



Newsletter 3

Tuesday, 9th October 2018

**Upcoming Events -
October/November/December
2018**

10th October

Harvest Assembly & World Mental Health Day. Please wear an item of yellow clothing!

11th October

Roundwood's Got Talent

15th October

Children have their photo taken

16th October

KS1 History Day

23rd and 25th October

Parent Consultations – information to follow

23rd October

Deadline for KS2 Lunch payments to be paid on Parent Pay for Roundwood Park School

26th October

Non-uniform day in return for donations of luxury (non-alcoholic) items for the Christmas Fair!

31st October

Deadline for Secondary School Admissions 2019

**29th October-2nd November
Half – Term**

Dear Parents,

In response to feedback about the layout of the newsletter, where key dates and information can sometimes be hard to find, Mrs Attenborough and Mrs James have been hard at work to make changes, which we hope will make keeping track of upcoming events easier.

When collating the information for the newsletter, the underlying theme that was apparent was 'community' and I hope you will find the information included informative in helping you to understand some of the ways in which we promote this in school.

Engagement in sports events with our local school community are now taking place such as the girls' football league, which is well underway, match reports can be found below. In addition, pupils will soon begin preparing for the schools' chess tournament and cross country competitions which take place later this term, and the choir have seen the fruition of their efforts in rehearsals by taking part in the Carmina Burana production in St Albans on Saturday evening – being able to sing in medieval Latin was no mean feat! The children received some wonderful and well deserved praise for their performance and should be very proud of their achievement.

Our communal harvest of apples has produced some delicious apple juice and it was wonderful to see such swift sales last Friday! This week, will see us celebrate Harvest as a school where we are collecting items for the local foodbank. Please do give generously in order that we help those in need within our community. Your donations can be brought in by your child on Wednesday morning – a list of appropriate items has been attached again for your reference.

During assemblies, we have been focussing on our school motto 'To Learn To Live Together' and emphasising to the children their roles and responsibilities within our school community, as

5th November

Inset Day
(Children are not at school)

9th November

Flu vaccinations – information to follow

9th November

Spirit of the Wild Workshop – Yr 5 & 6

Week commencing 12th November

Bikeability – Yr 6
(Please bring bike and helmet into school each day)

16th November

Children in Need Day
Spotacular dress-up theme, Cake Sale and £1 donation please!

20th November

Young Shakespeare Theatre Co.- Yr 5 & 6

26th November

Prospective Parents Meeting, 9.30am

27th November

Nurse Visit for Year 6 – Information to follow

7th December

Carol Service – Oval Chapel, 10.30am, KS2 parents are invited to attend.

15th December 2018

Christmas Fair
12-3pm

SCHOOL APPS

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well as the learning behaviours we expect to see in school such as concentration, effort, leadership and kindness.

On the subject of community, please can I remind you of the need to park and drive courteously and safely in the vicinity of the school. I have received a complaint from a local resident this week when a silver Nissan 4x4 was parked over the entrance to a driveway, blocking the owner's exit to collect their own children from school. In addition, despite the council repainting the yellow lines either side of the school driveway following my requests last term, parents are still parking on this area of the road forcing buses to have to mount the pavement to be able to exit the school site. Children's safety is the responsibility of all members of our community.

Finally, we are always very grateful for the support shown to the school and in the side panel of the newsletter you will find requests for volunteers to assist in the Foundation Stage as well as opportunities to join our staff team.

Kind regards,

Suzanne Webb

What does Community look like in our school?

1. Assemblies

Each week, pupils in Year 1-Year 6 take part in assemblies lead by either Mrs Webb, Mrs Brennan or Miss Smith around a theme based on the school's motto or key learning values. Although broadly Christian in nature in line with the school's collective worship policy, all faiths are represented and assemblies end with an opportunity for quiet reflection.

In addition, the children take part in a music assembly lead by Mrs Lloyd and each class will present an assembly to their peers each term. So far, Class 6 have presented an assembly on the theme of Black History Month and Class 3 will be presenting an assembly later this week based on emotional health and wellbeing to tie in with World Mental Health Day which takes place on Wednesday. Every Wednesday, pupils also take part in an assembly in class - often based on items from the news or on a theme which may address another topical issue or event.

2. Awards

Each week on a Tuesday, children are set a value or quality to try to demonstrate within the school community – their work towards this theme may earn them the 'Top Banana' award which is presented in assembly the following Monday. Pupils' achievements are also recognised from outside school, such as sporting or musical achievements, or charitable efforts.

SIMS Parent Lite

Please use SIMS Parent Lite to securely update personal information held by school



<https://www.sims-parent.co.uk/>

Reminders

Dogs

Please do not bring dogs onto the school site or past the first green gate before the zebra crossing – Thank you.

Parking

Please ensure that you park responsibly and avoid blocking residents' driveways. Please refrain from parking on the yellow lines near the school entrance

Parent/Carer Volunteers

Thank you to all volunteers that are able to offer their time to help the school.

We require help to maintain our outdoor space in the Foundation Stage unit. If you have time to spare preferably on Monday morning to help clear and sweep this area please let us know!

Also, please let us know if you are free to assist with the set up of the Healing Hands session on Fridays from 1.30pm for ½ an hour.

Newsletter Attachments:

- Additional Harvest Festival Information
- Harpenden LTC half-term tennis holiday coaching
- Christmas Poster Competition
- Roundwood Park Coding Club for Yr 5 & 6
- Junior Wind and Brass Day

3. Mentoring

Within school, pupils are encouraged to support and mentor their peers in a variety of ways. These include: involvement in the School Council and through sporting clubs; Year 6 pupils become buddies, or BFGs (Big Friendly Giants) for Reception children; Sports Leaders from Year 6 receive training in the Autumn term to lead physical activities on both the KS1 and KS2 playground; pupils support one another in the use of the library or computers and by helping with reading or the development of key maths skills. To develop this further, staff are currently working on a revision to the school's House System to promote greater opportunities for vertical peer to peer mentoring through wider house competitions and events beyond those of a sporting nature, although these too will be develop beyond just sports day – more information will follow in due course.

Building learning power

During the course of this term, pupils will take part in pupil conferences, a system established last year, talking to their teacher one to one or as part of a small group, about different aspects of their learning that can be developed and improved. An increased emphasis on drafting and editing writing to make improvements, enables pupils to ensure 'every word counts' and teachers focus on developing these skills across the school.

A 'Book Look Lottery' is a new system where lottery style balls will be drawn out of a hat and those children who are that number on the register will bring some work to share with Mrs Webb or a member of the Senior Leadership team. It is hoped that by sharing work together, pupils can be encouraged to demonstrate 'the best they can be' and can be guided in ways they can support one another, being inspired by what they may be able to achieve as a result.

Active Reading

We have already seen some wonderful examples of work from the new Active Reading home learning system, examples of which will be on display at Parent Consultations. In speaking to children, many have expressed their enjoyment of texts they would not otherwise have selected. The quality of pupils' responses to activities, both those set for home learning and those taking place as part of classwork, are demonstrating a greater awareness of vocabulary and reading for meaning, skills we are keen to develop to support pupils' writing both for their time in our school and Key Stage 3 and beyond.

School Administration

You will have noticed we are trying to simplify some of the administrative systems in school with the implementation of Schoolgateway which replaces Wisepay – you will have received an email about this on Friday. Parents can use Wisepay up until 12th October to make any remaining payments that appear on that system at which point all payments will be added to Schoolgateway. Please follow the instructions in the email and do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Attenborough or Mrs James in the office if you have any difficulties. After half-term, we will no longer be accepting cheques or cash as a form of payment due to the costs incurred so we appreciate your efforts to use the new payment system.

World Mental Health Day – 10th October

On the 10th of October it is World Mental Health awareness day. As a School we are joining in with the campaign of #HelloYellow. We are asking that all children and staff try to wear an item of yellow clothing as non-uniform to raise awareness and show everyone they are not alone when it comes to their mental health. During the day, we will be discussing the importance of looking after your physical and mental health. We will discuss how you cannot always see someone having problems with their mental health in the way you can with a physical injury but it is important to realise just because you cannot see it, it doesn't mean it doesn't exist. The children will be discussing different emotions, feelings and strategies to improve their mood and overall well-being. As a School we will be keeping a 100 School days of happiness log, which will end at the beginning of April. This is to recognise that we cannot feel happy all the time but we can find the happiness in everyday! Please encourage your child to discuss this at home with you to develop the awareness of mental health and well-being. Mrs Stevenson

Stanborough Lakes Trip – KS2

On Thursday 20th and Friday 21st September, Key Stage 2 visited Stanborough Lakes for a day of water sports. Children took part in three activities during the day. Raft building required them to communicate effectively as they had to work together to fix, fasten and knot barrels, beams and rope. Once they had achieved this, they were able to test their design out on the water. Inevitably some were more successful than others.

With kayaking children learnt how to paddle and then practised these skills through a variety of games. Finally, stand up paddle boarding saw children practise their balance whilst on the open water as they were given a variety of challenges to complete. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience which wouldn't have been possible had it not been for the parent helpers who gave up a day (or two!) to accompany us on the trip – KS2 Teachers.



Sport Round Up – Girls' Football

Two weeks ago, we took a team of girls to Wood End to take part in the Harpenden School Sport Association's first round of football matches. This year, for the first time ever, the points go towards the Woodward cup and we are part of a league. The girls played 3 matches in glorious sunshine.

Our first match was against St. Dominic's and although the girls played well amidst the excitement of playing for the school, unfortunately we lost 2- 0.

In our second match we played against Kimpton and following our defeat from earlier, we used new found skills and determination, winning this match 1- 0 with a cracking goal scored by Anna M.

In our third and final match against St Nicholas, we had a change of position and Eve who was in goal was now out on the field. She managed to score and this meant we won against 1 – 0.

It was wonderful seeing the girls grow in confidence and learn from playing other teams.

Last week, the girls once again travelled to Wood End, who were our host school, for another two football matches. Our first match was against Wood End and although we had an exciting four opportunities to score, we ended up losing 2- 1. The match was incredibly close and all the girls worked well to defend our goal.

Our second match was against High Beeches. We had seen them playing in our break and had watched their tactics so we knew what we had to do, to be the best we could be. The match started quickly with them scoring a goal early on in the first couple of minutes. We worked well to pass and receive the ball and in the second half, we had the chance to score. Rachel aimed hard and it went in down the side of the goal but it was so fast even the referee had to check there wasn't a hole in the net. Luckily there wasn't and it gave us our final score of 1 -1!

Well done to all the girls for their efforts and for taking part in regular training too.

Mrs Wakeman and Mr Barker



Friday 16th November – Children in Need

For Children in Need we will be doing:

- A 'Spotacular' fancy dress theme
- A cake sale (please remember the no nuts policy).

On Friday 16th November, it is the annual event for Children in Need. Therefore, we will be joining in with the nationwide fun of raising money for this wonderful charity.

Schools are being encouraged through the charity and Blue Peter to be 'Spotacular'. This will require fancy dress in you guessed it... spots! We would like to ask for a donation of £1 for the privilege of non-uniform fancy dress and to help raise money.

The other event which we will be participating in is a cake sale at 3pm on Friday 16th November. We ask for donations of small cakes or buns, which will be sold after school to raise money for the charity.

We look forward to another fun filled day and send thanks in advance for supporting this event. Mrs Stevenson

... and Congratulations go to Carmina Burana Yr 5 & 6 Choir!

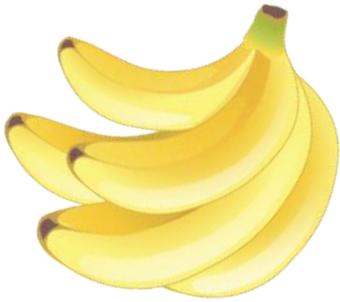
..for a fantastic performance at the SandPit Theatre on Saturday night. Performing Carl Orff's 'Carmina Burana' and two solo pieces 'Amazing Grace' and 'A Million Dreams', the children sang their hearts out to a full house with both youthful enthusiasm and maturity. Our three soloists, Amelia, Chloe and Rosa showcased their beautiful voices to perfection. I didn't need to ask the children if they had enjoyed the experience as their faces during the final chorus of O Fortuna told me everything. Singing Carmina Burana with The Hardyng Choir, 2 pianos and a full percussion section will be an experience I am sure the children will never forget. Many thanks go to Mrs Wakeman and Mrs Crowley for their help and support during the rehearsals and the event.

A short recording of this wonderful performance will be added to the school website by the end of this week.

Guitar and Drum Lessons

We have the following guitar lesson slots available – 12pm, 12.30pm and 1pm on Monday and 1pm and 2pm on Wednesday. For Drums, 12.30 and 2.30pm on Thursday.





.....and the TOP BANANA awards go to...

Well Done!!

Awarded for Effort and Concentration - 08/10/2018

C1	Archie
C1/2	Vincent
C2	Hugo
C3	Robert
C3/4	Stanley
C4	Chloe
C5	Jemina
C5/6	Alex
C6	Issy

Awarded for Peacefulness - 01/10/2018

C1	Eleanor
C1/2	Clara
C2	Macy
C3	Luis
C3/4	Megan
C4	Freya
C5	Rhys
C5/6	Livvy and Kaleb
C6	Hollie

Awarded for Working hard to do our best - 24/09/2018

C1	Arthur
C1/2	Sam B
C2	Sophie and Nina
C3	Lara M and Olivia
C3/4	Isla
C4	All of C4!
C5	Khushi
C5/6	Rosa
C6	Chris



Awarded for Learning Together- 17/09/2018

C1	Noah
C1/2	Tom, Isla and Kyan
C2	Natalie and Joe
C3	Theo
C3/4	Zane
C4	Daniel M
C5	Sam and Peter
C5/6	Ethan and Alexandra
C6	Will