

Respectful - Resilient - Responsible - Resourceful Learners



Harwell Community Primary School

8th April 2019

Dear Reader,

We had a very busy last week of term...(as every week seems to be)

AUTHOR VISIT

The children from Foundation Class to Year 3 and some visitors from Little Pippins enjoyed some amazing story telling from authors Adam and Charlotte Guillan. Adam is a co-founder of Storytelling Schools, an international organisation dedicated to raising attainment in literacy.

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it.

COIN RACE

All the children had great fun on Thursday with the annual coin race. Thank you to Year 6 for organising and measuring. The winning line was announced in Friday Celebration Assembly -

Class 3 with a line just shy of an incredible 50 metres!

The HSA have now counted all the coins - a brilliant total of £239.67
thank to you all for saving coins and sending them in to school with your children.

NSPCC

Elizabeth Verner-Pollard from the NSPCC came back to school on Friday for Celebration Assembly and collected the fantastic total of £266 raised by the children on behalf of the NSPCC from their sponsored skipping. There was a special mention for Class 2 who returned the most sponsor forms. Some children mentioned that they still have sponsor forms at home - these can be brought into school after the holidays and the funds will be sent to the NSPCC.

Thank you for your generosity

FORTNITE

As you will be aware, some of your children are playing Fortnite (PEGI rating 12). Increasingly, we have had children as young as Year 1 & 2 talking about playing it and thought that it might be useful for parents to have a guide to help minimise risks and to enable you to support your child in being safe online.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fortnite-all-you-need-know/>

It is not only the violent nature of the game, but the in-game chat feature which is a concern.

SWIMMING

Our swimming pool is now ready for use - school swimming lessons will start immediately on our return from the Easter holidays.

Foundation Class - Tuesday morning

Year 1 - Wednesday afternoon

Year 2 - Monday afternoon

Year 3 - Thursday afternoon

Year 4 - Friday morning

Year 5 - Tuesday afternoon

Year 6 - Friday afternoon

At the moment, we give every class the opportunity to swim each week. However, as costs increase and budgets decrease, we may be forced to make hard choices. We really appreciate all of the fund-raising that you do to support the HSA . This makes a huge difference to the opportunities that we can offer your child.

SPRING BALL

An enormous thanks to everyone involved in organising the Ball on behalf of the School and Little Pippins (and to everyone who supported us by attending). I know that it was a hugely enjoyable evening - plans are under way to set a date for next year and we will let you know this in due course.

The total raised was £1077, which will be split between both Pippins and us.

Thank you!

SUMMER FAIR RAFFLE

The HSA are now busily preparing for the Summer Fair on June 22nd and are looking for prizes to be donated for the raffle. If you, your employer or a business owner you know are willing to provide a prize, please let the office know the details and a formal request letter will be sent from the HSA

Thank you for your continuing support

Key Dates for the start of the Summer Term

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| Tuesday 23rd April | Start of Summer Term First swimming for Foundation Class and Year 5 |
| Wednesday 24th April | First swimming for Year 1 HSA meeting at 6pm - <i>ALL PARENTS WELCOME</i> |
| Thursday 25th April | First swimming for Year 3 FC Toy Sale - <i>all classes will visit during the day and parents welcome from 2.30 to 3.30</i> |
| Friday 26th April | First swimming for Year 4 First swimming for Year 6 Rainbows 25th Anniversary party |
| Thursday 2nd May | Year2 trip to Oxford Castle |
| Friday 3rd May | Year 3 cake stall |
| Monday 6th May | Bank Holiday - school closed |
| Wednesday 8th May | FC trip to Bus Museum |
| Monday 13th May | Year 6 SATs week |
| Friday 17th May | Year 2 cake stall |
| Monday 20th May | Year 4 High Ash week |
| Friday 24th May | End of half term |

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