



# Weekly Newsletter

4 October 2019

*Making learning an adventure*

Our school value for this half-term is friendship



Dear Parents/Carers

Yesterday morning, we enjoyed our annual harvest festival, led by longstanding school governor Rev John Fellows. We joined the children in singing the two harvest songs they had prepared and the children in Oak class had written a prayer of thanks for the massive quantity of harvest gifts that families and staff had donated. This year our harvest appeal is in support of Luton Foodbank, who collected the gifts earlier today. I'm sure they will make a very significant contribution to the various food parcels they provide over the Autumn and Winter months. Thank you so much!

Congratulations to all those in Year 6 who applied for the house leader roles. The children were asked to write a letter of application and we had a very strong field from which to choose. It was heartening to see what good sports those who weren't chosen were, as so many of them spontaneously congratulated the successful candidates when it was announced yesterday.

| HOUSE  | AMBASSADOR           | SPORTS CAPTAIN      |
|--------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Red    | Clara<br>Alexandra H | Oliver R<br>Ollie D |
| Green  | Cassie<br>Sam C      | Caitlin<br>Harry    |
| Yellow | Belle<br>Tom D       | Ruby<br>Oliver W    |
| Blue   | Matthew<br>Isobel T  | Isla M<br>Alex M    |



This evening two of our gardening club members, George and Yusef, will be joining Mrs Gavan and Mrs Shafer at a presentation at the Harpenden Town Hall where they will be awarded our "Gold" award for their efforts with their beautiful gardening skills. We look forward to hearing all about it and will report next week.

Don't forget, our school photographer will be in school on Monday to take individual and sibling group photographs of the children. Also next week, our Year 5 pupils will be visiting the excellent Hazard Alley Centre in Milton Keynes to learn about how to be aware of and respond to a variety of hazards, from stranger danger and online safety to hazards around the home.

Yours faithfully

*Jonathan Walker*  
Headteacher



## FoHBS News

We've had lots of requests for dates for future FOHBS events so here they are:

**Spooky Disco:** Friday 18th October

\*\*\* **LAST CHANCE TO BOOK - online ticket site closes in just 24 hours! Click on the links below \*\*\***

[Infants disco](#)

[Juniors disco](#)

**Festive Fair:** Sunday 8th December 2-4.30pm

\*\*\* We're asking for volunteers to get involved in the run up so if you have even just an hour to spare a week then we'd love to hear from you! [contact.fohbs@gmail.com](mailto:contact.fohbs@gmail.com) \*\*\*

**Hearts & Heroes Disco:** Friday 14th February 2020

**Movie Night:** Friday 13th March (infants), Friday 20th March (Juniors) 2020

**Community Concert:** Thursday 2nd April 2020

**Summer Fair:** Sunday 7th June 2020, 2-4.30pm

## Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Charlie in Year 3 for his selection as *Premio de Excelencia* (the award for excellence) in Spanish club for the last school year and to Liam in Y5 whom we learnt this week has independently been corresponding with the local council about the need for additional litter bins in Westfield Park! Very community minded indeed.

### Attendance

Congratulations to Redwood and Pine classes for 100% attendance this week

Congratulations also to the following children who are our Headteacher's Award winners this week:

- **Reception Chestnut Class** Amara – for being smiley, friendly, and having a positive attitude to learning  
Daisy – for showing the value of friendship
- **Reception Oak Class** Robyn – for always showing a good attitude to learning  
Bilal – for looking after your friends
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Arthur – for making new friends  
Cameron – for always challenging himself
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Rowan – for always challenging himself  
Logan – for always having a good attitude to his learning
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Fiona – for always being kind and supportive  
Hudson – for working hard and showing the value of friendship
- **Year 2 Willow Class** George – for always working hard, showing friendship and showing a good attitude  
Isla Mc for always trying her best and showing the value of friendship
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Alice – for always being kind to others and working hard in class  
Joss – for working hard on his joined up handwriting
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Charlie – for being a great friend to others  
Finn – for showing great positivity about his learning this week
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Sam – for an excellent effort using strategies for subtraction  
Tami – for always being a supportive friend
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Mikey – for showing the values of friendship  
Rosie – for always trying her best and challenging herself in lessons
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Christopher C – for really trying hard to succeed in English  
Millie – for being a kind friend and enthusiastic member of the class
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Gwen – for concentrating and working really hard in all subjects  
Max – for trying his best in every lesson and enjoying his learning
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Jamie – for excellent content in English writing  
Belle – for being a supportive friend and learning partner  
Last week: Zoe – for working sensitively with her reception partner  
Matthew – for making a real effort in Maths
- **Year 6 Rowan Class** Oliver W – for encouraging and supporting his peers and working hard in Maths  
Alexandra – for pushing herself in her research and writing a great non-chronological report about Charles Dickens

## Sports Desk

Our girls' football team played another 3 matches on Wednesday afternoon and continue their strong form, winning two matches and narrowly losing to Wood End. This means we are strong contenders to win overall, if we continue this success in the last 3 matches next week. Congratulations ladies and thank you to Mr George for training them and the parent helpers for taking them along and supporting.

## Further Information and Reminders

### Parent Consultation Evenings

You should have received an email with details of the Parent Consultation Evenings. For bookings, which open at 9am tomorrow, please [here](#). Unfortunately, we will not be able to deal with any technical issues until Monday, so apologies in advance if this happens.

### September 2020 Reception Starters

Applications for Reception places are coordinated by Hertfordshire County Council and those wishing to apply for a place in Reception for their child for September 2020 will need to do so through their online system. Applications open on 4 November 2019 and close on 15 January 2020. In order to help us plan, it would be helpful to have an idea of the demand for places for younger siblings of pupils currently on role. Therefore, please email the office with the name and date of birth of any siblings for whom you intend to apply for Reception place for in September 2020.

### Individual and sibling photographs

Photographs are on Monday. Please remember jumpers and cardigans.

### Items forgotten by children

In order to help our office staff to concentrate on their core tasks and to avoid disruption to lessons, we are trialling a new system for items that children have left at home (such as water bottles, clothing, packed lunches, club kit etc) and that are subsequently brought into school by parents after the start of the school day. There will be a box in the lobby outside the school office for you to put any items your children may have forgotten. Please make sure they are clearly labelled with the name of your child and their class. These can be delivered to the box up until **10.30am** when they will be distributed to classes during break. Anything after this time will not be delivered until the following day. Thank you in advance for your help.

### Playdates

Parents are reminded to notify class teachers of altered collection arrangements for playdates for younger children by sending a note with their child or by speaking the teaching assistant on the door first thing in the morning. In the event that arrangements for collection change on the day please email the school office, ideally by before 12noon. Urgent or exceptional changes in arrangements during the afternoon of the day in question should be notified by telephone.

## Diary Dates

Any amendments or additions to those previously published are shown in red text.

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| <b>October</b>  | 7 <sup>th</sup>                  | Mental Health Week  |
|                 | 7 <sup>th</sup>                  | School photographer – individual and school sibling group photographs               |
|                 | 17 <sup>th</sup>                 | Tag Rugby Y5/6 @ HRFC 12-3pm  |
|                 | 18 <sup>th</sup>                 | FoHBS Discos  |
|                 | 22 <sup>nd</sup>                 | Rotary Shoebox appeal launch  |
|                 | 22 <sup>nd</sup>                 | 5pm-8pm - Parent Consultations ( <i>new time due to clash with staff training</i> ) |
|                 | 24 <sup>th</sup>                 | 4pm-7pm - Parent Consultations  |
|                 | 24/25                            | Escape Room Maths challenge workshops – KS2   |
|                 | 25 <sup>th</sup>                 | Open Classrooms – 3pm   |
| <b>November</b> | 4 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> | Parent Rep meetings - 9am   |

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|                 | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Anti-Bullying week  |
|                 | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Open morning 1 for 2020 Reception parents 9.30am - 10.30am<br><i>Places are limited. Please book through the school office.</i> |
|                 | TBC              | Children in Need  |
|                 | 13 <sup>th</sup> | St Alban's Rehearsal Orchestra concert in school  |
|                 | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Girls Football  |
|                 | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Cross Country pm  |
|                 | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Open morning 2 for 2020 Reception parents 9.30am - 10.30am<br><i>Places are limited. Please book through the school office.</i> |
| <b>December</b> | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Open morning 3 for 2020 Reception parents 9.30am - 10.30am<br><i>Places are limited. Please book through the school office.</i> |
|                 | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Harpenden Rotary Club Carol Service   |
|                 | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 2 to 4:30pm – FOHBS Christmas Fair  |
|                 | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Treat Day: Visiting Pantomime and Christmas lunch   |
|                 | 11 <sup>th</sup> | KS2 Carol Services (Methodist Church) 5pm and 6.30  |
|                 | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 2:30pm - Reception Nativity Play  |
|                 | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 9:15am - Reception Nativity Play  |
|                 | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)  |
|                 | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Y1 Carol Service (in school) 2:30pm   |
|                 | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 2:30pm Y2 Nativity  |
|                 | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 9:15am Y2 Nativity  |