



## Weekly Newsletter

19 March 2021

*Making learning a lifelong adventure*

Our school value for this half-term is responsibility.

Dear Parents/Carers

The bi-annual Red Nose Day event has certainly given us something to smile about today and I am delighted to report that the school council have raised £473.65 for Comic Relief. The pictures above show some of our Year 3 pupils participating in the red nose treasure hunt. Years 3 and 4 also took part in the Comic Relief TT Rock Stars event and Archie from Maple class was the most valuable player with Maple as winners with the highest score. Well done to all taking part, great fun was had by all.

Next week is the final week of the Spring term and the school closes for the Easter break on Friday as follows:

- ✓ 1:30pm – Reception
- ✓ 1:35pm – Year 1
- ✓ 1:40pm – Year 2
- ✓ 1:45pm – Year 6
- ✓ 1:50pm – Year 5
- ✓ 1:55pm – Year 4
- ✓ 2pm – Year 3

### Arrival and Collection from School

Thank you for adhering to our staggered start requirements and our one-way system, which are helping us to maintain a degree of separateness between year groups and would ultimately reduce the likelihood of having to switch to remote learning for multiple year groups, should we have a positive case of COVID in school.

Please note that pupils in Reception to Year 3 should not arrive before 8:45am, unless they have siblings in Years 4 to 6. In this case they may enter at 8:40am, when Year 4 are also entering. Those who have already dropped pupils in Year 5 and 6 may wait on the school drive if their older children are not able to walk to school or enter the site independently.

### Staff News

I would like to thank Mrs Sara Prince who has now completed a period teaching in Year 3 in Mrs Button's absence.

Our congratulations to Miss Kat Jackson and her partner Brad and Mrs Laura Waterworth and her husband Tom, both of whom are expecting their first child during the Summer holidays this year. We do of course wish both colleagues all the best for a continued healthy pregnancy and all four of them for a safe delivery of the new babies in the fullness of time. I expect both of them to begin their maternity leave from the Summer holiday and have already started the process of recruiting to cover their positions from September.

I do hope you enjoy seeing a selection of our current hall displays (below). The children's messages in bottles contain their hopes and dreams for the future as they return to school and beyond the pandemic.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker Headteacher



## Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for the following achievements:

- **Reception Chestnut Class** Christopher – for settling back in to class so brilliantly and playing nicely with others.  
Aseel – for making so much progress in phonics.
- **Reception Oak Class** Mia – for working very hard to improve her handwriting.  
Jacob – for having a fantastic attitude for learning.
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Charlie – for a really positive attitude to phonics and applying this knowledge when writing.  
Robyn – for showing a very responsible attitude throughout the week.
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Swapnil – for a really positive attitude to his learning and being super polite and friendly to everyone. Well done!  
Charlie - for making super progress in his phonics! Well done Charlie, keep up the good work!
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Elijah – for persevering with all his work.  
Noah – for asking inquisitive questions and showing enthusiasm for learning.
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Amy-Sofia – for approaching tasks responsibly and trying her best.  
Logan – for approaching tasks responsibly and producing a great fact file in English.
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Saffron – for settling back into Birch class so beautifully.  
Henry G – for trying hard and working independently.
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Imogen - for being so confident all of the time.  
Joseph - for joining in enthusiastically in all lessons.
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Sophia - for showing resilience and perseverance when adding and subtracting fractions  
Lex - for showing kindness and cooperation when working with his learning partner
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Ben - for being a helpful friend.  
Tom - for being a kind and responsible learning partner.
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Ben - for overcoming a difficult topic in maths and persevering with new strategies  
Ailbhe - for always being on task and ready to learn
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Jessie - for settling in really well into High Beeches.  
Blake - for his infectious enthusiasm and contributing ideas confidently in class.
- **Year 6 Rowan Class** Noah – trying his best always and doing fantastic science work.  
Aya – being a kind and responsible learning partner.
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Jack - for creating a very atmospheric narrative poem  
Chris - for thinking of an original idea for his narrative poem and working hard to meet the success criteria

## FoHBS News

### Join the FoHBS Sunflower competition!

Next week the children will come home with an envelope containing sunflower seeds. Please send them in with minimum donation £1 on Thursday to join the competition. Prizes for tallest grown and also for growing the 'mystery flower'. Further information will be sent out via class reps next week along with details of our Easter trail holiday activity.

### Committee Meeting - Thursday 25th March at 7.30pm

There will be a zoom committee meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday concerning all things FoHBS for the Summer term. If you have ideas to share or just want to find out more about what we do, then please join. Meeting details will be sent out next week via class reps.

### Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile

Remember you can continue to support FoHBS by signing up to Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile. Please also remember the Amazon wish lists if you would like to buy something for your child's class.

## Supporting Families

Harpenden Plus are running family support virtual drop-in sessions for parents on Monday 22 March via Zoom. See separate flyer (Tues 9 March). 15 minute 1:1 sessions can be booked by emailing [bhughes@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:bhughes@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk) or calling 07506 235993.

## Community Matters

Harpenden Village Rotary Club are holding a virtual Balloon Race in aid of the “End Polio Now” Charity. Please see separate flyer and/or visit [this website](#).

## Parking

Regrettably, we have had yet another complaint this week from a resident in Alzey Gardens regarding inconsiderate parking. Please help us to promote our school values in the community by being respectful and empathetic to our neighbours

## Further Information and Reminders

Mr Halsey is improving by the day and would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and also for the lovely chocolate “bouquet” which was sent to school anonymously.

## Diary Dates

Friday 19 March	Comic Relief Fundraiser
Friday 26 March	School closes for the Easter break, 1:30 to 2pm. See above.
2-5 April	Easter Weekend
Monday 12 April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 13 April	Summer term begins
Tuesday 20 April	Parent Consultations
Thursday 22 April	Parent Consultations