



A member of the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust

**LEARNING FOR LIFE**

**SUMMER TERM 2020, NEWSLETTER**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*Our July Value is Friendship*

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to end of this academic year on behalf of all the staff at the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust we wish you a wonderful and relaxing summer break and hope you enjoy spending quality time with your children. Once again this year has flown incredibly fast. The past few months have been an extremely challenging time, however we have been amazed by the children's resilience and enthusiasm for their learning and the support that parents and carers have given to their child during this period. A huge well done for working in partnership with our dedicated team of staff and helping your child in their educational journey.

We say goodbye to our Year 4 children with mixed emotions; sadness to see them leave but immense pride in all their achievements. It has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence throughout their time at Sundon Lower School and I am sure they will quickly settle into their new schools, make new friendships and continue in their learning journey. We wish them well for the future. We look forward to seeing them on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 3.20pm to see how they have all settled into their new school.

Our thanks go to the PTA and parents for supporting and helping organise events and fund raising over the year. The PTA makes a huge difference to your child's education. Harlington Lower School Football Club has continued to attract new players from all age groups from both Harlington and Sundon Lower schools. Thank you to all the parents for giving up your time over the many weekends to train our children and attend matches, organise tournaments and offer advice and cheer loudly from the side lines! High 5's Netball club have also had another successful year so again thank you to parents and volunteers from the village giving their time on Saturday mornings to developing children's skills. Some of our children have taken the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. It is clear they enjoy the challenges of playing a piece of music with their friends or on their own. We have enjoyed seeing their progress over the year and performing during musical assemblies.

Thank you to our Board of Trustees who have continued to work tirelessly to support all aspects of our Academy over the year. The Trustee role is extremely important and they have continued to strategically guide our schools forward. Once again, have a relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer holiday and we will welcome you back in September.

## September Return

We are excited that schools are able to plan so that all children can return in September. Please continue to reassure your child nearer the time about coming back and remind them:

- We are really looking forward to seeing them return
- We really want them to come back excited to learn and have a wonderful time back in school with their friends.
- To help them feel happy and stay safe, and to enable them to learn we have a few things that are a bit different
- Everything will be explained so no one need worry
- They might forget things and that is OK; we can help if they do
- Some friends who have been in bubbles have already got used to the bubbles and can help you and your child so talk to them
- Children will have their new teacher and the class teaching support staff to help them

## Staggered start/finish

Please remember that school times will still have to be staggered at the beginning and end of day collections. We must emphasise that drop offs and collection times **must be** strictly adhered to. See below for timings.

<b>Harlington</b>	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Start	9.00am	8.55am	8.55am	8.50am	8.50am
Finish	3.10pm	3.15pm	3.20pm	3.25pm	3.30pm

<b>Sundon</b>	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Start	9.05am	9.00 am	8.55am	8.55am	8.50am	8.50am
Finish	15 hours:12.00pm 30 hours:3.00pm	3.05pm	3.10pm	3.10pm	3.15pm	3.15pm

**Families with siblings** must use the later time to arrive and the earlier time for collection and teachers will release children out onto our playground to stand with their sibling/s. Please do not send children earlier and be prompt with timings to ensure the flow of movement and people at the gate.

## What can I do to help prepare for September?

- Get your child back into a good sleep routine if they are out of it; this may be done gradually over the preceding weeks before school starts in September
- Make sure your child has what they need for school
- Make sure you are familiar with start times/finish times, routes into school etc. (detailed above) and stick to these please.
- Be really punctual - not arriving either early or late. This will enable the best social distancing opportunities between adults arriving/leaving the site
- Only send one adult into school to drop off/collect children

- Do not try to speak with the teachers at drop off or collection times as this will cause delays and social distancing issues. Please call the school office Harlington:(01525 752500) or email in instead ([harlingtonlower@harlington.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:harlingtonlower@harlington.cbeds.co.uk)). Sundon: (01525 872357) or email: ([sundonlower@sundon.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:sundonlower@sundon.cbeds.co.uk)). We can pass messages on quickly
- Some queuing will be inevitable; please observe the 2m rule of social distancing

### **Medical points**

- Children with clinically extreme conditions should still not come to school. Please contact Mrs White as necessary. Adults with clinically extremely vulnerable needs, or clinically vulnerable needs will need to observe the guidance they have been given
- If a child lives with an extremely clinically vulnerable adult, they must understand or be helped to understand all social distancing measures

Mrs White - Headteacher

### **Teacher - Parent e mails**

The teacher e mail communications with parents and children have ceased on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. Please direct any queries to the school office.

### **Classroom Change**

In order to maintain safe distancing, due to class sizes, the Dove and Owl classrooms have now been switched around.

### **Parent Group Meetings**

This Year due to restrictions we plan to hold Year Group Parent Meetings via zoom sessions at the start of the Autumn Term. The teachers will share their expectations for the year, topics to be covered, classroom routines, special events, homework, reading, behaviour and rewards. It is also an opportunity for you to ask questions about your child's year group. Further details will follow in September.

Owl	Year 3 & 4	9.00am Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September
Dove	Year 1 & 2	9.00am Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
Swan	Nursery & Reception	9.00am Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September

### **Phonics Talk**

We will also be inviting parents to log onto an Early Years Virtual phonics talk zoom meeting which will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 9.00am.

### **School Nursing Services**

Please see attached a letter from the School Nursing team providing support network telephone numbers and contact details.



### **School Meals**

From September the cost of lunches will be increasing to £2.18 per day for nursery, year 3 & 4. Universal Free School meals are still available for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children. Please pay dinner money in advance and make cheques payable to Caterlink Ltd. In September, Caterlink will notify parents/carers if children have credit on their account, Thank you

### **Autumn Term**

Daily	Weekly	Half Termly	Termly
£2.18	£10.90	£76.30	£150.42



### **Summer Reading Challenge**

This year is going to be a bit different. The Reading Agency has developed a Digital Summer Reading Challenge on the theme of Silly Squad, which is running until September. Central Bedfordshire Libraries have lots of e-books, audiobooks, activities and information on how to sign up for the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge. We plan to offer a Select and Collect service later in the summer, which will give access to our print books. Please see the attached leaflet for further information on how the scheme will run.

### **Attachments**

- Central Bedfordshire letter to parents
- School nursing service letter
- Academic Calendar 2021/2022
- Summer reading Challenge
- Sustrans Leaflet