

Hatfield Heath Primary School Weekly Bulletin

30th November 2018

Message from Mrs Gelston

Last week a small group of volunteers came along to help spruce up our quiet garden area. Particular thanks must go to Julie Dellow, Emma Phillips, Clinton Bond, Allan Wilton and Brian Kirkham for the time they have given up to tidy, repair and replant in this area of the school – your support for the school is very much appreciated and we are delighted with how fantastic our school garden now looks!

Winter Jumper Day - Friday 14th December

We would like to support the fantastic Save the Children charity by holding a Winter Jumper Day on Friday 14th December (the same day as our Christmas lunch). On this day we would like children (and staff) to come to school wearing a Winter themed jumper – children are, of course, welcome to wear Christmas jumpers as part of this theme – and bring £1 to send off to Save the Children. Thank you for your support with this.

Our School Development Plan

At the beginning of October we shared with parents what the school is working on developing this year through our school development plan. The following are keys areas for development this year:

- Raise attainment and improve progress for all pupils across the school
- Further develop the teaching and learning in the core areas of Mathematics, English and Science
- Further develop the creative and cross-curricular curriculum
- Further develop pupils' emotional well-being, resilience and self-motivation
- Further improve opportunities for parental engagement



Since we last wrote to you about the development plan, the following has taken place in school:

1. Children across the school have been completing assessments across many subjects this week with the purpose of these being for teachers to understand exactly what each child can do and will need to focus on next. All this information will be analysed and planning produced to ensure all children are making progress in school.
2. We have introduced 'Book Talk', an interesting and effective way to develop children's ability to talk about and explain what they are reading. This system ensures children are taught and encouraged to infer and look deeper into the books they read.
3. We have introduced online learning programs for children to access at home, all of which support the learning that is taking place in school. The feedback we have been receiving from children and parents has been very positive about these.
4. Workshops (phonics, reading and Anti-Bullying) have been run in school for parents/ carers to attend.
5. We have been working on raising the profile of Science in our school and the introduction of Scientist class names is helping children to talk more about the subject.

Work will continue on our development and we will continue to keep parents up to date about progress being made against our planned actions.

Parking Around the School – Please Park Safely and Considerately



A letter was sent out on Wednesday sharing the school’s concerns about parking. Please work with the school to ensure every child arrives in school and back home safely – an incident involving a child would be devastating for everyone involved. Thank you.

E-Safety - Musical.ly has a new name ‘TikTok’

The social network app Musical.ly has often given adults cause for concern, because of the way that children use it to generate and share their own short videos and lip sync to popular audio clips. The app has a new name (TikTok) and new features, and now includes live streaming. Although the app has an age-limit of 13 years old, in practice there will be younger children using it, and the content may not be suitable. Profiles on TikTok are automatically set to public, so that any content you post can be seen by anyone within the app. There is also a Restricted Mode which can help to filter out inappropriate content and prevent the user from being able to start their own live streams. You can find out more here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-tiktok-looking-latest-lip-syncingapp>.

Congratulations Mrs Gray

I am delighted to write to you to share the wonderful news that Mrs Gray is expecting her first child in April next year. I’m sure many parents will join us in congratulating Mrs Gray and her husband as they prepare in the coming months for their new arrival.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 3 rd December	Hasbro Gaming Competition entries back
Tuesday 4 th December	Year 3 Wizard of Oz Production (in school)
Thursday 6 th December	Year 5 visit to Bayfordbury Observatory
Tuesday 11 th December – 2.00pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play for Parents
Wednesday 12 th December – 6.00pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play for Parents
Thursday 13 th December – 9.45am/ 2.30pm	Reception Christmas Singalong for Parents
Friday 14 th December	Non-Uniform Winter Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 18 th December	Whole School at Holy Trinity Church (9.00am) Reception, Year 1 and 2 Classes at the Pantomine
Wednesday 19 th December	PFA Quiz Night
Friday 21 st December	Last Day of Term
Monday 7 th January 2019	INSET Day – Pupils not in school
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	Pupils return to school