

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

Friday 2nd November 2018

Issue 8

Message from the Principal

“Making Every Day Count”

Welcome back everybody. We all hope you had a restful and relaxing two weeks.

We just wanted to remind everybody that in the newsletter on the 12th October we explained that as a school we had reviewed our expectations. Originally there were nine. Do you know them?, as when questioning staff and students without the posters they did not? Partly because there are nine and partly because they are wordy. Across the whole school we have reduced these down to 4. These are that we will all be:

Ready
Respectful
Safe
Kind

This way when correcting behaviour or recognising great behaviour we can link clearly to each of these. As a school we will constantly be working with our students for them to understand the meaning of these four words.

On Tuesday Y11 took part in a mock results day. This is to help them focus where they need to use the time they have remaining. It is about “making every day count”

On Wednesday some of the KS4 GCSE Art students went to Pitt Rivers, Oxford for the morning to research ideas for their own work. Mrs MB was proud of their engagement and politeness. Well done everyone.

If you want to know what students are learning this half term please go to our website curriculum and download the curriculum booklets. These will tell you not only what they are learning but useful sites, places to visit and books. We update these bi-annually.

On the 20th November secondary students will be experiencing either a PSCE day or STEM day. Year 7-9 will be exploring STEM and Y10-12 will be working on careers and the employability.

Secondary Photos

I am sorry we confused things. Photos this term were for primary. Secondary will be in the Spring term. We will do booking form so we can schedule siblings as we have to manage when students are on the right site.

Revision Tip of the Week:

Your revision timetable should be broken into small chunks. Spend 15 minutes on the knowledge of each day's lessons in your knowledge based subjects. You need to learn it by heart – this can be achieved through repetition.

Staffing update

Miss Gibson will be absent for most of this term as she has had to have her ankle reset and has to remain immobile. We welcome Mrs Swanson who has just returned from America but previously worked in an Oxfordshire school as an English teacher. We are very pleased she is joining us and she will remain with us until at least Easter

Ms Wallington has now had her baby. His name is Theodore. I know, like us, you will want to congratulate her and her husband and wish them well.



Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

Week Commencing 5th
November 2018 is Week 2 on the
Secondary Timetable

November

07.11.18—Y6 SATS Info. Evening 6pm-7pm @ OM

08.11.18—Firework Evening @ SC, time TBC

13.11.18—15.11.18—Primary Parents Evenings

December

11.12.18—KS1 Christmas Play 2pm

12.12.18—KS1 Christmas Play 6pm

13.12.18—Nursery & Reception Christmas Play @ SC 2pm

18.12.18—Rewards Trip T.B.C.

19.12.18—Christmas Concert T.B.C.

20.12.18—Y10 Parents Evening 2.30pm-7pm.

Please continue to refer to the
School Website calendar for
regular updates.

Please direct any enquiries to
office@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

Message from George Weston, Year 10 Student

On October 31st I did a charity stream on my Xbox for Cancer Research UK and managed to raise £150.

The donation page is now closed, but if you would still like to donate to this amazing cause then please send donations into the school office.

I can send this off as an additional donation. I hope that we can raise as much money as possible and thank you for the donations so far.

George Weston

PSHE focus

Key Stages 4 and 5: Employability Masterclasses with Young Enterprise:

We are pleased to say we have secured the services of the Oxfordshire Young Enterprise team to work with our upper school year groups on Tuesday November 20th.

This will be a day off timetable to experience a Practical Masterclass in the world of work.

Students will be covering a range of really exciting and important aspects during the day, including:

CV writing, Personal Statements, Interview techniques, Personal Pitches, reviewing local and national labour market, examining potential career paths and creating their own 'job reputation and personal strengths profile'.

We are lucky enough to also have a number of local employers and employees offering their experiences as recruiters and job hunters.

Christmas Lunch

The Canteen will be holding Christmas lunches again this year. The poster and form are attached to the email.

The date for this is 5th December 2018.



The Friends

This year the Friends have planned Fireworks on **8th November**, the Summer Fete, Quiz night, secondary disco and movie night for primary. Our children benefit not only from the community ethos these events bring but also from the funding they raise which gets invested back into opportunities for children. This year they have already agreed to fund and support, an artiste in residence in secondary, coding resources in primary and Voice in a Million.

If you think you could help either as a volunteer or a member of PTA, please contact kakkermann@heyfordparkfreeschool.org.

No contribution is too small.

Parking Information

Due to the continuing development around Upper Heyford, the access to the parent parking and drop off points will be changing. From lunchtime on November 5th please follow the signs through the security gate and round Trident Road taking the third turning on the right towards the old Heyford Park House roundabout. At this roundabout the options are to take the first exit to the Primary parking and drop off point, or, to take the fourth exit and continue to the parent drop off point 2 on the right.

Please do not park on the side of the roads. The map is attached to the email.

Many thanks

The School Office Team

Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 96.69 %

Primary Attendance = 97.43 %

Secondary Attendance = 96.15 %

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