



A member of the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust

LEARNING FOR LIFE

AUTUMN TERM 2020, NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th November 2020

Our November Value is Peace

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Our new value for November is Peace. We will be thinking of the different ways we can be at peace with ourselves and others. We will encourage the children to take part in peaceful reflection times using quiet music and calming influences. We will be learning how to be peacemakers, sorting out problems in a variety of calm and effective ways. We will investigate and explore the power of silence. If you see your child demonstrating the value at home please inform the school by sending an email into the school office and we will be delighted to place a values leaf on the tree in their classroom. Thank you for your continued support.

Important Notices

We hope that you all had an enjoyable half term with your families and we look forward to our Academy continuing to remain open over this coming term. The children definitely needed a rest after a full on return to school as did the staffing team who continued to work tirelessly to provide high quality education as well as keeping our school safe with protective measures in place.

In light of the Prime Ministers announcement, the colder weather and an increase in Covid cases locally and nationally, it is important that we follow Government guidance to ensure that our community keeps safe and prevent the virus spreading to children, families and the local community.

The Government has been clear that despite the country going into lockdown from 5th November 2020, Schools will remain open. Our attendance for Autumn term was excellent; Harlington 97.06% Sundon 98.2%. Well done, this is excellent! It is vital that this trend continues as school is the best place for children to be. School provides enjoyment, learning and achievement as well opportunities for children to play and socialise and follow the normal routines of school life.

A few reminders for parents, carers and children

- Please ensure that **only one adult** from a family drops or collects their child/children at school.
- In line with Government restrictions, it is important that families **do not** meet up socially on site or outside the school gates. It is essential that the school gate area is kept clear to allow for entry and exit.
- Please enter the playground and drop off or collect your child ensuring social distancing. Please do not gather under the canopy if wet.
- Staggered times, please ensure that you use the timings for your child's year group; arriving earlier causes congestion outside the school gates and in the playground. If you have children in different year groups, **Please** drop **both** children at the later time i.e. the time for the youngest child's class and the earlier time for collection. 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.

Sundon	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

- If you wish to pass on a message to your child's teacher, please email or call the school office and messages will be passed on.
- Children will be playing outdoors each day so it is important that they have suitable footwear and coats for all weathers.
- In line with Government guidance we will be keeping all rooms well ventilated throughout the school, day. Please ensure that your child has their school jumper with them each day to wear in the classroom.
- Please ensure children have the correct school uniform. PE kit is to stay in school ready for PE lessons.
- Children should bring their book bag into school daily.
- If your child is unwell, please do not send them into school.
- Whilst the wearing of face masks is not currently statutory in public outdoor spaces, **we would strongly request that these are worn during pick up and collection times. You will be protecting those around you.** This does not apply to children or those medically exempt. With local cases rising we feel this request is appropriate at this time and would help to keep our community safe and our school running effectively and safely. Thank you for your goodwill and understanding.
- With the colder weather, we are pleased to say that we are now able to offer hot lunches for children. The menu is attached.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation in these challenging times.



Golden Book

Swan class - Johnny Santos
 Dove class - Nyle Gobara
 Owl class - Meliha Bork

Reminder: Parent Telephone Consultations (Date changes are highlighted in RED)

If you miss your telephone call please do not call the school we will try calling again in the allocated time slot.

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 2	Monday 9 th November	3.30pm - 6.00pm
Year 4	Monday 9 th November	3.30pm - 6.10pm
Reception	Tuesday 10 th November	3.30pm - 6.00pm
Year 1	Wednesday 11 th November	9.10am - 10.30am
Year 3	Thursday 12 th November	9.10am - 10.30am



Remembrance Day Commemorations

Poppies will be on sale at the beginning of next week in school for a donation of your choice. Please send your child's donation in a named envelope if you wish to contribute. We will be holding a two minute silence with the children in their classrooms on Wednesday 11th November at 11am.

A family from our school will be laying a wreath on behalf of Sundon Lower school at the memorial on Wednesday 11th November.

Wellies/Boots

The sponsored walks will be taking place next week on the school field, please can all children bring in wellies/boots in a named carrier bag on Monday, Thank you

Sponsored Walk

Please can everybody remember to hand in their completed sponsorship forms along with the total cash raised in an envelope or sealed bag to a member of the PTA or to the school office by 12th November.

Thank you very much

Amanda Shaw

PTA



Wear It Pink Day

The grand total of £595 has been raised for the Bedfordshire hospitals charity team and will go to help research into breast cancer. Well done to all the parents, pupils and staff who supported this worthy cause.



Children In Need - Friday 20th November

Each year the School Council raises funds for Children in Need. On Friday 20th November, we will be supporting Children in Need. For a minimum donation of £1 children and staff may wear something spotty. This should be a spotty top or accessory (e.g. hairband, socks, or scarf) with their school uniform, so that the children can still change easily for PE and safely play outside at break times. Please could you make your donations using the Just Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SundonLowerschool> **Please do not send cash into school.**

Thank You

Flu Vaccinations (Reception - Year 4 children)

The school nurse team will be administering flu vaccinations in school on Friday 4th December.

Please find attached parent letter containing the link for the flu E-consent form. The deadline to submit your child's form is **5pm on 2nd December 2020**.

Parents are required to complete the form electronically and press submit. The form automatically then gets sent to the school nursing team. Some parents have had difficulties opening the link.

Please try an alternative device, failing this please call the number on the attached letter and one of the nurses will complete it over the phone.

Free School Meals

I wish to remind you that if you are what the government terms 'on a low income' your child qualifies for free school meals. Pupils do not have to take our meals if they do not want to but, if they are on our Free School Meals register, then they qualify for all sorts of other financial benefits throughout the year. When a pupil is on our Free School Meals register, the school receives extra money for that pupil which has to be spent only on the education of free school meals pupils. This extra money is called the Pupil Premium and its purpose is to ensure that children from low income families are not at a financial disadvantage during their education as a result of home circumstances.

Is my child eligible for Pupil Premium?

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding a Parent/Carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- ❖ Universal Credit (provided they have an annual net earned income of no more than £7400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of their most recent assessment periods)
- ❖ Income Support
- ❖ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ❖ Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- ❖ Working Tax Credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ❖ The guarantee element of Pension Credit.
- ❖ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ❖ Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16190)

In order to register your Child to receive Pupil Premium you will need to go to the following website and follow the instructions: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or call **0300 300 8306**.

Trustee Meetings

Curriculum Committee	Tuesday 17 th November 6.00pm
Premises H&S Committee	Wednesday 25 th November 7.00pm
Finance and Audit Committee	Wednesday 2 nd December 7.00pm

Attachments

Caterlink Autumn menu

Flu Vaccination letter

Book Bag

Vision Screening Questionnaire (Reception children only)