

## School Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

### Celebration assembly

Monday's video assembly, led by Miss Evans, was about the Harvest Festival and our school value of teamwork. Well done to the pupils below who were chosen by their teachers to receive special certificates for working well with everyone at school this week.

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| Nursery Acorn Class      | Erin                  |
| Reception Chestnut Class | Henry and Aaron       |
| Reception Maple Class    | Leon                  |
| Reception Oak Class      | George G              |
| Year 1 Redwood Class     | Harrison B and James  |
| Year 1 Ash Class         | Tommy                 |
| Year 1 Cedar Class       | Albie, Jack and Tyler |
| Year 2 Birch Class       | Dinula and Lilly      |
| Year 2 Pine Class        | Henry                 |
| Year 2 Elder Class       | Molly                 |

### House points

Well done to the following pupils for earning the most house points in their class this week.

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| Reception Chestnut Class | Zoe       |
| Reception Maple Class    | Paul John |
| Reception Oak Class      | Indi      |
| Year 1 Redwood Class     | Jamie     |
| Year 1 Ash Class         | Eden      |
| Year 1 Cedar Class       | Harper    |
| Year 2 Birch Class       | Jamie     |
| Year 2 Pine Class        | Ruby      |
| Year 2 Elder Class       | Alfie     |

Congratulations to all of the pupils in Yellow house for earning more house points than the other houses this week.

## Attendance

We aim to achieve above the national average attendance which is 96%. Well done to Reception Maple class for achieving the best attendance in school this week.

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| Reception Maple Class    | 98.2% |
| Reception Chestnut Class | 98%   |
| Year 1 Cedar Class       | 97.3% |
| Year 2 Birch Class       | 96.8% |
| Year 1 Ash Class         | 95.2% |
| Reception Oak Class      | 94.6% |
| Year 2 Elder Class       | 91.3% |
| Year 1 Redwood Class     | 90.4% |
| Year 2 Pine Class        | 88.5% |

## Optimistic October

Life is far from perfect, but there are lots of reasons for optimism. Setting positive goals for the future gives our lives a sense of direction and purpose. And although we face many challenges there are also lots of reasons to stay hopeful. By consciously choosing our priorities we can overcome issues, make progress and focus on what really matters.



**ACTION CALENDAR: OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER 2020**

MONDAY    TUESDAY    WEDNESDAY    THURSDAY    FRIDAY    SATURDAY    SUNDAY

"Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama

- Write down your most important goals for this month
- Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times
- Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you
- Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good
- Start your day with the most important thing on your list
- Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation
- Remember that things can change for the better
- Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding
- Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward
- Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week
- Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society
- Look for the good intentions in people around you today
- Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous
- Do something to overcome an obstacle you are facing
- Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today
- Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted
- Share your most important goals with people you trust
- Make a list of things that you are looking forward to
- Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead
- Find the joy in completing a task you've put off for some time
- Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters
- Share an inspiring idea with a loved one or colleague
- Write down 3 specific things that have gone well recently
- Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise
- Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to
- Start the week by writing down your top priorities & plans
- Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time
- Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?
- Find a new perspective on a problem you face
- Set a goal that links to your sense of purpose in life
- Think of 3 things that give you hope for the future

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october)

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

## **New school website**

Our new school website will be launching over the next few days. It has more information for parents and also improved compatibility with mobile devices.

[www.harefieldinfant.com](http://www.harefieldinfant.com)

## **The Pantry**

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October the Pantry's menu will change and they will no longer be offering a sandwich option. If you have placed orders for a sandwich please ensure you go back and change your order accordingly. If your order is not changed your child will receive a plain jacket potato as an alternative. Thank you.

## **Dogs on school premises**

We would like to remind parents that dogs are not allowed on school premises.

## **Key dates for your diary**

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October: Parent-teacher meetings. More details to follow.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October: School is closed for half term.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020: Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 1pm.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021: First day of Spring term.

## **Community Links**

**contact** *For families  
with disabled children*

Contact is an organisation that exists to help families feel valued, supported, confident and informed. They have now arranged a series of free virtual workshops as a way of delivering family support services during these challenging times. Please see below for the dates/times for workshops/webinars. You will need to register on Eventbrite at their website and this is where you can also find out more information about each workshop:

<https://contact.org.uk/about-us/family-workshops/>

*Money Matters - for parents of children aged up to 16 with additional needs*

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 10:00 am

*Encouraging Positive Behaviour in children aged up to 16*

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10:00 am

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 19:30 pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 10:00 am



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*Wellbeing for parents of children with additional needs*

Tuesday 6th October 7:30 pm

Monday 19th October 19:30 pm

*Helping your young child sleep*

Wednesday 7th October 7:30 pm

*Helping your child (aged up to 16) sleep*

Thursday 1st October 10:30 am

Thursday 15th October 10:00 am