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Primary School

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Thought for the Day:

"Peace comes from being able to contribute the best that we have, and all that we are, toward creating a world that supports everyone. But it is also securing the space for others to contribute the best that they have and all that they are."

Question of the Week:

Are there more stars in the sky or grains of sand on the earth?

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have noticed that since the beginning of term there has been areas of the site that have been cordoned off for health and safety reasons. School has been awarded some funding to help improve the ventilation in the teaching areas and improve the air quality in the classrooms and the company Kier Construction have been busy installing the equipment. The work began in July and is on track to be completed towards the end of November. Children have received a health and safety briefing in assembly and school regularly meets with the workers to discuss the next phase of the work. Whilst this has been occurring, the school has also had new heating and hot water boilers installed.

This week we have received the gold award from Transport for London's sustainable travel STARS scheme. This is a fantastic achievement and we say a big well done and thanks to everyone involved for helping school recognise ways in which we can be more active and less reliant on cars.



Nursery: This week in Nursery we have continued to practice our routines such as sitting at snack time and lining up to come inside at home time. The children have been learning how to share toys and tidy them up. The children have been listening to stories and singing lots of nursery rhymes. Please talk to your child about the colour of their name card. Encourage your child's independence by asking them to put their own water bottle and book bag away in the correct place before the session starts.

Reception: In Reception we have been continuing to learn about our bodies and this week we are learning about our 5 senses. We have also been looking carefully at our outdoor environment and talking about the many changes that are happening now that we are in the Autumn season. Our Maths focus has been looking at and describing different shapes, we have noticed some amazing shapes around our classroom. Our phonics focus has been learning the sounds G,O,C and K and have been practising blending sounds to read words.

Year 1: Year 1 have been exploring another traditional tale, "Goldilocks and the three bears". The children have enjoyed looking at the sequence of the story, getting into characters and acting out the story, understanding the events and feelings of the characters. The children have been using their imagination to think of what may have happened in the woods the day the bears went for a walk. The children have also been looking at different versions of the same story. In Maths this week the children have been exploring numbers up to 100 by counting on, counting back and in multiples of 10 from any given number.

Year 2: This week the children have been on an exciting walk around our local community. We looked out for all the people, places and things that are in our town. At school we discussed why those places and people, such as the doctor's surgery, are an important part of our community. On the walk we used a map to follow our way around and spotted features, such as the tube station, that were marked on the map. In Maths we have been using our knowledge of number bonds to calculate larger number bonds, and find the answers to problems. In English we read the end of our story and sequenced the main events. We have also learnt about co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions and using them in sentences.

Year 3: This week, in English, Year 3 has started their new topic on Instructional Texts and have looked at the features of some examples of these texts. In Maths, we have continued our learning of multiplication and division and extending this by applying to real life situations. In Science, we have learnt about the process of fossilisation. In Topic, we have learnt about the role of hunters and gatherers during the Stone Age and are extremely excited about our forthcoming Stone Age day!

Year 4: This week, Year 4 has been focusing on multiplication and division knowledge in Maths. In English, we have been applying knowledge of features of poetry by creating our own poems based on themes such as making toys come to life. Year 4 were excited to make their own telephones in Science using paper cups and exploring how sound travels. Well done to 4C on producing such a fabulous and fact-filled assembly on the Romans!

Year 5: Children have been learning about volcanoes and earthquakes - where they are usually found, what causes them and the effects they can have on surrounding communities. In Music, we are listening to Holst's 'The Planets' and are examining the ways in which the instruments and composition convey different emotions. Children continue to amaze us with their art - they have been using a variety of techniques to create atmospheric pictures of the moon using chalks.

Year 6: The highlight of Year 6's week was a visit to Ufton Court Educational Centre to learn more about the life of the Vikings, our focus in Topic this half-term. Children experienced how to build fences out of branches, make fires and how to weave cloth. They participated in a Viking burial and chose the various artefacts that could be taken to the after-life. A highlight was exploring a life-size replica of a Viking long boat and practising rowing. At each country that they 'visited,' they could examine goods that the Vikings either raided or traded. The children's conduct throughout was exemplary and a credit to our school.

Notices:

Flu vaccinations for children in years Reception to Year 5 with consent, will take place on Tuesday 16th October 2018.

Reminders:

Sweets and chewing gum are not part of a healthy packed lunch and should not be in school.

The fitness equipment and play apparatus should not be used by children before or after school for safety reasons.

Late collections: Please contact the school office if you are going to be late when collecting your child. Children will be placed into aftercare and you will be charged if you are late collecting your child.

School begins promptly, please be aware that lateness is recorded and passed on to the Education Welfare Officer.

Please check that your child is wearing the appropriate uniform and that it is theirs!

We wish to circulate newsletters via email in the near future. Please ensure that the office has an email address so that we can use less paper and become more environmentally friendly.

Year 6 parents – Secondary School online applications need to be completed by the 31st October 2018.

Heights and Weight checks will be happening for Reception and Year 6 children. See letter regarding this.

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 97.35%. There have been a number of classes that have had 100% attendance.



Congratulation to 4H and 5M.

Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



Starting School in Reception Class in September 2019

If your child was born between **1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015** you will need to apply for a Reception class place.

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2019**.

Please read the **"Starting School in Hounslow in September 2019."** brochure carefully before completing your application. A copy can be downloaded from our website.

Hounslow residents must apply online at **www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions**

For advice and guidance contact the admissions team on:

020 8583 2721

admissions@hounslow.gov.uk

Key Dates

1 September 2018

Applications open – apply online at **www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions**

21 November 2018 – 10am -2pm

Information Day for parents at the Civic Centre, **Lampton Road**, Hounslow TW3 4DN

3 October 2018 - January 2019

Drop in sessions for help with online applications. Held every Wednesday from 10am – 2pm at the Civic Centre, **Lampton Road**, Hounslow TW3 4DN

15 January 2019, midnight

Closing date for applications

7 February 2019, 5pm

Closing date for applications from people moving into the borough after 15 January or for any late applications to be considered as being received on time due to exceptional circumstances.

16 April 2019, evening

National Offer Day

Parents will be sent an email with the outcome of their application

30 April 2019

Last day to accept or not accept your school offer online.

Key Dates for the term:

September 2018

3 rd Sept	INSET Day
4 th Sept	INSET Day
5 th Sept	Term begins for children
13 th Sept	Reading plus for Year 6
14 th Sept	Y1-6 Health and Safety assembly
19 th Sept	Y6 Heathrow Coding Workshop
21 st Sept	4H Class assembly
28 th Sept	6C Class assembly
5 th Oct	4P Class assembly
9 th Oct	Y6 History Trip
11 th Oct	Y3 Stone Age Day
12 th Oct	4C Class assembly
15 th Oct-17 th Oct	Y5 Sayers Croft
16 th Oct	Reception – Y5 Flu vaccinations
18 th Oct	Y6 Democracy event at the Civic Centre
22 nd – 26 th Oct	Half Term

28 th Oct	Clocks change back
8 th Nov	Parents Evening
9 th Nov	3S Class assembly
12 th Nov	Parents Evening
12 th Nov	Whole School Individual Photos
13 th Nov	Y5&6 Primary Sports Day
16 th Nov	5C Class assembly
26 th Nov	Y6 Parliament Trip
30 th Nov	5M Class assembly
7 th Dec	5U Class assembly
	Winter Disco
14 th Dec	Y2 Nativity
19 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term
	School closed from 1:30pm
20 th Dec- 2 nd Jan '19	Christmas holidays

Spring Term begins on Thursday 3rd of January 2019