

Value of the week: Mrs Dallas led our assembly on Monday this week, so this message is from her:

On Monday 13th November it was World Kindness Day and we celebrated this day in our assembly by looking at how kindness can change our world. We recognised how one small act of kindness can turn someone else's day around and kindness can be passed on. Sean Mooney said kindness can go on and on and on - creating a snowball effect where our environments can be coloured with kindness. We talked about what we'd like to see in school and at home and Jorge (year 5), reminded us that we should treat others how we would like to be treated - so if we want to be treated with kindness we should show kindness! Our children and staff have been looking out for acts of kindness in and outside the school and will continue to do this. Our certificates celebrating this value showcased some brilliant acts of kindness!

Achiever of the week:

Minibeasts: Mitchell L
Minibeasts: Jordan C
Tigers: Olly B
Zebras: Teodor M
Penguins: Victor GG
Giraffes: Jack W
Lions: Ava G
Meerkats: Florence R
Eagles: Sophie W

Value of the week:

Minibeasts: Lily W
Minibeasts: Rayhan G
Tigers: Ellie C
Zebras: Archie P
Penguins: Jenna
Giraffes: Zach T
Lions: Annabelle MH
Meerkats: Harry McF
Eagles: Jorge and Daniel

Sporting News...an update from Miss Curtis:

It seems that all of the children are embracing the sporting opportunities on offer at HPFS, and it has been wonderful to see the children so happy about attending clubs and learning new skills. Our daily PE sessions are also going well, and the children are enjoying learning new games and developing leadership skills.

Swimming:

On Wednesday 8 children from Year 5 attended the Bicester Schools U11 swimming gala. Each child represented HPFS by swimming an individual race against children from other schools and each swam in two relays too. All of the children were enthusiastic, supportive and really tried their best - with some even being put in for events that they hadn't tried before! The value for this event was passion, and Jess was awarded a special certificate for this as she cheered on every one of her teammates and approached the whole event with great enthusiasm! Well done to Archie, William, Matthew, Nicholas, Jess, Maja, Jasmine and Sophie!

Head lice:

Unfortunately, there are still reports of head-lice in school, please check your child's hair regularly.



Trampoline Club – from Miss Curtis:

On Thursday some children from Lions Class went to Specialisms for a special Trampoline club. Here they learnt different types of jumps, including pike, straddle and tuck, and learnt how to do a seat landing (landing on their bottom and coming back onto their feet again!) We are hoping to offer this club again after Christmas.

Changes to Reception groups: an update from Mrs Walker

Now we can see that children have established friendships within Reception, and staff have had the chance to get to know different personalities, we have changed some of our groupings – some children will now be ants not caterpillars for example. This is intended to develop pre-existing friendships and encourage new relationships. We have really enjoyed seeing the children's reactions to some of these changes!

Attendance: update from Mrs Dallas:

Attendance for last week was good: 97.8%. This week unfortunately we have had members of staff and children hit by the tummy bug. If your child is poorly with this bug please don't bring your child into school within the 48 hours of the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This will affect attendance however it cannot be helped: we can however stop the spread of sicknesses and try to ensure other children and staff do not get ill.

Behaviour:

While the majority of our children are polite, show respect to all, and demonstrate daily the values that are important to us, there are a small number that are regularly not making the right choices. In assembly next Monday we will be reminding children of what the school expectations are, both within the classrooms and in the playground: this may be something you would like to ask them about next week. I will put more detail in next week's newsletters.

Nursery Update: from Miss Bignell

This week the nursery children have been solving crimes as detectives. Poor Humpty Dumpty got pushed off his wall, so the children went on the hunt for the culprit. They also discovered the room in a terrible mess and, after looking for clues, went in search of the mischievous dinosaurs who did it. We found giant footsteps in the garden which we had to follow and created secret messages for each other using wax and paint.



Kenya Week:

Mrs Evans is just putting the finishing touches to a "magazine" that celebrates the week of learning we had in "Kenya Week" just before half term. Watch this space for a publication!

Dates for your diary: (whole school)

27th November 2017 – Y11 Mock Examinations begin

Wednesday 29th November 2pm and 6pm – Parent drop-in sessions

Friday 1st December – Christmas Decoration Day (Primary)

Wednesday 6th December Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 6th December 2.00pm Key Stage 1 Christmas performance

Thursday 7th December 2pm EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Performance at the Specialisms Campus

7th December 2017– Secondary STEM, Enterprise and PSCHÉ day

Thursday 7th December 6.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas performance

Wednesday 13th December 2017 – Carol Concert (more details to follow)

Friday 15th December – Christmas Jumper Day (whole school) and Christmas Activity and Party Day (Primary)

Monday 18th December 2017 – Rewards Day (secondary only)

Monday 18th December

20th December 2017 – 3rd January 2018 – Closed for Holidays

4th and 5th January 2018 – INSET Days

Monday 8th January 2018 – students return to school for Spring term