



Appreciation is our Value for July

Please continue to send in your feedback using the attached Values form if you feel your child clearly demonstrates the month's value at home. Their names are published in our 'Superstars' book as well as their name being read out in our Celebration Assembly so we can say 'Well done!' to all the children who are nominated by you.

The 'Values' form is also available on the school website. Please click on the link to access it.

<http://harroldlowerschool.co.uk/values/>

Time has flown by and I suddenly find myself in the last few days of the school year. To begin, I have to say that the children have been an absolute credit to you. They have worked their socks off and have displayed excellent attitudes to their learning. They have also had great fun! They make us smile every day.

There are many people that I have to thank for the school experience that your children have had this year. The whole staff team make a valuable contribution to the effective running of the school. The office staff, midday supervisors, teaching assistants, cleaners, site agent and volunteers all work hard for the benefit of the children. The teachers have gone above and beyond to make the learning interesting and enjoyable for the children. They know that the most important thing that they can do, is not so much to teach the children, but to inspire them to learn. I wish them all a very well-deserved holiday.

When we return in September, our school status should have been confirmed that it has converted to academy status. There will be some changes to paperwork that you will notice, otherwise there should be no great difference when the children return to school on Wednesday 7 September (children in Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4.)

As always, in schools there are changes to staffing as staff seek new prospects in their careers and when their personal lives offer new and different opportunities.

Mr Myles Ferraro, will be moving from Bedford to Newcastle in the summer holidays. Mr Ferraro will be missed by us all and I know the children in his class will also miss him. He has made an enormous contribution to the learning of the children in Class 2 over the past two years and to the staff team in the school. We wish him well in his move and the very best of luck!

We are also saying good bye to **Miss Robyn Carline** who has been a TA (Teaching Assistant) in the school for the past two years but has been working in Reception for three years in a voluntary capacity. Miss Carline has brought a lot of energy and enthusiasm to her role and we are very grateful to all she has given the school in the time she has been with us. We are going to miss her as she now moves on to train as a teacher; a role in which we know she will be very successful. Miss Carline will be a great asset to the profession and we wish her all the very best in her teaching career.

Miss Gemma Crawford who has been teaching in the school since January will be permanently joining the staff team and I know you will make her feel very welcome. Since her arrival, Miss Crawford has very much become a part of the staff team and has got to know the children, the staff and the routines of the school very well. Miss Crawford will be returning to school in September as Mrs McMurdo as she is getting married in August. We wish her and her future husband every happiness!

Sainsbury's vouchers have been counted and we have been able to order some more playground toys, thank you for donating your vouchers.



Changes to the cost of School Lunches - From October 24th 2016, the cost of a school lunch will increase from the current £2.20 per meal to £2.40.

FoHLS - Many thanks to FOHLS for all their fundraising efforts this year.

An amazing £383.80 was raised as profit at the BBQ / Picnic held on Thursday 4 July.

The raffle prizes raised an additional £101.00 through sales at the Summer Recital and Year 4's Evening Performance to parents.

We will let you know what this money is contributing towards in the autumn term! Thank you for all you support during this year and we look forward to more fund-raising events next year!

What's been happening this month...this year...

RECEPTION CLASS



In July we had a fantastic 'street' style party to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. We shared lots of delicious food and enjoyed a gloriously sunny day outside. Thank you to FOHLS for providing refreshing ice lollies.



We have had a super time learning all about SPACE. We went to space for a day and had to think about how we would drink without the liquid floating away and we decided to use food bags and straws so the liquid would not escape. We have made many creations for our space theme including rockets, paintings and collages. We had a lovely time in our assembly telling everyone what we have learnt.



YEAR 1

Our class really enjoyed celebrating the Queen's birthday.



After reading 'The Light House Keepers Lunch', the girls built a light house. It had to be taller than one metre!



YEAR 2

For our end of year trip, KS1 visited the Birds of Prey centre in Wilstead. The children had a fantastic day out handling the animals and being treated to various bird displays. Everyone had the opportunity to hold owls and fly them from one to another. It was fantastic to see children taking an interest in the birds and asking lots of interesting questions.



YEAR 3

What a busy time we have had in class 3 this year!

We started the year with going on a walk to look for the different uses of rocks in Harrold. This was then followed by our fantastic Roman Day. In school we have had a lot of fun. We have enjoyed welcoming our families in to our Open Mornings and going outside to learn too! Not to mention taking part in the Christmas Play and dressing up for World Book Day



We have also had great days out to the Country Park and to Bletchley Park where we found out all about the Enigma machine.

YEAR 4



Class 4 have been busy this half term completing their learning in preparation for their move to Year 5. One area of particular focus has continued to be Rainforest based. The children have been busy learning songs, dances, acting and lines for their greatly anticipated performances of 'Get off our Land'. They have enjoyed sharing ideas for action and choreography for the production. They are looking forward to the performances, getting ready with their costumes and face paints. This promises to be a show stopping end to life in Year 4. We are all very proud of their efforts.



Here are a couple of the children's designs for the programme.



On Monday 11th July, the children from Classes 3 & 4 had an exciting end of year trip to the Rainforest Cafe, in London. It was a longer than usual day, which the children were very excited about. It was quite an experience to be surrounded by sights and sounds only usually discovered in Rainforests around the world.



From the Staff...



Thank you for all your support during the year and kind appreciation shown to us especially at the end of the school year!

We wish you everyone a wonderful summer holiday!





Can you help us? Harrold Scout Group is looking for a leader

The current leader is stepping down in September

If you would like to do something for the local children,
if you enjoy the outdoors and games and
would like to become more involved in the village.

Please get intouch, no previous experience needed
just enthusiasm and time.

Training is provided plus
support from other leaders.

If you would like to get involved
as part of a group sharing the role
please do email :-

51stharroldtreasury@gmail.com

thank you



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| <u>September</u> | |
| Wednesday 7 September | <u>First Day of Autumn Term for Classes 1, 2, 3, and 4</u> <u>First Day of Autumn Term for Reception Class</u> |
| Monday 12 September | |
| Tuesday 20 th 7pm | Year 2, 3 and 4 Parents' Information Evenings |
| Thursday 22 nd 7pm | Year 1 and Reception Parents' Information Evenings |
| <u>October</u> | |
| Tuesday 11 th am | Ambulance visit for Children to find out more about Emergency Services |
| Wednesday 12 th 2pm | Years 2, 3, 4 Place Theatre, Bedford - The Bravest Mouse |
| Wednesday 19 th 2pm | Harvest Festival |
| Monday 24 to Friday 28th | Half Term |
| FoHLS' Halloween Party | TBA |





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