

Tuesday 6th October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

October Newsletter

Well, as the weather turns much more autumnal, school starts to prepare for the run in to Christmas. I know it seems early but in terms of rehearsal times for Saplings and Buds, we are inching ever closer...

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the church last Friday to share in our Harvest Celebration; it was lovely to see so many of you. We were all really proud of the children and their maturity in front of such a big audience.

I should also like to say a quick thank you to the two parents (so far!) who have been on to Parent View (<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>) to register your views on the school. It would be greatly appreciated if more of you could join those two. Thank you!

PAFA AGM

The PAFA AGM takes place next Thursday, 15th October, at 3.30pm. The school will show a film in one of the classes – fully supervised so that you may attend whilst your children are occupied elsewhere. Please come along. PAFA, and the additional extras they help to provide, are SO important to this school.

Fundraiser

Katherine Stevenson, current acting Chair of PAFA, has signed up to take part in the Go Sober for October campaign organised by Macmillan Cancer Support. Mrs Stevenson has decided to share sponsorship and donations between Macmillan and Halstead Community Primary School. Please speak to Mrs Stevenson on the playground for more details about sponsorship OR go and visit her in Hancocks (where you will notice the large collecting jar on the counter!).

School Games Mark

In recognition of our sporting achievements over the last year, we applied for the nationally recognised School Games Mark. I am very pleased to let you know that we were successful in achieving the SILVER award! Therefore, if you haven't already noticed, we are able to add this recognition to our headed paper. Well done to all the pupils for all of their sporting endeavours! (And to Miss Buxton for organising most of them!)

Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Just another reminder that parents **MUST NOT** use the entrance to the school car park as a place to turn their car round. Not only does it risk putting children's lives in danger but it interrupts the flow of traffic outside the school at a heavily congested time of day.

You should also remember that the yellow lines are not for parking, or stopping, on during the restricted times.

School Teams Report - Netball

Without even a practice, the netball team have had their first two matches of the season. They were not victorious in either match BUT did hold the lead for a lot of the time against Dunton Green and despite conceding some goals in the first quarter against Seal, prevented them from scoring any more for the remaining three quarters. There were so many positives that we have taken from the games and we are very hopeful for the rest of the season now that we have had a chance to get Netball Club up and running!

Forthcoming dates

13 th Oct.	Willow Class parent consultations (3.30-5.00)
14 th Oct.	Y1/2 Flu immunisation afternoon
15 th Oct.	Willow Class parent consultations (6.00-8.00)
19 th -21 st Oct.	Bikeability for Y6
21 st Oct.	School Council Onesie Wednesday
22 nd Oct.	Last day of Term 1 for the children
23 rd Oct.	Staff INSET day/End of Term 1
2 nd Nov.	Start of Term 2
3 rd Nov.	Reception and Y6 height and weight checks
4 th Nov.	Parent jobs talks – more details to follow
9 th Nov.	Parent evening for Saplings with Miss Feltham 3:30 to 4:30
10 th Nov.	Parent evening for Oak & Saplings 6:00 to 8:00
11 th Nov.	Parent evening for Oak, Saplings & Buds 3:30 to 5:00
12 th Nov.	Whole school cinema visit – morning
17 th Nov.	Individual Photographs
18 th Nov.	Open Afternoon for prospective parents
9 th Dec.	Christmas Lunch
10 th Dec.	Whole school pantomime trip – afternoon
18 th Dec.	End of Term 2

Best wishes,

Leslie Hawkins