



A member of the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust

## LEARNING FOR LIFE

### AUTUMN TERM 2019, NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th October 2019

*Our October Value is Responsibility*

#### **Staffing**

We will be saying farewell to Mrs Laroche from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, as she will be returning to her position at Harlington Lower within the finance team. Mrs Laroche has successfully stepped into cover the Office Manager position for the Autumn term. I huge thank you to her for all her hard work supporting children, staff and parents at Sundon.

We have successfully appointed a new Office Manager. Mrs Clarke will be joining us from 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019, so I am sure you will all wish her a warm welcome. For the first two weeks of term, Mrs Puddiphatt will be covering office duties for the morning. Please continue to pass on messages through the office by email or telephone which will be regularly checked. Do bear with us for this transition period whilst our team is fully staffed.



#### **Afternoon Tea**

It was wonderful to see so many parents last Friday attending our afternoon tea. It was a valuable opportunity for both staff and parents to catch up and talk together informally as well as enjoy a fantastic range of cakes! A big thank you to Mrs Rolls, our cook for providing the mouth-watering selection of cake.

#### **The Need Project - Harvest Collection**

On Monday morning a gentleman from the Need Project came to school to collect all of your Harvest donations. He was overjoyed by your generosity, and explained to members of the School Council how the food will help families in need by the end of this week. A huge thank you again for your support. Miss Sanby

#### **Parent Consultations**

Appointment boards have been in the playground this week, if you have not made an appointment and would like one please contact the school office.

Monday 4th November 3.30pm - 6.00pm all classes in the main hall

Wednesday 6th November 8.30am - 10.00am Dove Class

Thursday 7th November 8.30am - 10.00am Owl Class

## Forest School

Forest School is an inspirational concept providing learning opportunities through practical activities in an outdoor environment. Children enjoy the freedom to explore and experience the natural world in all seasons and in all weathers. Forest School embraces an approach of nurturing, supporting and developing the self-esteem of participants. It is an ideal environment in which to develop innovation, problem solving, risk taking, creativity and teamwork.

### Clothing

To allow the pupils to participate fully the correct clothing is essential for Forest School.

All participants need to bring:

- Wellingtons/sturdy walking boots
- Long trousers/ long sleeved top
- Jumper/Sweatshirt
- Waterproof coat and trousers
- Hat, gloves and thick socks in Autumn/Winter months
- Sun hat and sun cream in Summer

Autumn 2 Forest School will start from the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. If you want your child to attend fill in the attached application form.

## Concerns

Can I please remind parents that if they have any concerns or worries however small to speak directly to the class teacher so that any issues can be resolved. Social media including facebook is not the media for any school issues to be discussed and I would politely ask that the PTA facebook page is purely for PTA matters.



## CAYTHORPE COURT 2020

Reminder, parents of Year 4 children attending the Caythorpe Court 2020 residential trip. The next instalment of £50 is due in school Tuesday **29th October**. Thank you.



As Halloween approaches, Bedfordshire Police are reminding parents and guardians to keep their children safe.

If possible, parents and guardians should go out trick or treating with their children, sticking to well-lit areas and only knocking on the doors of people they know. Some people may have 'No trick or treat' posters up at their doors and we ask that these are respected.

Bedfordshire Police are also reminding children and parents to be mindful that some of the more vulnerable or elderly members of the community may feel intimidated by people calling at their doors and appeals to all residents to look out for their neighbours who may feel frightened during this time.

Extra patrols will be on hand over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period to ensure that the evenings can be enjoyed safely. If you do have any concerns during Halloween, it's important that you call 101 in order to keep 999 free for genuine emergencies - 31 October is one of the police's busiest nights of the year! For more advice about Halloween please visit [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk)

## Halloween Safety

Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service want everyone to enjoy a safe and spooky Halloween, but every year many adults and children are injured when lit candles come into contact with trailing costumes and wigs.

At the moment these costumes are classed as toys and therefore, are not subject to the same requirements as children's clothing. It is important to be aware of the danger this poses and that costumes are kept away from open flame. It is also important that children know what to do if their clothing is set alight. You can make a game of teaching your children to "Stop, drop, cover and roll" if their costume does catch light. This means having them practice stopping still, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.

### Golden Book



Swan class - Jeevan Bhaker  
Dove class - Teddy Griffin  
Owl class - Khadija Manseri



### School Games Champion

KS1 - Rishi Sharma  
KS2 - Meliha Bork

### Trustee Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Trustee to join our Board of Trustees. If you would like to become more involved with The Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust, please see our attached vacancy which details the specific knowledge and skills that we are seeking. We look forwards to hearing from you...

### Harlington & Sundon Lower School Football Club

'Despite the rain this weekend, we had a good turn out for football and Year 2 won their first league match. Well done!

We are still trying to recruit new players to the club. We are especially looking for more Year 1 Harlington & Sundon children to come join in the fun - please feel free to turn up or you can email us for more information on [hlsfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:hlsfootballclub@gmail.com).

Training times: Reception 10.30am, Year 1 10.30am, Year 2 08.30am, Year 3 09.30am, Year 4 08.30am, 09.30am.

Players of the Week (12th Oct): Year 1 - Arjan, Year 2 - Idrees, Year 3 - Jack , Year 4 Yellow - Jai, Year 4 Blue - William'

### **Attachments**

Harlington & Sundon Football Club Newsletter  
Vacancies  
Premier Club letter  
Forest School club letter