | Prospective Parent Tour (for Reception 2020 intake) |
| Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November | Half Term holiday |
| Tuesday 5 th November | Prospective Parent Tour (for Reception 2020 intake) |
| Wednesday 6 th November | Year 6 out at Warner Bros Studio Tour |
| Monday 11 th November – Friday 15 th November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Thursday 14 th November | Prospective Parent Tour (for Reception 2020 intake) |
| Friday 15 th November | BBC Children in Need |
| Friday 22 nd November | Prospective Parent Tour (for Reception 2020 intake) |
| Friday 29 th November | PFA Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Bazaar (after school) |
| Tuesday 3 rd December | Parent's Evening |
| Wednesday 4 th December | Parent's Evening |
| Monday 9 th December | Prospective Parent Tour (for Reception 2020 intake) |
| Friday 13 th December | Save the Children Winter Jumper Day |
| Friday 20 th December | Last Day of Term |