

Welcome to Mrs Davies'  
weekly newsletter



21st April 2017

# The Voice



## Dear Parents

### Welcome back to the Summer Term!

I hope that you all had a restful Easter break and that mountains of chocolate eggs are slowly diminishing. I would like to thank parents on behalf of myself and members of staff for the Easter gifts we received. It is far from expected but most welcome.

### Ms Kerry Williams

Ms Kerry Williams, our new SENCo, has started with us this term. She has already started fitting into life at Harpenden Academy.

Ms Williams will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday throughout this term however her days may change in September.

Ms Williams will be introducing herself to particular families first but is contactable via the office email as per all the other teachers.

### Fun Run

As parents will know we had a fun run on the last day of term to raise money for a school in South Sudan. I am very pleased to announce that we raised over £485.64 from this one event which is fantastic. We will be presenting Mr Upton, who is our link with the school, with the cheque shortly. This is a huge achievement, instigated by our Year 6 children and one they and the whole school should be proud of.



#### Monday, 24th April

Author visit AM for whole school

#### Saturday, 29th April

FoHA Comedy Night

Doors open 7pm

Comedy 7.45pm, DJ 11pm until late

**Class Assembly dates: 9.00-9.30am. All Parents/Carers welcome.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Ladybirds Reception
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Dahl Year 4/5
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Austen Y4
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Aslan and BFG Y1/2
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Shakespeare Y6

### **Author visit: Eamonn Reilly**

As Ms Curtis mentioned in assembly this morning the children will be treated to a visiting Author on Monday morning. This session will start for all children at 9am. The Author is Eamonn Reilly and if you have time over the weekend you can go to his website so the children are familiar with his work.

Eamonn's web site, [www.er-reilly.co.uk](http://www.er-reilly.co.uk),

### **Reminder Co-curricular Clubs start back this week!**

Please hand in your booking form to the school office if you haven't already done so. Forms can be picked up from the office or downloaded from our school website. The club timetable can be downloaded from the website.

### **Mound News**

Parents on Wednesday may have seen some Contractors in the playground looking at the Mound. We have another mound meeting on Monday morning which will hopefully give me clearer information regarding its removal. I will keep parents informed accordingly but to date I have no further news to report.

### **Summer Uniform**

Please can I refresh parents of the new Summer uniform. Children are welcome to start wearing their summer uniform if they wish.

<b>Girls</b> Summer - Green or Blue striped dress Normal black school shoes—no sandals	HA Supplier or Own
<b>Boys</b> Grey shorts Rest of uniform as normal	HA Supplier or Own

## Phonics Evening Year 1 Parents, Change of date to 23rd May 19.00

Apologies however we are changing the date of our Phonics Year 1 Parent Info meeting to Tuesday, 23rd May at 19.00. The evening of Tuesday, 25th April is cancelled. This is an opportunity for parents to learn more about Phonics screening which will take place in June for all Year 1 children.

## FOHA WEEKLY UPDATE

Welcome back everyone.

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the Easter Egg Hunt, it was a massive success due to everyone's phenomenal hard work and the weather creating a great sense of occasion, with many families staying to enjoy the entertainment and cafe organised by the wonderful volunteers in the sunshine. Final figures are **looking at £2800+ raised**, with details of exactly how these funds will be spent being made available as soon as possible.

**More good news:** the first round of co-op funding raised a **whopping £5,300 for the school** and even better, we have been selected for another 6 months. So not only do you get 5% back on all purchases of Co-op own brands – you are raising money for the school as well! **SO GET YOUR CO-OP MEMBERSHIP CARD NOW** (valid in Southdown, Redbourn and Batford).

Don't forget it's **bag2schools next week** - with collections being made Monday to Friday at drop off in the playground (40p/kg with money raised going to the school). Please see <https://school.classlist.com/#/community-events/view/6263038852202496> or talk to Jess McGinty for more information.

Thank you to all who have taken the time to complete the FOHA survey, for those who haven't, please do. We really want to engage parents as much as possible and deliver events and activities, which people enjoy. Friends of Harpenden Academy is as much about bringing the school together as it is about fundraising. We can only do this if you provide honest feedback about what you want and don't want. So now is your chance:

**It's anonymous and it will take less than 5 minutes – I promise!**

And finally; **the awesome Academy Comedy Night is back** on the 29<sup>th</sup> April.

In addition to our headliner Mark Simmons, we are delighted to announce our opening act will be award winning comedian Philip Simon + DJ Whitesmoke on the decks 'til late – All this for only £12 for Harpenden Academy parents (via Classlist).

**NEXT FOHA MEETING: 25 April 7.30 pm in the staffroom – all parents welcome.**

## FRIENDS OF HARPENDEN ACADEMY



### COMEDY NIGHT & DJ

**APRIL 29TH • SCHOOL HALL • DOORS 7PM**

**COMEDY 7.45PM • DJ 11PM - LATE**

Fantastic professional comedians  
including headliner Mark Simmons

DJ WhiteSmoke on the decks til late

Bar and nibbles available on the night

Seats must be booked in advance on  
Classlist or to arrange offline booking  
email [academycomedy@icloud.com](mailto:academycomedy@icloud.com)

**TICKETS  
£12**

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## Dates for Diary

Tuesday, 25th April	FoHA Meeting—All welcome
Saturday, 29th April	Comedy Night
Monday, 1st May	Bank holiday
Tuesday, 2nd May to Friday, 26th May	Year 2 SATs
Monday, 8th May to Friday, 12th May	SATs week for Year 6
Tuesday, 23rd May	<b>Phonics evening for Year 1 (Parents only)</b>
Friday, 29th May to Friday, 2nd June	
Monday, 5th June	Return to school
Monday, 12th June to Friday, 16th June	Phonics screening Year 1 only
Friday, 16th June	Father's Day Breakfast & event
Wednesday, 21st June	Authors '2Steves' return
Friday, 23rd June	Class photo morning
Monday, 26th June to Friday, 30th June	School residential trip, Year 6 only
Friday, 7th July	Sports Day & FoHA Summer Celebration
Thursday, 13th July	Whole School Moving Up Day Year 6 Transition Day Teddy Bear Picnic for incoming Reception parents only
Friday, 14th July	Reports Out Sharing morning and afternoon 8.30-9.00am 13.30-14.00 Reception Parents 14.00-14.30 KS1 & KS2 Parents <b>Year 6 Leavers Event</b>
Friday, 21st July	School term finishes 12 noon