



Harrold Lower School

Newsletter – September and October 2016

**PERSEVERANCE:
IF AT FIRST YOU
DON'T SUCCEED,
TRY, TRY AGAIN**

Perseverance is our Value for September

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.



Thoughtfulness is our Value for October

The 'Values' form is also available on the school website. Please click on the link to access it <http://harroldlowerschool.co.uk/values/>

It was lovely to return back to school and see how happy and well rested the children were as we also welcomed our new Reception children and parents.

On October 1st we finally became an Academy. Our school name remains the same; the children are in their classrooms learning and our values and ethos regarding the needs of every child are at the heart of what we do and is central to the education of Harrold Lower School. As you see from the logo at the bottom left of the newsletter we are now also part of the Sharnbrook Academy Federation which is a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT).

We continue to work with the Middle School as we both prepare for the primary school the schools will become on this school site from next September.



Thank you for all your Harvest donations which have been collected by Bedford Food Bank. Many thanks to Reverend Royden for leading the Harvest Festival Service. The children performed beautifully and it was a lovely end to what has been a busy and productive half term.

Guitar lessons have begun; tomatoes have been mummified by Class 3 and 4 and Egyptian bread has been baked and eaten. A visit to The Place Theatre in Bedford to watch the Bravest Mouse was a powerful and emotive performance captivating the children and adults alike. It broached the sensitive subject of war in a very beautiful and well pitched manner.

A visit by an Ambulance Man, Gareth and his ambulance caused great excitement, especially when the children all got the chance to stand inside and learn about all the equipment.

Reception and Class 1 have been out and about enjoying the autumn colours and collecting the leaves that are now beginning to fall from the trees.

Sitting down volleyball was an unusual opportunity and proved to be a successful sport for classes 3 and 4. Class 4 enjoyed the Sports Competition gaining third place in Tag Rugby as part of the Multi Sports Competition league.



We pride ourselves by trying to be Eco friendly at Harrod Lower. Our Eco Council is being led by Mrs McMurdo this year. Following an assembly in which the children met a real-life designer and up-cycler, children in Years 2, 3 and 4 have been thinking about ways to be more environmentally friendly in the future. They have been designing eco cars for future years and representatives from the classes will be invited to make up this year's Eco Council.



We return to school on Tuesday 1st November



On Wednesday 2nd November, we have organised a Diwali Day – we will learn about ancient Indian culture and traditions with dressing up and experience of Indian music and musical instruments. You will have received a letter with more information and details about the use of face-paints in the sessions.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

The theme for this year's Children in Need day is make it "Spotacular!". Children can come to school dressed in spotty clothing and pay a pound. All donations will go straight to the charity, so please sort out your spotty items of clothing in plenty of time for 18th November!!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

More information will follow nearer the dates

Half term holiday	Monday 24th – Friday 28th October
Inset Day – no children in school	Monday 31st October
Return to School	Tuesday 1st November
Magical Maths commences 6 weeks	Tuesday 1 st November
Diwali Day	Wednesday 2 nd November
Individual and Family Photographs	Wednesday 9 th November from 8.15 a.m.
Multi Sports Event at Lincroft Class 2	Thursday 10 th November a.m.
Flu Vaccine	Thursday 10 th November 1pm
Parents Evening	Tuesday 15 th November 4-6pm
Parents Evening	Thursday 17 th November 6-8pm
Children in Need	Friday 18 th November
Ancient History Day Class 3 and 4	Tuesday 29 th November
Carols on the Green	Saturday 3 rd December
Orchestra Unwrapped Class 4	Wednesday 7 th December
School Christmas Lunch	Thursday 8 th December
Christmas Performances	Week commencing – 12 th December – TBC
Wear a Christmas Jumper to School	Friday 16 th December
Christmas Carol Service	Tuesday 20 th December
Christmas Holiday	Wednesday 21st December – Monday 2nd January 2017
Inset Day – no children in school	Tuesday 3rd January
Return to School	Wednesday 4th January
Vision Screening (Reception children)	Monday 23 rd January
Half term holiday	Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February
Return to School	Monday 20th February
Stibbington Visit Class 3 & 4	Wednesday 22 nd February
Class Photos	Thursday 23 rd February
Parents Evening	Tuesday 28 th February 4-6pm
Parents Evening	Thursday 2 nd March 6-8pm
World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March
Sports Event at Lincroft Class 3	Wednesday 8 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 24 th March
Sports Competition at Sharnbrook Class 1	Friday 31 st March am
Easter Service	Wednesday 5 th April 2pm
Easter Bonnets (children only)	Friday 7 th April
Easter Holiday	Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April
Return to School	Monday 24th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May
Rounders Level 1 Competition KS2	Thursday 11 th May
Sports Competition KS2	Friday 19 th May
Bikeability Class 4	Tuesday 23 rd April (TBC)
Half term holiday	Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
Return to School	Monday 5th June
Sports Competition KS1	Wednesday 14 th June
Sing on Schools	Wednesday 21 st June
Sports Day	Friday 30 th June 1.30pm
Reserve Sports Day	Monday 3 rd July 1.30pm
Inset Day – no children at school	Friday 7th July
Year 4 Show	Thursday 13 th July 1.30pm and 7pm
Summer Recital	Wednesday 19 th July 2pm
End of Academic Year	Friday 21st July 3.20pm



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I am very proud of them!

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