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AUTUMN TERM 2021, NEWSLETTER

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Our November Value is Peace



Cultural Capital and Reading

You may have heard the term 'cultural culture' in the media recently in relation to a school's curriculum. This term has become popular over the past few months.

Cultural capital is the **accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that a child can draw upon and which demonstrates their cultural awareness, knowledge and competence**; it is one of the key ingredients that children will draw upon to be successful in their academic achievements, society, their career and later on the world of work. Ofsted use this term saying it is "**the essential knowledge that children need to be educated citizens**" (p31 Ofsted EY Inspection Handbook). It goes on to say: Cultural capital is the essential knowledge that children need to prepare them for their future success.

At the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust, we offer an ambitious curriculum that gives a wide range of enriched and exciting opportunities so that children have the essential knowledge and skills to succeed in all they do; preparing them for life in the 21st century. Reading is a key element and we work hard from Nursery to Year 4 to develop children's skills and knowledge so they are fluent, confident and enthusiastic readers. Reading is very much part of our recovery curriculum and children have been working hard learning new skills and strategies so they gain fluency and understanding. We cannot overemphasize the importance of regular reading at home for children. This will have a positive impact on their entire journey through education so please do help them along.

School Christmas Productions

Productions will be pre-recorded and shared with parents via Zoom at the times listed below. Zoom link details will be sent separately:

Monday 13th December - Dove & Owl Christmas Production @ 09:30am and repeated @ 1:30pm

Wednesday 15th December - Swan Christmas carols @ 9.30am



Anti Bullying week and Odd Socks

Last week saw lots of children wearing odd socks into school. This was to promote Anti Bullying week; just like odd socks we are all different and unique! The theme for this year was 'One kind word...' Showing respect and kindness to others are key values that we model and use throughout all aspects of our daily life. Carry on 'living the values' and spread kind words.



Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who donated towards Children in Need last week. The children looked great in their spotty tops.



Golden Book

Swan Class - Charlie Draper
Dove Class - Ah'Shay Duncan
Owl Class - Leah Ward



Manners Monkeys

Swan Class - Dylan Patel
Dove Class - Jake French
Owl Class - Mila Westerman



Sports Champion

KS1 - Jeevan Bhaker
KS2 - Phoebe Lunniss-Shaw



Reminder: School visit to the Pantomime Aladdin

Pantomime payments are due by **Tuesday 30th November**. Please log into your Parent pay App to pay your contribution of £10.00 and to see further information.

Reminder: WW2 Activity Day (Owl Class)

Owl class are going to celebrate the end of their WW2 topic with a WW2 activity day on **Friday 3rd December**. Children are invited to come to school dressed as an evacuee or in 1940s style clothing on this day. Please note that this is optional, children may wear their uniform if they would prefer. Please do not spend a lot of money on costumes, here are some simple ideas:

Boys: trousers, shirt, tank top jumper, braces

Girls: plain coloured pinafore dress, cardigan

Accessories: flat cap, beret, gas mask box, name label

Many Thanks in advance, Miss Adams

Pupil Flu Vaccinations

We have a confirmed date of **Wednesday 15th December** for Flu vaccinations in school.



Christmas Gifts

To help raise money for the PTA This Christmas the children are choosing a special gift for their chosen adult. We could tell you what it is but it would spoil the surprise! We are asking for £2.50 in cash per item to cover costs and a small donation to the PTA. Please complete the PTA Christmas form, detailing who the gifts are for and return in a sealed envelope to the school office or a member of the PTA by **Friday 3rd December**. Thank you



Christmas Jumper Day

Wear Christmas colours on **Wednesday 15th December**. We would invite all children and staff to wear Christmas colours or a Christmas jumper and make a donation towards the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Children should wear their school trousers or skirt but with a red, green, gold or silver top. Christmas jumpers may be worn but please do not feel that you have to buy one for this occasion.



30 Hour Nursery Funding

Parents who would like to take up a 30 hours place in the Spring term will need to **apply now** and ahead of the 31st December 2021 deadline. As parents may need time to supply additional information to HMRC and chose the right childcare provider for their child, please apply in plenty of time ahead of the deadline to be able to use your code in **January 2022**.

Please note: the Spring term runs from 1st January to 31st March 2022. Any parents who do not receive a code for a Spring place will need to wait until the Summer term to take up 30 hours.

Parents with existing codes are required to reconfirm their 30-hourcode before the end of December deadline, to ensure their code remains eligible for the Spring term. You must check your account regularly or approximately every 3 months to make sure that your code is up-to-date and valid.

Attachments

PTA Christmas Form

CBC Parent/Carer Flowchart Covid 23.11.21

Arnold Academy Vacancy