

Value of the week:

We took the opportunity to re-boot our expectations of behaviour this week, both behaviour for learning and behaviour in the playground. Some children feel that certain others play too roughly, so we have been working with particular individuals to help them to understand how to play fairly. I have been very proud of some children who have really taken this to heart, and are really helping others to see how their behaviour impacts others. I am particularly impressed with those in the Giraffes and Lions classes and the support they have given to children that need it: you are really showing the values of the school. We have also reminded children about our expectations as they walk around school, their behaviour at lunchtime and playtime, and how to treat others.

In assembly this week, we looked at the ten values that Primary staff chose as the most important in their view. These are: kindness, respect (for others, for property, for our environment, for ourselves), independence, understanding of others, courage, perseverance, truthfulness, forgiveness, thankfulness and positivity. We are this week celebrating children who demonstrate different values, or indeed embody all of our school values.

I am conscious of the amount of information in the newsletter this week – I have tried to highlight the key facts in red to make navigation easier!

Achiever of the week:

Minibeasts: Kimberly C
Minibeasts: Jasper McC
Tigers: Luke B
Zebras: Lola L
Penguins: Jasmine R
Giraffes:
Lions: Madison G
Meerkats: Lewis D-M
Eagles: Archie S

Value of the week:

Minibeasts: Matteus S
Minibeasts: Zoe W
Tigers: Felicity G
Zebras: Poppy S
Penguins: Martha
Giraffes:
Lions: Ella C
Meerkats: Josh W
Eagles: Richy G

A Plea for your Junk!

In readiness for a DT project after Christmas, Key Stage 2 are collecting shoe boxes in order to make a model Titanic. We will also be needing bottle tops (from drinks bottles and from things like washing detergent) in order to make miniature furniture. If you have anything that you would be able to donate please pass this on to Miss Curtis, who will be storing all the resources. Thank you.

Costumes for Key Stage 1 performance:

Please make sure that all costumes are named and in school by Monday 4th December.

PE next week:

No classes will be going to the Specialisms Campus for PE next week as secondary students have Mock Exams which take place in the Sports Hall and require silence. Please collect children at the normal times from the main site.

Zebras and Penguins will not be doing PE on Tuesday, so children can come in school uniform (however if you forget, please don't worry!)

KS2 Christmas Carols:

The Key Stage Two team has decided to put on a performance of some Christmas Carols on Monday 18th December at 2pm. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and join us.

Attendance: update from Mrs Dallas:

Attendance for last week was 97.7% despite the sickness bug that's going round. Well done everybody!

Pupil Premium:

Pupil Premium funding is allocated to schools with pupils on roll that are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any time in the last six years; that are children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months; or that are children of service personnel. It is then a school's responsibility to spend this Pupil Premium, which is additional to the underlying schools budget, in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for the most vulnerable pupils.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals – and accordingly pupil premium – if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less
- Universal credit

If you think your child would be eligible for the pupil premium grant we would really like to hear from you as it means extra funding for the school to support your child. The school just need your national insurance number and your permission to check if you are eligible. Please help us to access funding that your child is entitled to, to support your child and their education

Please e-mail the office@heyfordparkfreeschool.org, entitling the e-mail Pupil Premium and include your name and national insurance number. If you are not sure, please do send us an email or chat to me or to Mrs Dallas so that we can check for you.

Voice In A Million (VIAM)

On Wednesday, some of our older Primary children had the opportunity to join with some secondary students to take part in a special workshop called "Voice in a Million". Mrs Beckett has sent the following message:

WOW! What a superb audition we had on Wednesday for VIAM. Voice In A Million is in aid of fostering and adoption, and schools from across the country are taking part. The VIAM Assistant Director of Music, Emily Burrill, visited HPFS to put our choir through a few of the VIAM songs that we will be singing at Wembley Arena on 14 March 2018.

With over two hours of non-stop singing the audition to perform on the main stage at Wembley, or even have HPFS as a solo choir, meant an exhausting but fun rehearsal with a superb effort from everyone involved. There are over 38 schools being auditioned for the main stage and with only 8 places available: it will be a tough decision.

With 50 students involved from across the school it was a fantastic workshop and this will be the first time that HPFS has taken part in this national event at Wembley. We will get to know later this year if we are one of the few 'featured' choirs, so all we can do is cross our fingers and wait. With over 5000 children taking part, the VIAM performance will be a memory moment for all our students and a fabulous opportunity to be a part of a spectacular singing event in this amazing arena.

For more information about VIAM visit their website at: www.voiceinamillion.com/



Festive Fayre, Carols and a Christmas Concert: a message from Mrs Beckett

On Wednesday 13 December, students from both Primary and Secondary phases invite you to join them for some festive fayre, refreshments and Carols. Doors open at 6pm at the Officers' Mess where the HPFS Friends will be providing a range of festive refreshments to start the evening. **This is for selected children in Years 4 and 5 who are in the choir** – more information will come out to them soon.

The Christmas Concert will begin at 7pm in the Ballroom and promises a mix of seasonal songs and traditional favourites. There will be Carols and musical performances from both primary and secondary students to start your Christmas with a song and with best wishes for a happy Christmas. Parking is at drop off points at the back of the school.

Nursery Update: from Miss Bignell

This week the children have been learning about the people who help us. We have spoken about people we have met who have helped and the emergency services. The doctors' surgery has been open for patients in the role play area and our doctors have been working around the clock to make their friends feel better. We have been doing some dentistry as we roll the dice to see how many teeth to put back, and in our "small world" the animals have escaped from the zoo and caused chaos through the town! It was our job to make sure we used the right emergency services to help.



Christmas Parties

On Friday 15th December we will be having our annual Christmas parties. There will be three separate parties - Reception, KS1 and KS2. This is also **Christmas Jumper day** in support of **Save the Children fund** where your child can wear their favourite festive jumper. We ask for £1 in support for this charity. For Key Stages 1 and 2, we will be placing sign-up sheets for party food next week, please look out for these. For Reception children, Mrs Markham has kindly offered to provide dairy-free party food for all children in the Reception classes, so we won't be asking for other contributions. Note that these snacks will supplement the lunchtime meal, so lunches will continue as usual. Thank you for your support!

Coats:

Please remember that **all children need a waterproof coat every day**: some children are arriving in a fleece only, which offers little protection against drizzle. We don't take children out if it's too wet, but do like to give them fresh air if at all possible, and if it's spitting would usually take them out. If you wish to send in hats and scarves, please do so: children can store them in their lockers (or boxes for Meerkats and Eagles.)

It is also important that shoes are waterproof and not easily able to slip off. We have decided as a school that sensible, black ankle boots are acceptable, due to the difficulty of sourcing strong shoes for girls that are suitable throughout the winter. I know this has not always been the policy, but with daily fitness and staff encouraging active break times, this seems a sensible decision.

Year 1 and 2 sporting event:

Tigers, Zebras and Penguins have been invited to a cluster event next Wednesday afternoon. Children will need to come in PE kit on Wednesday.

Tigers Class:

Mr Mac is sending home sound mats and a sheet with high frequency words in response to requests at parents evening.

A message from Bicester Athletic Club that they have asked us to include

Attached the entry form for this year's Andy Reading Children's Races. There is a 1km run for those in school year 6 and below (Under 9 and Under 11) and a 3km race for those in school years 7-10 (Under 13 & Under 15).

There is no minimum age for the 1k race, but we do ask that runners are able to walk/run the distance independently. We do allow parents to run alongside young children on the course at the rear of the race.

This year our chosen charity is the Hummingbird Cancer Support and Therapy Centre.

The races will be held on Sunday 10th December at the Bicester Sports Association in Chesterton at 1pm (1km race) and 1.30pm (3km race). Please allow ample time to park and collect race numbers on the day.

These races are not limited to those who are a member of an athletics club, so please feel free to forward this entry form to family and friends who may be interested in running.

If anybody is able to help marshal the children's races please let me know by e-mailing clyde.goodwin@talk21.com or replying to this e-mail.

This is the main fundraiser for the club during the year so we would like to see as many of you running and marshalling on the day as possible.

Clyde

Bicester Athletic Club

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 (no tickets needed)

Thursday 7th December 2pm EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Performance at the Specialisms Campus (no tickets needed: see information in this week's newsletter)

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

Thursday 7th December 6.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas performance (no tickets needed)

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 2.00pm – KS2 Carol Concert for parents and carers (Years 3-5)

Tuesday 19th December – last day of term: **note that school finishes at 2pm on this day.**

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