

Respectful - Resilient - Responsible - Resourceful Learners



Harwell Community Primary School

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The spotlight for this newsletter is on Foundation Class



It has been a whirlwind start to school for us in Foundation Class!

We have had a number of 'firsts' including:

first day, first International Talk Like a Pirate Day, first skipping workshop, and today, first skateboarding experience (for many of us).

It made our hearts 'air' (*skateboarding terminology for riding with all four wheels off the ground; short for aerial*)

to watch the class supporting each other as we put our trust in our friends to hold us while we balanced for the first time.

It was certainly a most 'rad' experience which I know the children all found exciting.





We are very proud to be welcoming back old friends to our class including some of the ladies who help us on a regular basis.

Heather baked wholemeal bread with the children today, which was a welcomed snack to take home, and Fran enjoyed the skateboard workshop with us.

Helen will be back on Thursdays to enjoy exploring the wildlife area and listening to readers and we hope to invite back Emma for yoga, when swimming sadly comes to an end after half term.

Our resident pets, Nala and Simba, have been returned after a long summer vacation (thank you to Zoe and Steph for taking such good care of them). We love the guinea pigs and fish

because they help us promote our school values of responsibility, resourcefulness, respect and resilience. As the children take it in turns to be the leader of the week, they will take care of the guinea pigs and fish to show how fantastically grown up they are.

I'd like to use this opportunity to give the class a huge 'hip, hip hooray' for their phenomenal phonics - under our new scheme Read, Write Inc., we have learnt a new sound every day! What brilliant learners we are in FC. Well done to everyone and thank you for welcoming our new friends so happily to Harwell School.

Here's to a fantastic year for everyone!



Updated School Rules

Over the last couple of weeks, the staff, children and I have been discussing school rules.

We decided that the previous five could be expressed as fewer rules that would be more memorable.

After a little discussion, we came up with the ones to the left which can be applied to all areas of the school and to every situation.

They are clear, to the point and easy to remember.

They support our aim of helping the children to be respectful, responsible, resourceful and resilient learners.

SCHOOL NEWS

Important messages for Parents and Carers

Nut allergies - an update

As part of our duty and care to all our pupils, please can we ask for your cooperation in making life safe for children who may have an allergic reaction.

Can we therefore ask that you don't send your child to school with nuts in their packed lunch or any derivatives such as peanut butter sandwiches.

Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

Reporting your child's absence

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please would you contact the school office before 10 am on their first day of absence. We then kindly ask that you keep us informed on a daily basis for each subsequent day of absence. Either a phone call or email is fine.

Thank you for your continuing support.

VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

A week ago, the school hall was transformed by the gardening Club.

It was wonderful to see the displays of work from all our children at the show and all of the many amazing flowers, pictures, cakes, jams and vegetables from the village.

Well done to everyone who entered and particularly those who were prize winners both from within school and for entries produced at home. Well done to Mrs Pickles and the gardening club who won second prize in the basket of vegetables category, all produced from the school garden.

Thank you to the Local Gardening Club members for coming in to water, weed and plant in the school's sensory garden over the long hot summer.

Go Green

Thank you to everyone who came and helped at the Go Green evening. We got a tremendous amount of work done, the burgers were good and the rounders fun!

We really appreciate the support given to us by parents on these occasions.

We will have another Go Green Day later in the spring - watch out for the date.

Harwell School Association

I know the summer fair seems like a very long way away, but I would like to thank everyone who came and helped on the day: the marvellous HSA, WI, countless bands, foodstalls, inflatables, circus performers and dancers.

The HSA raised almost three thousand pounds which will support the school in creating cycle and scooter storage spaces - Thank you everyone.

A reminder that 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 events

Bingo - Friday September 29th -pay for your entrance *on parentpay or on the door £3 for adults and £2 for children for 3 games of bingo*

Pippins and Early Years disco - Friday October 12th - payment is £4 per family and can be made by parentpay now

Activity Clubs

As a school, we are pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of clubs free of charge to parents with the school paying all associated costs. I believe that this is important as I never want cost to be a barrier to a child enjoying a club. However, we do though, expect the same standard of behaviour from the children whilst attending the clubs as we would expect of them during the school day. We also expect children to attend clubs, once they have signed up.

Poor behaviour choices or non attendance will result in the place at the club being withdrawn.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Skateboarding workshop

Everyone had a fabulous time at the workshop on Tuesday - so much so that we are booking them to come back for a follow up workshop in the Summer Term.

Key Dates for the next few weeks

Friday 28th September	HSA Family Bingo
Tuesday 2nd October	Girls Football Tournament after school
Wednesday 3rd October	Boys Football Tournament after school
Thursday 4th October	Girls Football match away at South Moreton
Friday 5th October	Harvest Festival 9.30 in St Matthew's Church Year 5 to Rutherford Appleton laboratory Year 5 Cake Stall Year 6 sleepover and wildlife watch
Wednesday 10th October	Whole School Circus Workshop HSA - AGM 6.30 pm
Friday 12th October	FC & Pippins Disco
Thursday 18th October	Year 6 Outcome Year 1 Outcome
Monday 22nd October	Half term week
Monday 29th October	Inset day - school closed to pupils

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