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Harwell Community Primary School

13th September 2018

First newsletter of the year

Welcome back. We hope you had a wonderful summer.

At the start of every year, it is lovely to see the new and old faces. I have challenged the foundation class to help me learn their names (and I think I have managed it). The new children in Foundation have all settled into school life very quickly, supported by the lovely Foundation Team. I would like to also welcome two new children into Class 3, Kai and Maya. I know you will make everyone feel welcome.

Our two new teachers, Miss Longworth in Class 3 and Miss Rowntree in Class 2 have enjoyed meeting their new children and colleagues. They have already made themselves very much part of our team here at Harwell.

We have a busy year planned ahead, with many exciting learning opportunities and I am looking forward to sharing these with you over the year.

I want to thank all my staff for their teamwork and dedication to providing the best we can for the children at the school. Should you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, please remember that the best place to start any questions is the class teacher.

Other Staff news

Mrs Chapman now has a beautiful baby girl born towards the end of last term and I know that you will all join us in sending congratulations to her and her husband.

Leadership review

The Governors and I have carried out our 3 yearly scheduled review of the the management structure of the school and I want to let you know of some changes which took effect on the 1st September.

The Senior Leadership Team is now Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher, SENCo, Educational Standards Lead and School Business Manager. Mrs Shorter successfully applied for the post of Assistant Headteacher and Miss Reilly as Educational Standards Lead.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all dressed like a pirate on Wednesday!

Warm regards,

Bryn Gibson

International Dress Like a Pirate Day

Wednesday 19th September

We are pleased to support the charity **Head Start** this year - all children are invited to dress as a pirate for the day in exchange for a donation.

It is an important charity that children at school have benefited from.

We are pleased to be able to give something back.

Triathlon news

During the summer holidays a junior triathlon was held in the school for the first time organised and led by Mr Wilson in association with British Triathlon

There were 4 four age groups within the range from age 8 to 14 and it was great to see some of our own pupils taking part. Our congratulations to those who competed and completed the triathlon. **Mr Wilson hopes to run more junior triathlons at the school next summer.**



ACTIVITY CLUBS START NEXT WEEK

Places in clubs have now been allocated for the Autumn term. We are unable to swap between clubs. The last week for clubs is 3-7 December.

New clubs will then start in January for the Spring term and we will let you know which clubs we are able to offer in early January. Some of our clubs are run by volunteer parents and if you would be able and willing to run a club in the Spring term please do let me know.

GO GREEN

FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Join us after school to help with various jobs around the site. These may include:

- weeding and tidying outdoor playgrounds
- cutting back any overgrown vegetation / small branches
- clearing moss from the flat roofs
- clearing of gutters
- painting indoor walls

At around 6 pm we will stop for a burger from the BBQ and a drink and follow that with a mass game of rounders

This is always a good evening of team work and fun and we really appreciate the support given to us in this way by our families and the wider community.

Please let the office know if you are able to join us and then we can make sure that we have ordered enough burgers from Bob's Butchers.

VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Held here at the school - public admitted from 3 pm

Admission is £1 for adults, children & competitors free

A big thank you to the HSA who are helping with the refreshments

All parents are automatically members of the Harwell School Association.

Please come to the AGM on Wednesday 10th October at 6.30 pm to find out a little more about what is planned for this year and how you can get involved.

Harwell School Association news

The HSA AGM will be held on Wednesday October 10th at 6.00 pm. As parents and carers, you are all members of the HSA and are warmly invited to the AGM. The following election will take place:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Nominations can be made in advance or on the night. A letter with further details including the agenda and last year's minutes will be emailed out to parents.

Earth Clocks

One of our parents has very kindly , via their employer, donated sufficient earth clocks for every child in years 3 to 6. These will be sent home with the children soon- enjoy!

Volunteers

We are very fortunate to have parents and the wider community volunteering to help in school in a variety of ways: listening to children read on an individual basis, running the school garden, helping to nurture our new sensory garden, go green evenings and running activity clubs. If you can help in any way , please do let me know.

GOBO Youth Theatre

If your child is interested in taking part on Saturday mornings, then contact info@gobothatre.co.uk

Key Dates for the next few weeks

Friday 14th September	Year 6 Cake Stall
Saturday 15th September	Village Produce Show
Tuesday 18th September	Year 6 trip to Millets Farm
Wednesday 19th September	International Talk like a Pirate Day
Friday 21st September	Go Green Evening followed by BBQ / rounders
Tuesday 25th September	Whole School Skateboarding workshop Parents meeting SBS and DGS Yr 5 & 6 Full Governing Board meeting
Thursday 27th September	Year 6 IMPS visit
Friday 28th September	HSA Family Bingo
Friday 5th October	Harvest Festival 9.30 in St Matthew's Church Year 5 to Rutherford Appleton laboratory Year 5 Cake Stall
Wednesday 10th October	Whole School Circus Workshop HSA - AGM 6.30 pm
Friday 12th October	HSA & Pippins Disco
Thursday 18th October	Year 6 Outcome

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