

Welcome to Mrs Davies'
weekly newsletter

The Voice

13th October 2017



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Dear Parents

Math's week has been a really successful event which the children and staff have enjoyed.

The Happy Puzzle company started the week with plenty of interactive fun games for the children to play and learn from.

Magical Maths entertained the children with their Maths Mysteries! Magical Maths are starting a Magical Math's club at Harpenden Academy. Please see flyer in this newsletter.

Finally we finished with wearing a pattern to school day today, which the children and staff embraced.

There have been a lot of positive comments verbally about the Math's week activities. If you could drop them in an email to office@harpendenacademy.org then that would be terrific so we can include them in our displays/books we create around Math's week.





Year 6 Trip to the Foundling Museum

On Tuesday Year Six spent the day in London at the Foundling Museum learning about the lives of poor children in Victorian times, as part of our Rich and Poor topic. The children were fascinated by the artefacts and workshop and the museum staff commented on their curiosity and engagement throughout the trip. The children have shown amazing empathy in the Foundling poetry they've written since the trip.



“Magical Maths has arrived at Harpenden Academy!”



Hi Parents,

Professor Poopenshtinken and his twin brother the “Mathemagician” visited Harpenden Academy on Wednesday and showed the children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

This fantastic after school club helps engage children of all ages and abilities with the subject of Maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities.

This six-week club begins on Tuesday 7th November so to sign up or find out more simply go to our website www.magicalmathsclub.com or call us on 01923 418019 but hurry as places are limited!

We look forward to seeing your children for some “Mathemagical” fun!



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CAN YOU THINK
OF A NAME FOR
OUR SCHOOL
BEAR?

ALL NAME SUGGESTIONS WELCOME AND TO
BE HANDED IN TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY,
18TH OCTOBER. REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR
NAME AND CLASS ON THE BACK OF YOUR
NAME SLIP IN YOUR BOOK BAGS

Harvest Festival

As a staff we were blown away by the support from parents in terms of produce and volume of people. Some parents were unable to get in the hall and stood in the doorway!

Many thanks to Rev Dennis Stamps from St Nicholas' Church and John Swain from 'Kings Pantry' for conducting the assembly. The centre point of our 'Harvest Home' was a Wheatsheaf made by our very own Chef Steve. Steve came in to school at 4.30am this morning to make the bread and craft it in to our Wheatsheaf—amazing commitment. Thank you Steve.



Parents' Evening

Parent teacher evening letters went out via email this week. Please return your slips of preferred times promptly. We cannot promise to match everyone's first choices but we will endeavour to do our best to accommodate parental preferences.

Children's University

A letter again via email was sent to parents this week regarding joining the Children's University. An assembly was also held on Tuesday explaining what the Children's university was and how your child could join. Each child in KS2 was given a letter and a response slip for parents to fill in. Children's University slips will need to be returned to the school office by Friday, 20th October.

Sickness 48 hour rule

From time to time children are sick (vomit) either at home or at school. Unfortunately it is not possible to distinguish between the causes, and therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion applies in all cases of vomiting or Diarrhoea.

In the Health Protection Agency document, “Guidelines for the Control of Infection and Communicable Disease in School and Early Years Settings”, the guidance is:

Diarrhoea and Vomiting exclusion

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting commonly affects children and staff and can be caused by a number of different germs, including viruses, parasites and bacteria. Infections can be easily spread from person to person (by unwashed hands), especially in children. In general, it is recommended that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the ‘48 hour rule’) and feel well. Personal hygiene whilst ill must be very strict.

If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school. As an example, if your child is sick at lunchtime on a Tuesday, they should not return to school until after lunch on Thursday, provided there have not been any further episodes of vomiting.

Thank you for your understanding with this. Further guidance on infection control may be found on the [Health Protection Agency website](#).

Headlice

We have started to have occurrences of Headlice again in school.

Please can children with hair longer than shoulder length tie it up. Also always let the school know if you have a case of headlice so we can alert the appropriate class teacher.



An invitation to attend a values based Education Information Evening

On **14th November**, at **7pm** we are inviting parents, governors and teachers to attend a value based education information evening.

During the evening Ms Curtis will be explaining the values based education approach and how that differs from the values led approach that already existed in school. We will also hear from a local Hertfordshire Head Teacher who has implemented this approach in her school and the impact that has had.

We are keen to continue to develop further the values which we already have in place at Harpenden Academy and this approach feels like a natural next step on to the work the school does to promote growth mindset, British and positive values. We do hope that many parents will be able to attend. There is no need for children to attend this meeting as the same work will be undertaken with the children in their classes.

Please complete the RSVP slip emailed to you on Wednesday. Paper copies can be collected from the office.

REMINDER: Secondary & Upper School Admissions 2018

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Tuesday 31st October 2017**. We would recommend that parents complete it by Friday 27th October, as there will be limited support from HCC available over the weekend for anyone having trouble applying.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively if they cannot access the internet, they can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

Attendance for this week

We aim to have 96% attendance

Class	Attendance %
Ladybird Reception	97.9
Elmer Year 1	95.2
Aslan Year 1/2	92.9
BFG Year 2	97.8
Kipling Year 3	98.8
Potter Year 3	92.2
Austen Year 4	99.0
Dahl Year 5	98.3
Shakespeare Year 6	100



The class with the
best attendance this
week is

Year 6

Shakespeare

FoHA Update

Anyone fancy a Dashing White Sergeant?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wm_5l_bs-6Y&t=4s&index=20&list=PLex444wywMXRaL-78LDMWPFYyeuTBPTpA

Save the Date: Friday 10 November 2017

Family Barn Dance with Live Ceilidh Band *Blag*

5.30 for a 6 pm start.

Tickets with the option of food will be on sale soon.

Christmas Cards: Great response to our Christmas card design initiative – thanks all! All templates will be sent this weekend, so watch this space for dates when your samples will be available from which to order.

Playground news: now we have a blank canvas, FoHA are working closely with the School and School Council to finally make plans to spend some of the funds raised by parents for the playground (taking into account both curriculum requirements and children's ideas). We are beavering away behind the scenes: setting up a playground committee, writing applications for funds and talking to designers. Things are happening fast! We will report back as soon as there is more news.



27th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see below for information regarding the Katherine Warington Open Day and planning application.

Open Day: Saturday 14th October (10am – 3pm), Rothamsted Research, Harpenden

You may be aware that we are opening the Katherine Warington School for Year 7 pupils in September 2018, subject to planning permission being granted. We would like to invite you to attend our open day which will be held on Saturday 14th October between 10am and 3pm at Rothamsted Research, West Common, Harpenden AL5 2JQ. The Headteacher will deliver a speech at 10.30, 12 noon and 2pm. Please come along to find out more about the plans for the school.

Applying for a place at Katherine Warington School

The application process is not the normal one that you are completing for your other school choices. Until we have signed our funding agreement with the Department for Education, we cannot be part of the standard process. To apply to our school:

- You will need to use this link: [Application Form for Katherine Warington School](#)
- You will also need to complete your online preferences through the Herts website.
- On 1st March 2018, you will then receive notification from Herts informing you of your allocated school through the Herts system.
- You will also hear directly from us if you have an offer of a place at the Katherine Warington School. You will then need to let Herts know which offer you will be accepting.

We will be able to help with any questions you have at the open day, or simply email us at info@kwschool.co.uk. We look forward to meeting you at the open day.

Planning Application

I am delighted that the planning application for the new school has been submitted. It is very important that you take the time to comment on it. Please follow the link [KWS Planning Application](#). The application reference number is **PL\0866\17**.

Kind Regards

Tony Smith

Founding Headmaster

Katherine Warington School

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