



# Harrold Lower School

## Newsletter 5 – February 2014



**Love** is our Value this month!

This month's value is one that is really suitable for this month. The children who have 'come for tea' have demonstrated a variety of ways in which they have shown aspects of this value towards their friends or demonstrated 'their love for learning'.

We would also like to ask for your support in encouraging the Value of the Month. If your child demonstrates the monthly value at home, please let their class teacher know so we can celebrate how they have demonstrated this value. A form is included at the bottom of the newsletter. Please fill it in and return it to your child's class teacher to be shared in class and school.

### Welcome to Mr Didsbury – Class 4 Teacher

Mr Didsbury joined the staff at the beginning of this term and is teaching the children in Year 4. He has a Sports background and is very interested in football and rugby in particular.

I know you will make him feel very welcome and he is already proving himself to be a valuable member of our team.

### Parent Survey on Childcare and Early Education in Bedford Borough

All schools have been asked by Jane Winterbone, the Assistant Director, Chief Education Officer to seek the views of parents/carers on childcare and early education in Bedford Borough. The Borough recognises that choosing the right provision to meet the needs of families is extremely important. In order to ensure that the best possible offer for families is in Bedford Borough, they would like to hear from you and have your feedback.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey. The final report will be published in June 2014.

The link to respond to this consultation is:  
[www.forms.bedford.gov.uk/parents](http://www.forms.bedford.gov.uk/parents)

### Parental Surveys – Before and After-School Club

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire about whether there is a need for a Before and After School Club. There was, of course, an overwhelming response in favour of before and after school provision.

We are delighted that £25 000 has been granted following an application to Bedford Borough Rural Grants Committee towards the provision of a new building for Harrold Pre-School which will be also used for the Before

and After School clubs. Harrold Parish Council has also fully supported this development by awarding £6 000 towards the cost of a building for the Pre-School.

We will keep you informed as to the progress of this exciting project which will bring huge benefits to our school community.

### Parental Surveys – Sharnbrook Academy Federation (SAF)

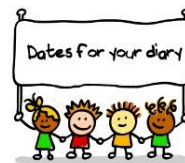
Thank you to the parents who replied to our survey about whether you would want Harrold Lower School to consider becoming a primary school should the SAF change their age of admission to 11 years of age and if the funding were to become available to provide the necessary additional classrooms.

Only 15 replies were received but the majority of those returned were happy for the school to consider changing to a primary school. Naturally, some of the replies requested more information about what would be involved before deciding.

To date we have not yet received any further information from the SAF but as soon as we do, we will forward it onto you.

### Architecture Day

Last Friday, Classes 2, 3 and 4 took part in an Architecture Day. The children were amazed by what you can do with a simple triangle as they built shelters, a giant helix and a ferris wheel which could turn! Well done to everyone who took part as some of the activities were quite challenging!



**Coming up...** more details will follow

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Mad Science Day** - Years 1 & 2  
**Create Dance Festival**  
- Group of Years 3 & 4  
**World Book Day**  
**Class Photos**  
**Parents Evening 4-6pm**  
**Parents Evening 6-8pm**  
**National Space Centre** - Year 1  
**Science Day** – Whole School  
**School Dance Festival**  
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**Faith Tour** – Years 3 & 4  
**Easter Bonnet Parade**



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