



Class 4 had a Diwali party this week



# Harvey Road Primary School

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## Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have already received a Headteacher's Award:

Year 6 – Zach

Year 4 – Chloe, Max, Sophia

## Celebrating progress – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, from 2.45pm

Our first celebrating progress event of the new school year will take place shortly. These are great opportunities for the children to share their work, progress and successes with you. Parents are invited to come into school from 2.45pm to spend time in your child's class. I hope you can make it.

## Late collection from school

Since September we have noted a large number of children being collected late from school and nursery. If you find yourself running more than 5 minutes late, please contact the school office to let them know what alternative plans you have made for your child's collection.

## Absence from school

Can I remind you that if your child is too unwell to attend school, you must leave a message on the absence answerphone by 8.30am **every day** that they are going to be absent. All other absences eg for medical appointments or personal reasons must be pre-notified with the office **and** the class teacher via link books/homework diaries. Your child's attendance in school is vital to their success, progress and happiness therefore only emergency medical/dental appointments and hospital appointments will be authorised. Routine dental appointments and opticians appointments will be marked as unauthorised absence. Thank you for your support with this.

## Christmas Fair – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 3-6pm

The PTA are working hard on the plans for the Christmas Fair and it will be a fantastic, festive event as usual. Please put the date in your diary and come along to support the school. Next week they are looking for donations for the toy stall and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November will be a mufti day in return for donations of chocolate and bottles of drink.

## MSA vacancy

We are currently advertising for a new Midday Supervisory Assistant. If you are interested in working for the school please see the details on [https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant-msa\\_50799.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,midday-supervisory-assistant-msa_50799.htm)

## **Bedtime Day!**

On Thursday 6th December, the School Council will be holding a Bedtime Day. Children should come into school in pyjamas (plus normal school shoes and a coat) and should bring in £1 for the School Council's chosen charity. Children in some classes will be making cookies to enjoy in the afternoon and there will be lots of storytelling activities during the day.

This year our School Council charity is Niemann-Pick UK. The cousin of one of our Reception children has Niemann Pick type C, you may have seen him recently telling his story on Countryfile. At the moment there is no cure for this rare genetic disease, the money raised by the charity helps to support families that are affected by it and hopefully one day to find a cure. You can read more about his story here:

[https://en-gb.facebook.com/pg/just4josh/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://en-gb.facebook.com/pg/just4josh/about/?ref=page_internal). We very much hope that our Bedtime Day will be lots of fun for the children and raise some important funds to support children and families affected by this illness.

## **Admissions consultation**

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2020/21 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

1. To amend the wording and definition of 'Rule 2 – exceptional social and medical reasons to attend a specific school' to include children previously looked after abroad and subsequently adopted;
2. To amend the schemes of coordination to clarify the process for late applications and continuing interest;
3. To reduce the published admission number at four primary schools.

The consultation period runs until 6 January 2019.

Please visit <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2020> to respond online.

## **School Governors**

Next week is Governor Open Week. All our school Governors have been invited in to spend some time in the school. One of our new Co-opted Governors, Joanna Kennedy will be introducing herself to the children in assembly and will also be available with two other Governors at the end of the day to meet with any parents who wish to ask them questions or raise specific points with them about Harvey Road School. If you would like to do this, please come to the school office on Tuesday afternoon from 2.45-3.15pm.

## **Dance**

There are some great dance activities taking place next week. Our year 4's have been practising hard for their performance in the Rickmansworth Dance Festival next Wednesday evening. Thanks to Mrs Palfreyman and Mrs Allen for all their expertise in teaching the children their fantastic dance. Then on Thursday the school will be watching a dance performance and participating in dance workshops led by A Truefitt Collective. The project is called Magical Minds and aims to engage and educate children about positive mental health and well-being through Dance & the Creative Arts. I think it will be an exciting day for the children. Please ensure they have their PE kits in school on this day. Many thanks.

## **Christmas Lunch**

Replies are due for the Christmas meal by next Friday. Please return your slips to the office or class.

Best wishes, N Rowlands

## **PTA News**

It's the School Christmas Fair next Saturday 1st December, 3-6pm!

Alongside the hot and cold refreshments, Santa's Grotto, Creation Station and gift stalls, there will be games and activities, a chocolate and bottle tombola and the very popular raffle. There will also be a performance from the school choir and market stalls from our very own Nursery and Reception class, and years 2, 5 and 6!

Entrance will be £2, with primary aged children going free. There will be a small treat on the door for children and adults can take part in the free Champagne and Chocolate prize draw.