

Respectful - Resilient - Responsible - Resourceful Learners



Harwell Community Primary School

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This week's Spotlight on the school, will be assemblies.

Each week, the school gets together to think, enjoy and to celebrate in a variety of assemblies.

Monday is our values assembly.

Monday's assembly is an opportunity to share with the whole school a particular focus that we wish to develop.

We use the school values of respect, resilience, responsibility and resourcefulness to drive and link these assemblies.

For the next few weeks, we are exploring respect and responsibility.

Before Christmas, which seems a very long time ago, we discussed how everyone is different and unique, celebrating those wonderful qualities that makes us who we are.

We used the theme of odd socks.

Each sock is perfect at what it does, they keep your feet warm, yet they may look completely different (and that's ok). They have similarities and differences.

This week, we will be exploring this diversity and difference a little further. We will link it with our anti bullying message and identifying the difference between unkind behaviour and bullying.

The message is very clear, we are a telling school. If something upsets or someone is unkind, we want to know so that we can work on it.

Over the coming weeks, we will develop this further and link this with our online safety message.

Our Wednesday assembly has a singing focus. We practise songs that the children have learned in class and have an opportunity to sing songs that are also linked to our school values.

Fridays are all about celebrating the children. Each class recognises kindness, good learning behaviours and being a Harwell star. It is also an opportunity for children to bring in certificates from home.

Classes also enjoy weekly circle time run as part of our family links programme which aims to improve resilience and self esteem.

Celebrations



Parent workshops

As you will recall, many parents asked to find out more information about curriculum and governor matters.

To respond to this request, we have put together an evening of workshops and drop-ins.

The following are the workshops that we will be running on the 24th. **Please do sign up,** (Internet safety will be a stand alone event at a later date).

Talk for writing in Class 4

- **3.30 to 4.00**
- **4.30 to 5.00**
- **5.30 to 6.00**

Positive behaviour in Class 2 - this is a repeat of the HSLW training

- **3.30 to 4.00**
- **4.30 to 5.00**
- **5.30 to 6.00**

KS1 Phonics in Class 1

- **3.30 to 3.50**
- **4.00 to 4.20**
- **5.30 to 5.50**

Foundation phonics in FC

- **3.40 to 4.00**
- **4.10 to 4.30**
- **5.30 to 5.50**

Maths in Class 6 (Drop in sessions)

- **between 3.30 and 4.30**
- **between 5.30 and 6.15**

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Science in Class 5 (Drop in sessions)

- **between 3.30 and 4.30**
- **between 5.30 and 6.15**

Computing in Class 3 (Drop in sessions)

- **between 3.30 and 4.30**
- **between 5.30 and 6.15**

Governors - in The Nest

- **3.30 to 3.50**
- **5.30 to 5.50**

Hall - refreshments and also supervision of children

Congratulations to Year 6 who were winners in the Chilton Skips lorry design competition.

Some of their winning posters were then used by graphic artists and displayed on a new skip lorry.

This lorry visited the school today and everyone had an opportunity to go and see our 'school lorry design'. Children whose posters were chosen for the final design also received individual goody bags from Raymond Brown, the parent company of Chilton Skips. Watch out for the Harwell School lorry on the roads.

Carillion - you will have all heard on the news about Carillion and probably wondered about our school connection. Our catering is via Carillion but the staff have been reassured by the actions taken by OCC and the school will continue to provide hot lunches to our children. I thought that you might like to see the press release issued by OCC today. The following is an excerpt from that press release:

Oxfordshire County Council has taken over services provided by Carillion including some school meals and cleaning, after the announcement that the service provider has gone into liquidation.

Affected staff are being asked to report for work as usual. The county council has been planning for the possibility of Carillion's collapse for some time, and schools have been closely involved.

There are 90 schools supplied with school meals by Carillion to around 18,000 students.

No child should go hungry

Alexandra Bailey, the council's Director for Property, Assets and Investment, said:

"We expect school staff will be in work as normal today but if this doesn't happen we will provide school lunches to schools needing support, and the fire service are on standby to deliver them. We are confident no child will go hungry at school.

"We thank schools for their support and understanding as we deal with the situation. I'd also like to thank staff for continuing to do a great job during a period of uncertainty, and to reassure them that the county council will ensure staff are paid."

Most of the county council's contracts with Carillion are being transferred back to the county council, following an agreement made last July in response to the council's changing property and estate needs. However, a few services were continuing until the end of March.

Among these that were continuing to the end of March was facilities management involving the delivery of school dinners and cleaning services.

These had been due to transfer to the county council on 31 March along with the employment of around 250 catering and cleaning staff currently employed by Carillion.

Back up plan

But after today's announcement that plan has been brought forward.

The council had a back-up plan if the company went into liquidation. This has included contacting head teachers at affected schools to ask them to reassure their catering and cleaning staff that their roles are secure, that the county council

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will ensure staff are paid.

The county council signed a 10-year contract with Carillion in 2012 to provide a range of services including key support services such as routine property management, facilities management, energy management and the design and build of capital work such as building new schools and new classrooms.

School meal facts

- Carillion provides 101 schools with cleaning services or meals, or both. All schools apart from Chiltern Edge in Sonning Common are primaries.**
- 90 schools are supplied with school meals by Carillion to around 18,000 students**
- 56 maintained schools (ie council-run) have a contract with the county council to receive school meals, and the work was sub-contracted to Carillion. Those contracts will be brought in-house, including staff.**
- The other school meals contracts are directly with Carillion and cover both maintained schools and academies. Academies may decide to bring their staff in-house directly.**
- Meals are generally prepared in school kitchens**
- There are six main suppliers of school meal provisions for Oxfordshire, and all have agreed to continue supplying schools**
- Around half (53%) of school students have school dinners**
- 70% of students eligible for free school meals take up the offer**