

HPFS Primary Newsletter

Friday 15th June 2017



Value of the Week:

This week's Value is Diversity. This links with the Diversity Working Group held this week. Those who have really demonstrated this value in action are:

Liam (R), Zoe (Y1), Fenella (Y2), Annabel F (Y2), Denis (Y3), Joey (Y4)

Thank you for being excellent role models.

Achiever of the Week:

Rory (R), Benjamin (Y1), Sam H (Y2), Dylan (Y2), Ben (Y3), Olivia (Y4)

Children are chosen by their teachers for something specific, which is written on the certificate that they receive in assembly. Well done!

Value of the week – next week!

Some of you have said that you would like find out about the value in advance. I can't promise to always be this organised, but next week's value is enthusiasm, which links with our University Week next week.

University of Heyford Park:

Primary staff and children are very enthusiastic about the University Week next week, and I am really looking forward to the learning that will take place. Please remember that you are invited to a special assembly at 9.15am next Friday (23rd), where we will share the children's learning with you and celebrate their achievements.

Grow £1...

As well as University Week, we have another exciting week coming up – Enterprise Week – which will be held across the whole school from 10th-14th July, culminating in the summer fete on Saturday 15th July.

As part of this enterprise focus, in Primary we will be sending home £1 with every child, with a challenge to see if they can "grow" it. They can do this by investing it in a number of different ways. They might want to buy the ingredients to make biscuits and then sell them and see how much profit they can make, or buy a sponge and borrow a bucket and charge for washing cars... I know you will be able to think of creative ways to show the spirit of Enterprise! Please start thinking and talking about what you can do when that money comes home to you.

Thank you...

...to the parents who came on the Year 3 and 4 trip to Oxford Castle on Tuesday. Trips like this can't run without you, and the children gain so much from such experiences.

...to the teachers who organised the trip and also to the pupils for being great ambassadors for the school. You did us proud.

Attendance

...for last week was 97.7% - well done!

Nursery Open Day:

Please remember to invite friends, family and neighbours to our open day from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 17th (tomorrow!) and do come along: you don't have to have a child about to start, you might just want to come along to have a look and for a cup of tea and piece of cake: we look forward to seeing you there!

Diversity Working Group:

Thank you of those of you who came to the Diversity Working Group on Tuesday: we were a small group, but had some big conversations! We have started to map out the values that we want our children to grow up with, and thought about how we might link these to festivals, celebrations, awareness days/weeks and so on. We will meet again, and look forward to others joining us in our journey to continue to be an inclusive, thoughtful, understanding community, that welcomes all.

School Photographs:

Class photographs will take place this year on Monday 26th June. Children in Years 1 and 2 usually come in PE kit on a Monday, but given the photos, we would like them to come in full school uniform, not PE kit. Thank you.

Primary Sports Day:

Primary Sports day is on 29th June. Reception, Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1) will start the day at the Officers Mess site at 10.30, and will continue until lunch. Years 3 and 4 (Key stage 2) will be at the Specialisms Campus, starting at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to come and spectate for both events

We are considering a back-up day, in case the weather isn't kind to us, the following Thursday (6th), but we hope that the weather will hold.

Phonics Check:

Well done to all the children in Year 1 who worked with one of our teaching staff to do some special reading this week. We are very proud of you all and so pleased with your progress in phonics this year!

Clubs:

There seems to have been some confusion over clubs over the last couple of weeks. For some clubs – for example football – you signed up for a whole long term (Easter to the summer) whereas others, such as Tai Kwon Do, needed to be rebooked at half term. If you are unsure about what category different clubs fall in to, please contact Steph Woodman and the wraparound team.

Filled jars:

I get the impression that staff across the school are getting quite competitive about the filled jars to be donated for the Summer Fete already! Please remember to bring one or more filled jars in on Friday 30th June to support the tombola. We will be lining them up in houses and the house with the longest line will be the winner! Remember that they can be filled with whatever you choose: sweets, hair accessories, pencils, toys, Pokemon cards, marbles.... The choice is yours!

Summer fete bookstall:

Year 3 and 4 are going to have a bookstall at the summer fete on Saturday 15th July, we would ask if you could kindly help us stock our stall with book donations. We want to review some of the books to help them sell, and raise money for our school. If you have any books that could be sold on to a new reader, please bring these into school! We look forward to setting our stall up with a variety of books. Thanks for your support!

New students:

Your children may have noticed that I have been showing round lots of families in recent weeks! Your children are always a credit to the school, and almost everyone who comes to look round chooses to bring their child/children here. A couple of the Year 4s have shown prospective parents and children round too recently – thank you to Miranda and William for giving an honest view of the school – and persuading families to join us!

Dates for your diary:

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

Week beginning 19th June – University of Heyford Park week in Primary: these sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon and for the full day on Thursday.

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

Friday 23rd June – non-uniform day: a donation of £1 will help raise money for Hermione Romain and her cheerleading group's trip to the cheerleading World Championships.

Friday 23rd 9:15am: sharing assembly to celebrate the University of Heyford Park week, and "graduation ceremony".

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)

Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July – performances of "Troy Story" from Years 3 and 4 – times to be confirmed.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs. Hughes