

Welcome to Mrs Davies'
weekly newsletter

The Voice

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Autumn Term!

It has been lovely to see all of the children return to school after the Summer holiday. Everyone looks refreshed and ready to go and that includes adults too!

I hope that you enjoyed the first week back at school!

Uniform

The children look stunning in their new school uniforms. Many thanks to parents for being so patient in waiting for the delayed Oakwood Textiles orders.



I know it was and still is a less than an ideal situation but I thank you for your patience and understanding.



The Mound

I am sincerely hoping that this is the last time I need to mention 'The Mound' in any newsletter!

As parents and children can see it is finally gone, which has left the children with significantly more space to actually run in. Looking back I can't believe how much space 'The Mound' did take up. The space left as I've said is not aesthetically pleasing but it's a blank canvas to work on over the forthcoming months.

New faces

We have some new faces in school this:

Mrs Cheryl Raffermati will be working 2.5 days per week covering the teacher's PPA time. She will also be our 'go to' supply teacher, so that we can increase consistency of approach and familiarity for the children.

Miss Kerry Harris is our new Year 3 teacher who will be taking Year 3 Kipling class after the departure of Mrs Worts. Miss Harris will only be with the children until October half term which will allow me time to find a more permanent teacher. I would like to thank the parents and children for your positivity around this sudden abrupt change. It is appreciated.

New Website

We have a new school website which is now live. It contains much the same information but I am hoping to have a children's activity page added which will contain games and activities for the children to do.

The website will change again in the forthcoming months to reflect being part of The Scholar's Education Trust. Please take a look and I will confirm when the additional children's page has been added.

Donations for Ladybird Reception class

Do you have anything you could donate?

Reception Ladybird Class are currently looking for donations of any toys that are in very good condition. In particular we are in need of:

- A car garage
- Cars – especially emergency services vehicles.
- People (any small figures)
- Super heroes
- Boys costumes
- Duplo/Lego

Please hand donations to the office who would be delighted to receive them

Spotlight on Africa—donation of old Harpenden Academy school uniform

Spotlight on Africa is a charity we have been supporting in school for the last two years. We have donated lost property uniform donations to this charity and they have organised for a school in Africa to receive our school uniform.

With the change in the school uniform, this is a fantastic opportunity for us to donate our old Harpenden Academy school uniform. Please can you bring in any donations cleaned to the office when you return in September. Spotlight on Africa will pick up the donations on Monday, 18th September. All donations gratefully received.



Forthcoming Events

We have a busy term coming up—what a surprise! - with plenty of learning and enjoyment. Below is a brief outline of the forthcoming events. I am hoping to send out a more comprehensive list for the whole year shortly. This too, will appear on the website.

Date	Event
Wednesday 13th September	Roald Dahl Day
Tuesday 19th September	Talk Like A Pirate Day
Monday 25th September to 29th September	Year 5 Residential Trip
Wednesday 27th September	World Milk Day
Friday 29th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 4th October	World Animal Day
	School photos—individual & sibling photos
Monday 9th October to Friday 13th October	Maths week
Wednesday 11th October	Bring your teddy to school day
Friday 13th October	Harvest Festival
Monday 6th November to Friday 17th November	Feeling Good Fortnight
Friday 10th November	Remembrance Assembly
Wednesday 22nd November	2Steves return
Friday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day

World Peace Day

Year 3 children will be representing Harpenden Academy at Harpenden Peace Day 2017. This event will take place at High St Methodist Church on Thursday, 21st September and all local schools have been invited to take part. Mrs Moss will be sending further details to Year 3 parents only however I wanted parents to know that Harpenden academy will be taking part for the first year ever.

Finally, we have had a very successful first week back to school. The children have come back ready to learn and the teachers have some exciting new topics to work with this year which will engage and ignite the children's learning. I hope that the weather improves over the weekend and that you enjoy some family time together.

Mrs Davies

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