

Welcome back after half term! Children have had a great week, with Year 3 and 4 starting to get ready for their production (more information below!) and Year 1 and 2 going on their trip to Wendover Woods. Mrs Oddi is spending a little more time in Reception this term: she is with them for Forest School on Tuesday morning still, but is also teaching them on Wednesday mornings for the next few weeks to enable Mrs Walker to spend some time on our new Nursery. Miss Meade (our school SENCO) is also teaching in Primary this half term: Mr Mac's class will have her on a Wednesday morning and she will teach classes within Year 1 and 2 for Science on a Wednesday afternoon alongside Mrs Oddi and Mrs Reynolds.

Value of the Week:

The Value this week is Readiness: children have come back from half term prepared and ready to learn, and we are encouraging children to get ready for our University Week. Those who have been noticed for this in particular this week are:

Winnifred (R), Harry H (Y1), Ellie R (Y2), Connor C (Y2), Nathan (Y3), Thomas (Y4)

Achiever of the Week:

Well done to the children who have demonstrated outstanding achievement this week:

Patryk (R), Sean (Y1), Edward (Y1), Leo (Y2), Abi (Y3), Ruby (Y4)

University of Heyford Park:

I hope your children have come home suitably excited about our University of Heyford Park, which will take place the week after next. Please make sure that children bring their form back in on Monday at the latest, as we will be allocating places on Monday evening.

Thank you...

...to the parent helpers that supported us on the trip to Wendover Woods. We can't run these trips without you!

There are still a few parents who are yet to pay via parent pay – please do contribute as soon as possible.

KS1 went to Wendover woods,
The Gruffalo saw them, and they were good.
They searched the trail, high and low,
looking for the elusive gruffalo
They found the mouse, owl and snake
and what a fantastic display we'll make.



A fabulous day!

Attendance

...for last week was 97.7%. Well done to everyone!

Nursery Open Day:

We are excited to tell you that we are having a Nursery Open Day on Saturday 17th June. Nursery will be on the specialisms campus and all are welcome to come and meet the staff and see the setting, including the new canopy for all-year-round outdoor learning. Please pass this on to family and friends nearby – there is an information leaflet attached for your information. Thank you.

Diversity Working Group:

In the newsletter before the half term break, I mentioned a Diversity Working group. This is meeting for the first time at 2pm on Tuesday afternoon (13th June) to work together to really identify how as a school we ensure we develop inclusion and diversity. At HPFS we value diversity and are proud to be part of a community that respects the diversity of that community. That diversity is inclusive of special education needs, culture, religion, and gender to name but a few. It is important that we support our students in developing their understanding so they know and understand the value of a diverse society and avoid stereotypes and repetition of discriminatory comments. Like all communities we have to speak with young people about these comments. However, at Heyford Park we have the benefit of a community whose staff, parents and friends all want to work together. All members of the Heyford Park family are welcome to come to this meeting, where we can discuss diversity in its widest sense and work together as this community.

Curriculum Overviews:

Please check your child's curriculum overview attached to this letter. This gives you a good idea of what children are learning throughout this term. This should enable you to feel informed

about your child's learning and can help with conversations about what children did at school (often answered with "nothing" or "had pizza for lunch"!)

Primary Sports Day:

This year's Sports Day will take place on Thursday 29th June. Reception and Key Stage One will take part in their events during the morning at the Officers Mess site, with Key Stage Two having their Sports Day in the afternoon at the Specialisms Campus. Parents are welcome to watch and I am sure that it will be a super day! This year we would like to add a house element to the day, and would therefore like the children to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house (blue for Bader, yellow for Lindh and red for Maguire). Exact timings will be available nearer the time.

Miss Curtis and Mrs Dallas

Homework:

Alongside the newsletter, please find attached homework for your child for this year. Note that Year 3 and 4 have the same sheet, as do Years 1 and 2.

Phonics Check:

Next week, out Year 1 children will be doing their phonics check. This is done individually with an adult, and children will probably not notice that they are doing anything out of the ordinary. The results of this will be sent home with the end-of-year reports in July, just like the results of the Year 2 SATs assessments.

Non-Uniform Day:

On Friday 23rd June we are having a non-uniform day to raise money in support of one of our secondary students, Hermione Romain. Hermione, along with her cheerleading team Bicester ECU, are representing the UK in Croatia at the World Championships. The championships are due to be held on the 1st and 2nd of July 2017.

Donations of £1 are suggested. Thank you for your support.

Summer Fete:

The Friends are busy organising the Summer Fete and would like our help to support the tombola. On Friday 30th June, we are asking all primary children to fill one or more jars and bring them in to school. The jar can be filled with any items of your choice: you might want to fill it with sweets, hair accessories, pencils, toys, Pokemon cards, marbles.... The choice is yours! We are throwing down the gauntlet to each house in a competition. The class group with the most jars will win a prize but the house with the most jars will win 200 house-points for their house! As McGuire won the house cup last term are they going to remain champions or will Lindh or Bader take the cup?

Oxford Castle Trip: Years 3 and 4:

On Tuesday of next week, if we have had enough voluntary contributions, Years 3&4 will be going to Oxford to visit Oxford Castle and its surroundings. Please ensure your child is prepared for the weather with a waterproof coat, or if we are lucky enough to get the hot weather back, that your child has a hat and has had sun cream applied.

Mrs Dallas and Miss Curtis

Troy Story:

Years 3 & 4 are putting on a summer production called Troy Story, a production set in Ancient Greece and so linking with their curriculum. The performance will be on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July, and there will be an evening performance - times to be confirmed. Each child in Year 3 and 4 has a part to play and hopefully will have told you about it already! We have sent scripts out to those children with speaking parts, please help your child memorise their lines. We will also be sending out a costume list of items your child will need to create their costume. Thank you for your support in this!

Mrs Dallas

Dates for your diary:

Week beginning 12th June – phonics check week (Year 1)

Tuesday 13th June 2-3pm Diversity Working Group

Tuesday 13th June – Oxford Castle Trip for Years 3 and 4

Saturday 17th June – Nursery Open Day (Specialisms Campus)

Week beginning 19th June – University of Heyford Park week in Primary

Tuesday 20th June 6.30pm – Meeting for parents of children starting in Reception in September

Wednesday 21st June 2-3pm and 6-7pm Drop-in (all welcome)

Tuesday 4th July – transition day for Primary students (more information to follow)

Week beginning 10th July – Enterprise Week (more information to follow)

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs. Hughes