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The Voice **7 October 2016**

Dear Parents,

Well what a terrific week we have had this “Feeling Good Week”. The children and teachers have had huge fun throughout the past 5 days as well as learning new skills acknowledge. Even some parents joined in the fun with the Family Science Challenge on Wednesday night.

Monday the children were tread to the magic of Charlie Wilson Cric Crack Theatre. The children pent the storytelling sessions laughing and hearing stories about animals from all over the world.

Tuesday Doody and his circus skills and amazing facts entertained the children and stretched their growth mind set “I can’t juggle yet Mrs Davies”. Wednesday the hall was filled with the chatter of learning and challenge with Mark and his rocket making workshop. The children’s faces were glowing with enthusiasm – a great joy to see. The magic continued into the Family Challenge evening and the Mars Lander Project . Huge fun for all concerned with a very hotly contested first, second and third place. Mark will be returning for our Science Week in March with the children again and to do another different family challenge evening,

I was blown away by how many families turned out on Wednesday night and both Mark and I were so impressed with the number of families who came for our first ever family event. Thank you .

Thursday KS1 children had dance workshops, while KS2 made smoothies and went to Pizza Express to invent their own personal Pizza. – what a treat!

Finally Friday we had drumming workshops for KS2 children and chocolate tasting for KS1, The drumming was a pure sensation – the noise was outrageous and I’m sure the school has a email box full of complaints by the neighbours but it was worth it to see the children’s faces! I do love a bit of awe and wonder!

Here are some pictures of this weeks' events



Danny from Aslan was our kookaburra bird who ate termites and Kshrin was full of laughter during Cric crack Theatre



The KS1 children have spent Friday chocolate tasting. The tasting and sharing confirms that I am a Galaxy girl!!!

I know that the children have had a terrific Feeling Good Week and I hope that as parents, you have noticed how much the children have enjoyed the activities. My aim is to have a wow week each term – plus few sneaky wow days. The next full blown Wow week will be Science week in March 2017.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A BIG THANK YOU to the Macmillan mummies all the parents for all their donations, help and support with HA's first Macmillan Coffee event, which raised £658.87 (plus £129.50 in gift aid). Left over cakes were taken to various care/elderly people's homes locally where they were very well received! Thanks too to the children for getting involved with their amazing teacup designs. Winners will be announced in assembly on Monday 10 October. Apologies that this is late but I didn't want the children's moment to be over shadowed by Feeling Good Week activities.

More Volunteers required

On Saturday 15 October Mrs Watson is organising a playground working party to zone the playground area. This is the same day as the Friends School Disco, so please can you let us know if you are intending to help with the playground zoning. Sadly this day will not be suitable to bring along babies or small children as it will be a working party and there will be no creche facilities or child care facilities for little people.

I hope to see keen and willing parents at the event to make the playground space much improved for the children.

Calling all Cross County Runners

On Tuesday 10 November there is a Harpenden Schools Cross County event. This is not open to parents but for children in Years 4-6. If you feel your child would like to and is able to take part in the cross County event please let Mrs Watson know so we can see we can put a team forward for the event.

Dinner money

Unbelievably the school still has some outstanding dinner money for the half term. Please if you haven't paid the money for school dinner for this half term, can you do so by the 9 October as the billing for the second half term is due to go out shortly. I understand totally how with the busy start of the school year this can be overlooked but unfortunately we need to ensure that any outstanding money is accounted for. Many thanks

Parents Evening

A letter regarding the forthcoming parents evening will be sent out today. Please can you keep Tuesday 8 November and Thursday 10 November highlighted in your diaries for parents evenings and ensure that you are free for these dates.

Harvest Festival

On Monday a letter will be sent home detailing our Harvest Festival event this year. Again, as a way of alerting parents in advance, our Harvest Festival assembly will be on Friday 21 October at 9am. I do hope that many parents will be able to attend and please look out for a letter in book bags next week.

A plea from Reception class

We are looking to develop/enhance the space and facilities for Reception children, and would be really grateful if anyone has any of the following that they are able to donate. We will be working on the garden space on **Saturday 15th October**, whilst the children are at the school disco, so please bring any donations to school on/before that date, and if anyone is around and able to help, we'd happily welcome volunteers - especially those with DIY skills/tools! Please email the office if you are able to help. Many thanks

Maths Area – conkers, pine cone, shell, plastic toy food

Mud kitchen – baking trays, garden trowels, ladles (metal or plastic)

Sandpit – toy watering cans, funnels, toy diggers

Relaxation zone – sun lounger/deck chairs, blanket, cushions, outdoor beanbags

Stage – clothes rail, plastic clothes hangers, netting, plastic step, shower curtain, shower curtain/pole

Art area – chalks

Construction area – plastic tools (hammers/nails, spanners etc.)

Outdoor play – garden games (giant chess, Jenga, Throwing hoops, Twister, Connect 4)

General decoration – paint (suitable for outdoor use), Varnish

Home Corner – vinyl table cloth, tarpaulin – to make a roof, plyboard/MDF

Old door/window frame

Also, if any parents have any DIY/carpentry skills, we are looking make a wooden wall/doorway to the home corner.

School photos

School photographs will take place on Tuesday 11 October. Individual and Sibling group photos will be taken by Tempest. Sadly we are not able to accommodate toddlers if not of school age and babies due to time constraints. I am aware that Year 6 will be going on their school trip on that day so they will have their photographs taken before they leave.

Harrisons Special Halloween dinner

Harrisons will be holding a special dinner for Halloween on 31 October. Any children who ordinarily have a packed lunch and would like to join in with the special menu please put £2.30 in a named, labelled envelope to the school office to secure your meal. Many thanks.

FOHA Reminder

Disco tickets are selling fast and will be on sale on pick up next Thursday, to help the events team please can we have orders in asap. They can be posted into the Friends box in the entrance hall. **Panto Deadline is Friday 14th October.**

And finally, today was world SMILE day and it was great to see all the children coming into assembly with their smiles on sticks. There have been plenty of things to smile about this week with Feeling Good Week activities and I hope your smiles continue through the rest of the weekend.

Many thanks

Mrs. L. Davies

Celebrate

Halloween

Monday 31st October

Its Halloween when we come back after the October half term break so we want to kick off the new term with a bang.

Come and join us for some spooky goings on,

Lunch will be :

Hot Dog Fingers

or

Wizards Hat Pasties

Both with Witches Curly Hair Fries

Spooky Jelly From The Cauldron



Harpenden Rugby Club Fireworks!

Harpenden Rugby Club in Redbourn Lane will be hosting their annual Fireworks Extravaganza on November 9, with the gates opening at 3pm for a display at 6pm.

The display includes a bonfire, funfair, food and bar, and features Flaming Phil the caped fire-breathing unicyclist crusader!

Tickets are £8 for adults, £5 for children under 17, and £25 for a family (two adults and up to four children up to 16).

Harpenden Rugby Club very kindly donate 50% of ticket sales to Friends of Harpenden Academy! Tickets will be on sale from Monday 10th October.

CRABTREE SCHOOLS' FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

5TH NOVEMBER 2016 · 6:30PM · GATES OPEN 5:30PM



Ticket Prices: Advanced Gate

Family Ticket 2 Adults and up to 3 Children	£20	£25
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Single Ticket:	£6	£7
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Pre-schoolers:	Free	Free
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Tickets available from:

Thorns, Cook (High Street), News 4 U,
Shop by the Park (Station Rd) and Stage Door
(Southdown)

Also available at: www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk



Crabtree Schools playing fields, Crabtree Lane.

No private fireworks or sparklers. Whilst we conform with all regulations and exceed rigorous safety standards, remember that fireworks can be dangerous and you attend at your own risk. In the unlikely event that the display is cancelled by the organiser, the organiser will endeavour to reschedule and all tickets will be valid on the alternative date. Refunds will not be made. For full terms and information about safety please visit www.crabtreejm.herts.sch.uk

