

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018[www.harestock.co.uk](http://www.harestock.co.uk)

Number 6

## WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Remembrance assembly

Thank you to the House Captains who did such a marvellous job reading their poems in the whole school Remembrance assembly this morning. All the children were so respectful and sat beautifully through the minute's silence. We were very proud. For the display, this year, children wrote either parts of Remembrance Poems or words associated with remembrance onto poppies or doves. These will be displayed in the school hall above the serving hatch within the next week. They will stay there as a permanent display, so do please have a look when you are next in school. Here are a few of the lines that some of the children wrote themselves.

*'Meet me at the rainbow when the time is right'*

*'The torch be yours so hold it high, do not stand at my grave and cry'*

*'Now you're roaming endless fields, forever free to run'*

I think you'll agree the children have done an amazing job understanding the true meaning of remembrance.

### App Issues

As some of you will have noticed, we seem to be having a problem with School App. We have been in touch with the developers who are working hard to solve the problem, thank you for being patient.

### Infant Path

At the beginning of the school day, after the whistle has gone PLEASE could you wait on the playground until ALL the YR children have gone up the path into school. This week we have had two children fall over because of parents rushing up the path to leave before all the children have left the playground. Also at the end of the day please could you wait on the playground NOT on the path as this blocks access for other parents who are collecting children from other classes. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Reading Records

Infant children will have brought home their reading record book today. We hope to be able to distribute the Junior reading records early next week.

### Whole school attendance

The class monthly % totals are below:

Whole school attendance for October is 97.1% which is above national average.

Dragonfly 97.0%

Ladybird 95%

Woodpecker 96.8%

Owl 98.8%

Koala 97.6%

Otter 98.3%

Dolphin 94.6%

Panther 97.6%

Panda 97.3%

The % for attendance from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October is 96.9%. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school each day.

### Poppy appeal

Thank you all for your generosity of your donations this week. We will let you know the final amount collected when we receive the notification from The Royal British Legion.

### Next week is anti-bullying week

Next week is a national week set aside to further raise awareness with the children on how to deal with and stop bullying if it ever happens to them and the different types of bullying which unfortunately exist in society today. We do our utmost here at Harestock to put a stop to any allegations of bullying, which is in fact very few in number across the year. To bully is to intimidate or harass someone else over a period of time and this is not tolerated. Bullying is unacceptable to anyone, anywhere. As soon as an allegation is reported to staff, we talk to all involved and take necessary actions to make the situation better.

Please remember we are holding internet safety information workshop for parents on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> at 8.45am and again Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> in the evening at 7pm.

Children in Need day next Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

Wear something yellow / spotty / stripy / Children in Need related for the day. £1 donation please.

## **The Christmas Fayre is quickly approaching FRIDAY 7th December 3.15 pm - 5 pm**

There will be a Santa's grotto and lots of stalls to look at and spend your money at - tombolas, raffle, books, toys, cakes, refreshments, home produce, stalls selling the 'craft item' the children have made themselves and lots more. Come along and join in the fun. Please put the date on your calendar

## **University of Winchester student volunteers**

We are thrilled to have eleven University of Winchester volunteers joining the school every Wednesday in the morning, afternoon or all day to assist with learning around the school. Many of these students are training to be teachers themselves and for them to give up their spare time to volunteer to help our children in class is amazing.

## **INFANT CLASSES INFORMATION**

### **International Students**

Harestock school are luckier enough to have two International students assisting in class for a number of weeks. The students are from the University of Winchester and they are learning more about teaching in English schools. The children in Woodpecker and Ladybird class are enjoying having them join them.

*My name is Snezana Panic and I coming from Switzerland. I am studying Education at the University of Lausanne called Haute Ecole Pédagogique (HEP) and it is my second year. I have had the opportunity to take part of an Erasmus program to discover different teaching practice and I have chosen the University of Winchester for this wonderful experience. I look forward to spending time at Harestock Primary school.*

### **Phonics meeting**

Infant phonics parents' information session: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9 a.m.

## **JUNIOR CLASSES INFORMATION**

### **Koala and Otter Escape from Mount Vesuvius!**

Wow, what a fantastic effort everyone went to for their Take Home Tasks on Tuesday! There were some amazingly creative volcanoes and even some entertaining eruptions.

There were Lego volcanoes, mod-rock volcanoes, exploding lava volcanoes, plasticine volcanoes, as far as the eye could see!

Thankyou also to the parents who managed to come, it was a great turn out. And thankyou to everyone who had fun 'assisting' with the creating! We are looking forward to planning next term's task!

## **WEBSITE UPDATE**

Otter & Koala blogs. School calendar.

## **ATTACHMENTS SENT BY TUCASI COMMUNICATIONS**

Friends of School - Spring term events.

## **FOS**

### **Welcome and Thank you**

My name is Lucy Davies and I will be taking over from Lynn Ingram as the new chair of FOS.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the members of the committee, to thank Lynn for her years (over a decade) of involvement in FOS, first as the treasurer and then as the Chair.

Every child in the school has benefitted from her dedication and energy, running fun fundraising events to provide equipment and experiences that your children would otherwise not have had.

Many of you will know me through my children, Seth is year 6 and Isla in year 3. Others will know me from my time working at Harestock Pre-school. I can be found in the junior playground before and after school, most days.

## **REMINDERS**

**Parent-teacher meetings**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm - 7pm and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 3.30pm - 5pm

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November** - Road safety week starts.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November** - Be bright, be seen non-uniform day (wear fluorescent colours). This is a change of date from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** - change of date regarding Healthy Choices info session at 9 a.m.