



Weekly Newsletter

22nd November 2019

Making Learning an Adventure

Our school value for this half-term is positivity

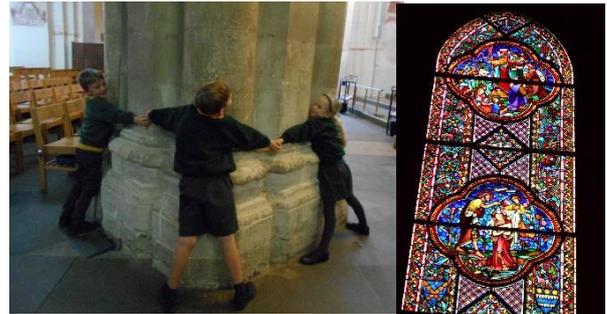


Dear Parents/Carers

Our Year 2 pupils visited St Alban's cathedral this week for a day of activities with their education officer as part of their RE study and maths. Activities included exploring how the building is used as a place of worship, the way stained glass windows communicate Christian belief as well as looking at pattern, shape, space and measure.

Also this week, I received a thank you message from Luton foodbank for the 919 food items donated as our harvest offering this year. Thank you everybody.

Four of our Eco Council Members are spending today at The Farmschool in Kinsborne Green at an event run by Sustainable St Albans. They will be sharing examples of their sustainability work such as reducing waste and protecting wildlife. We look forward to hearing all about it next week.



Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker Headteacher

FoHBS News

The excitement is building as we approach the Christmas Fair in just over 2 weeks' time on Sunday 8th December.

- ✓ Don't forget that next week is mufti day in exchange for tombola bottles and secret room presents. More information below.
- ✓ This year, the fair will include a cake competition, which will be judged in adult and children's categories. Entries need to be brought in on the day of the event by 2pm for the start of the fair. There will be prizes for the winning cakes and these will be announced at the end before the cakes are auctioned to the highest bidder!
- ✓ If all the excitement gets too much, there will be a *quiet room* available for any children or adults who need to take a moment to reset during the fair.



Headteacher Awards

A story of our values in practice! Ariadna from Chestnut class who found a £10 note in the park on the way to school on Tuesday and independently suggested it be added to our Children in Need donation, which we have done!

Also, Jesse from Hawthorn class decided he would donate £15 of his birthday money to the same cause. Well done and thank you to you both.

Congratulations also to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Oak Class** Ralph – for listening carefully on the carpet
Alex – for showing positivity during writing tests
- **Reception Chestnut Class** Amara – for showing enthusiasm in Forest School
Swapnil – for showing more confidence in the classroom
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Lucas – for concentrating really hard on his work and trying his best
Harper – for having such a positive start to her time at High Beeches and settling well in Elm Class
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Leonardo – for showing positivity in all lessons
Rose – for excellent effort in all areas of learning
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Amelie F – for always showing positivity and enthusiasm
Electra – for always setting a good example to her peers
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Isabella – for always showing positivity and trying her best
Atticus – for a positive approach to his Maths
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Rosie – for being focused on her writing
Emily – for applying herself to her learning and trying her best
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Cara – for spreading positivity with her bubbly demeanour
Harry – for being so positive about his learning all the time
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Zac – for being a positive supportive learning partner
Ailbhe – for an excellent effort in all her learning this week
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Finn – for working hard on our play script writing
Lois – for looking out for her friends
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Henry – for pushing himself and showing improvement in English
Sophie – for showing a positive attitude and improving Maths
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Noah – for sharing resilience and persevering in Maths
Finley – for having lots of enthusiasm and for asking brilliant questions
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Clara – for such a caring attitude towards all her classmates
Joshua – for a positive attitude and consistent hard work across the curriculum
- **Year 6 Rowan Class** Alexandra – for choosing to challenge herself in her writing at every opportunity
Tom D – for pushing himself to improve and up-level his writing

Further Information and Reminders

Nativity and Carol Concerts

Please check your emails for important letters regarding all Nativity and Carol Concerts. All replies are to be made on School Gateway, please read the letters and Gateway carefully as to what is required regarding tickets/lifts etc and stick to the deadlines so you don't miss out.

Parking

Reminder there should be no parking in the staff car park between the hours of 8.20am and 4.30pm.

Exciting news regarding school uniform

Please check your emails for a letter regarding our new school uniform supplier.

Reduce - Re-use - Recycle!

Following our call for unwanted winter coats for the homeless, this week we are taking part in the *Crisp Packet Project*. Families are encouraged to donate used foil crisp packets, which we will be collecting in the entrance foyer. The crisp packets will be upcycled into foil blankets for the homeless this Winter. What a fantastic idea! You can visit the Crisp Packet Project [Facebook page](#) for more information.

Additionally, we will soon be collecting the pump and nozzle part of Carex, Imperial Leather and Bayley's soap dispensers (which cannot be recycled through the household waste collection) as part of the teracycle programme. More information to follow.

Destination Christmas with Thameslink Trains

Thameslink and Great Northern trains are inviting children to submit *lovely Christmas pictures featuring trains* to be displayed on their rolling stock and around their stations over the Christmas period, for their Christmas competition. There will be one prize per station (1st prize a £30 love to shop voucher, 2nd prize art and craft bundle) and entries must be submitted at Harpenden Station by 16 December.

Parenting Support

Please see the [Parent Hub section of our school website](#) for information about a workshop on parenting Tweens (those in between childhood and adolescence) and Teens which takes place at Batford Memorial Hall on Tuesday 19 November from 9:30 to 11:30am. Alternatively more information can be found [here](#).

Diary Dates

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

November	29 th	Christmas Fair tombola donation mufti day!
December	4 th	Open morning 3 for 2020 Reception parents 9.30am - 10.30am <i>Places are limited. Please book through the school office.</i>
	4 th	Harpenden Rotary Club Carol Service
	8 th	2 to 4:30pm – FOHBS Christmas Fair
	11 th	Christmas Treat Day: Visiting Pantomime and Christmas lunch
	11 th	KS2 Carol Services (Methodist Church) 5pm and 6.30
	12 th	2:30pm - Reception Nativity Play
	13 th	9:15am - Reception Nativity Play
	13 th	Jolly (Christmas) Jumper Day (L & D Helipad Appeal)
	13 th	Y1 Carol Service (in school) 2:30pm
	17 th	2:30pm Y2 Nativity
	18 th	9:15am Y2 Nativity
	20 th	School closes for Christmas holiday at 2pm

Family Support Worker

Salary: £21,589-£24,799 (pro rata)

Hours: 26 hours per week term time only including inset days

The Harpenden Plus Partnership of Schools is looking for a friendly and approachable Family Support Worker to join our team. The team works alongside 23 schools to provide support for local families in Harpenden, Kimpton, Redbourn and Wheathampstead. The post will be based at Sauncey Wood Primary school.

This position offers diversity and challenge and we are proud to have been awarded the Families First Collaborative Team of the Year 2019. To join us you will need excellent interpersonal skills and a genuine desire to help others as you will work with children and young people, parents/carers and professionals from partner agencies. As part of a team, you will focus on enabling children and families to access support and on promoting the engagement of parents/carers in their children's learning, development and wellbeing. Above all you will need enthusiasm, creativity, perseverance and initiative.

The role involves family assessments, 1:1 parenting support, facilitating group parenting delivery, facilitating group delivery to children, report writing, researching opportunities and information sharing. A key aspect of the role is supporting local schools with the Families First Assessment process including the writing the assessment, setting up the Team Around the Family and drawing together the action plan.

The successful candidate will need to be IT literate and have excellent record keeping skills. You will need to have a Level 3 qualification and ideally experience in parenting support work, facilitating parenting courses and Families First Assessments.

It is envisaged that the post holder will work 26 core hours per week across 4 days (8.45-3.15pm on Monday & Tuesday and 8.45am-4.30pm on Wednesday & Thursday and commit to flexible working when necessary to attend training etc. Hours are open to negotiation and could be worked across 5 days. Use of own car is essential.

If you think that you have the skills, energy and experience to contribute to our team please apply via Teach in Herts www.teachinherts.com. Should you wish to discuss the post in more detail, please phone Helen Fitzakerly, Partnership Manager, on 01582 623676 or 07908 459450.

Applications must be made on the HCC forms available to download from Teach in Herts – CVs will not be accepted.

Closing date for Applications: Tuesday, 3rd December 2019 at midnight

Interview date: Monday, 9th December 2019

Start date: 7th January 2020