



## Dear Parents,

Another busy week at Harpenden Academy—it's becoming a bit of a habit! This week we saw the start of our Math's club with Mr Barry from Samuel Ryder. The children had huge fun with him and even though the club is only every fortnight I'm sure the children will enjoy it hugely and learn from him too. He really is a fantastic teacher. We are very fortunate to have secured his services.

## Yarn Bombing

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who supported our yarn bombing afternoon yesterday. There was a wonderful community feel within the school as we got creative *en masse*! The wreaths, pompoms, plaits, knitting, *God's Eyes* and weavings produced by the children are so bright and colourful. They will look wonderful on our tree.

Thank you also for the wool donations and to all the family and friends who have been busy knitting and crocheting for our tree - what you have produced is stunning! I am extremely excited about 'dressing' the tree with Lucynda (parent and art teacher) on Thursday 1st December.

The school council and I hope this project is a great success in drawing people in to visit our beautiful school and to raise money for 'good gifts' for others this Christmas. Please spread the word within the local and wider community that for a two week period, commencing 1st December, we will welcome visitors to admire our yarn bombed tree. In return, we ask they donate some pennies to this good cause.

We will keep you updated with yarn bombing news!

Mrs Haines



## For your calendar next week:

### Thur, 23rd Nov

Reception 2017 Open Afternoon

13.30

### Friday, 25th Nov

FoHA Cinema Night

Year 3-6, 14.20—16.30



### **New Reception Parents 2017-2018**

This week we have the first of our open days for prospective Reception parents for Sept 2017. There are quite a few tours from this point forth until mid January when the forms need to be submitted. I will keep you posted on to how these events go.



### **Bad Weather Warning**

It feels a little early to be putting this notice in the newsletter but if we should have snowy weather please be assured that a decision to close our school would only be made in exceptional circumstances and we never anticipate closure. In the unlikely event of closure we will always try to give parents as much notice as possible. The most reliable source of information is the school website.

A decision will be made in the morning by 7.00am on:

- Whether to open
- Time to open
- Arrangements for drop off/pick up

This decision will be made by myself. This decision will be posted on the website by 7.15am. All parents should be made aware that this is the only form of communication they will receive.

## Final Call

This is the final call for any children who are interested in touring Chess club or Yoga club. Please email the office to put your child's name down for either club. Once we have all names in I will be in a position to let parents know if and when the clubs run.



## Remembrance Day Assembly

Many thanks to those parents who took the time and effort to come and either speak to me individually or drop me an email regarding Remembrance Day assembly. I was very proud of the children last week and I feel they behaved very well.



## Year 2 Trip to the Fire Station

Aslan & BFG class visited Harpenden Fire Station on Thursday. The Fire Station helped to bring their topic of 'The Great Fire of London' to life. The class created the buildings in Design & Technology and the fire crew helped us to recreate 'The Great Fire of Harpenden,' by setting fire to the buildings. We then all sang 'London's Burning' whilst watching the flames do their damage.

## Children In Need

The children came to school today with their donations to this worthy cause. Thank you to all those who contributed and the children looked spotastic! The Year 6 class will be counting up the money this afternoon and we will announce the amount raised in next week's letter.

## Playground

Thank you to our fantastic FoHA for funding new playground equipment — the children are thoroughly enjoying it!





### Sewing Guild

Many thanks to the Sewing Guild for their time and patience with the children — and staff— as they attempted to sew! The final product is resplendent in the library. It is a wonderful example of how many hands make light work and when we work together we can make something beautiful.

### Christmas Decorations—decorating the classrooms

All parents are warmly invited to come into school on **Friday, 2nd December** to decorate the classrooms ready for Christmas and to embrace the festive period.

Please sign up by emailing [office@harpendenacademy.org](mailto:office@harpendenacademy.org)

### Timings

Reception, 12.45-14.00pm

Year 1-Year 6, 13.45-14.20pm

# Year 3 Celtic Harmony School Trip

## *Life in Celtic Britain*



# FOHA EVENTS

**FoHA Meetings**  
13th Dec, 19.30

## Cinema Night

Friday 25th Nov, Zootropolis,  
Year 3-6  
14.20-16.30  
Tickets have gone out in book bags



Disney ZOOTROPOLIS




Sunday 18th December

Years 1 and 2 ONLY  
£5 per child

Session 1: 10-10.45am  
Session 2: 11-11.45am

Look out for booking forms  
in book bags - first come first  
served!

### SAVE THE DATE



Friends of  
Harpenden Academy  
Christmas Party!

Snack  
+ drink

Craft activities

A gift from a  
special visitor!

Saturday 17th December  
Key stage 1 party: 10-12  
Key stage 2 party: 2-4pm

Friends of Harpenden Academy present

## HARPENDEN ACADEMY QUIZ NIGHT

Beat the January Blues!  
The Harpenden Academy quiz is returning,  
the elusive trophy is up for grabs once again  
- join us for a memorable night out!

### Saturday 28th January

A really fun evening with a diverse range of  
questions so there's something for everyone,  
including a fish supper!

Places are limited so book your babysitters  
and save the date