



Weekly Newsletter

19 June 2020

Making learning an adventure

Our school value for this half-term is... **CONFIDENCE**

Parents/Carers and Children

We were pleased to be able to confirm arrangements for the last 4 weeks of term earlier this week and have been busy preparing for pupils in Years 3 and 5 to join their house bubbles next week. We have now received responses from the majority of parents and are looking forward to seeing all the children again over the next 4 weeks. Please note that, given the coronavirus restrictions, we are expected to keep the membership of bubbles consistent and are unable to admit children into the group whose parents have not submitted a response without prior notice and without first checking the number of spaces already filled.

I am pleased to be able to confirm that all of the returning children will be taught by their own class teacher for a period of two weeks and, in many cases, will also have their usual teaching assistant on hand. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 whose bubble has not yet be taught by their class teacher, will have an opportunity to work with their class teacher over the coming weeks. In Miss Pascoe's absence, Maple Class will be taught by Mr Young, whom they know well, and by their new teacher for Year 5 Miss Pike. This will provide an excellent opportunity to help them make the transition to Year 5. Similarly, new Year 6 teacher Ms Webb will be able to work with some members of Ash Class in the last two weeks of term when Mrs Hill will also be able to work with Hawthorn class on a number of occasions.

Although we will not be able to have a dedicated transition day, we are planning opportunities for children across the rest of the school to meet their new teacher over the course of their time in school before the Summer break too. The staff team will also be undertaking a number of training sessions in the coming weeks evaluating and assessing where our pupils are in their learning and planning how to adapt the curriculum in September to meet their needs after the period of time away from school.

I hope you enjoy this lovely display by our Year 1 pupils in response to their work on *Grandad's Island* by Benji Davies (cover pictured left).



School Lunches

Please note that, from next week, we will no longer be able to accommodate all of our pupils in the dining area at lunch time, whilst maintaining a 2m social distance for pupils and staff. For this reason, like many other schools, we will be unable to provide a hot school lunch for all of our pupils. This means that those pupils in Year 2 and above who usually have a hot school meal will instead be provided with a packed lunch made on site in our school kitchen. This will be the case for any pupil who normally has a school lunch, unless parents inform the school office otherwise.

Finally, I came across this traditional native American story recently and it struck me that we may all have been, perhaps unconsciously, feeding our fears, as well as our hopes during lockdown. Although the word *unprecedented* has been somewhat overused in the last few months, it is true to say that we really are in new territory and that we have an opportunity to define some kind of *new normal*. Although we all are naturally concerned about the impact of the time away from school and our workplaces, we can choose to feed the wolf which will help us to come out

the other side as a stronger and better society, with values reasserted, and a sense of optimism, rather than cynicism or defeat.

Through all this, we are learning about what it means to be a real community and have an opportunity to develop in our children and ourselves the character and resilience required to make a better future.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker

Headteacher

Further Information and Reminders

School Meals from September 2020

Please note that the price of a Junior meal will be increasing from £2.55 to £2.65 a day from September 2020. This calculates to £13.25 a week, or £98.05 for the first half of the Autumn term.

Current Year 2 child moving up to Year 3 in September will no longer be eligible to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. Therefore Y2 parents might like to take this opportunity to review their school lunch arrangements and the following options are available:

- a. School Lunch - Monday to Friday
- b. School Lunch - Wednesday Roast only with Packed Lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
- c. School Lunch - Wednesday Roast & Friday Special with Packed Lunch Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
- d. School Lunch - Friday Special only & Packed Lunch Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
- e. Packed Lunch - Monday to Friday

If you wish to change your child's meal arrangements, please e-mail the School Office with the necessary details by Friday 10 July. After this time the usual requirement of half a terms notice to change lunch options will apply. There is no need to contact us if there are no changes to be made

FoHBS News

Hurrah! You made it!

Thanks to everyone for participating in The Great Virtual Class Race!

Don't forget to submit your total distance travelled over the week [ONLINE HERE](#)

The winning class will be announced next week so watch this space!

Great news...

We're happy to say that we have one keen individual for the role of Co-Chair for FOHBS but she would like someone to join her as a fellow co-chair! If you're interested but unsure about taking it on then this is the perfect opportunity as you won't be alone! Share the leadership and make a difference to our school! Without Co-chairs at the helm then FOHBS will have to close down which would be a terrible shame for the school and all of our children. FOHBS fundraising pays for things like the pantomime, playground games, books and big ticket items like our library. Without it the school will really struggle. There is lots of support to help so the commitment isn't as daunting as it seems but leadership is critical to maintain momentum and coordinate efforts. For more info please email contact.fohbs@gmail.com

Wishes, wishes, wishes

Sadly, with the cancellation of so many of our fundraising events this year our funds are significantly down. But rather than asking for money (although donations are always welcome!) our wonderful teachers have put together wish lists for our classes. Items range from pen pots to building blocks, board games and globes. Please [click here](#) and select your class/year group.

