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No:04 Week ending 28.09.18

Dear Parents/Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

The weather is absolutely glorious and it feels like June....but it's almost the end of the month! I know that the time has been well spent on a robust start to the school year and as such, we have some lovely things to celebrate before we enter October!

Well done to the Nursery and Reception children who have settled in so well to their classes and year groups. A couple of little wobbles by a few children and parents (which is not unusual) but overall a very smooth and positive start to school life at HWINS. Well done! ☺ Many thanks to the many parents/carers who have **really prepared their children for Reception life** by encouraging them to be independent, well mannered, able to use the toilet independently, hold and use cutlery, are able to make a food choice at lunchtime and are at least willing to try what is on their plate. I fully appreciate the time and effort made...it's paying off! Thank you.

There are a couple of things which would help make things even better for **some Reception children** so I kindly ask for help with the following: please ensure that your child can use the toilet independently; can use cutlery, is aware of the menu choices because you will have gone through that with them in the morning and are polite towards adults and children. These things enable your child to be on the 'front foot' and of course, being independent is not only liberating, it makes us feel good too, whatever our age! Many thanks to Reception parents/carers who came to the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting which also encompassed reading and phonics input. I hope that you found it useful in developing your understanding and being better placed to support your child. Thanks for coming! Slide show will be on the school website shortly.

Year 2: You have been **fantastic citizens**, looking after the Reception children and taking them in each morning. I am so proud of you and for making the effort to step up. **Great work; Kind Actions; Kind Words** ☺ **Keep it up wherever you are.**

Years 1 and Year 2: You have also been super at settling back into school! We have now completed the induction to your year groups, **everybody knows the routines and what to do so please do what you are supposed to (ask if you are not sure!) and please do your best learning and your best behaviour every day. This is what we expect.** Thank you.

Three Special People: please remember to send the completed forms back. It's really important that the process is followed through so that staff and children know to look out for one another. **This forms part of our wider support for each child so we do need the info back! Thank you.**

Settling-in letter: In your child's book bag, there should be a 'settling-in letter' giving you a very quick summary of how your child has settled into their new class, new school year and where applicable, new routines. Please do take some time to read through this information which staff have put together as a half-way point between starting the new academic year and forthcoming October consultations. We hope that you find them useful.

Tidy-Up Tuesday: part of our Eco Schools Work

A beautiful day for a super tidy-up at school! We planted bulbs, weeded, tidied, planted pansies for a splash of colour, swept, watered, beautified the pots at the front of the school, filled up the bird's feeders and re-jigged a few bits. Phew! A lovely day with some lovely outcomes ☺ Many thanks to all of the staff who gave us a hand.

School Council + Eco

At the moment it is just Year 2 whilst we getting up and running but soon Year 1 will be invited to join. School Council talked it through and have chosen **Water Aid for the Harvest Charity to go with our theme of Sharing & Giving & Teamwork.** In a couple of weeks' time, they will be doing a call out for money so that young children – the same ages as our 3-7 year olds – are not having to walk for miles (usually without an adult and often in challenging circumstances) to collect water which is at best dirty and often contaminated. School Council will be sending out their letter to you very soon!

Ambassadors of Superb Behaviour

Here they are, wearing their new cloaks! Looking fab, being a SHINING EXAMPLE. Everyone is capable of doing this – a cloak just makes it more special – so please encourage your children to all be shining examples. They all can ☺



School Photographs: Tuesday 02 October and Thursday 04 October

Next week! Smart hair, correct school clothes, shiny shoes (even though they won't be in the photograph!) and delightful smiles. If you are still waiting for your school uniform order to be delivered, we have spare clothes which can be borrowed. **Non-HWINS school siblings** from 8.00am, please book a time slot with the school office.

Family Tapestries: Friday 05 October

These lovely 'information exchange' documents have gone out. Please take the time to find out about your staff team and then fill in the info for your family so that staff can build up a rich picture of your child and their family. It really gives us insight into the child's world as well as picking out key themes of interest to follow through. **Please complete and return no later than Friday 06 October at the latest** for our Super Magic Family Tapestry Day.

Helping in School

Many thanks to the parents/carers who have so far come forward to be volunteers at our school. Some helpers have already started: **it's always lovely to have volunteers helping around our school and it's very much appreciated by staff.** Thank you. If you missed the meetings, there are more coming up – please check the community diary.

School Vocabulary

These are words/phrases that we use at school which we would appreciate you reinforcing at home for consistency for your child and for everyone else with whom they interact:

- Kind Words and Kind Action * Calm * It's only walking (inside the school building) * Thank you * Please * That's kind * Have a go * Try * Challenge yourself * Be kind * This is what we do here* Make up if you fall out* * children (not 'kids'!)

Next week, we are having a **BIG PUSH on our Restorative Justice Processes – Making Up When We Fall Out.** Please may you go over the format with your child as this is the process we use at school:

Structure for Restorative Practise Conversations

- I can see that you are upset, would you like to talk?/Please talk with me about why you are upset
- Who has this incident affected?/Who has been upset by this?
- What happened? (be curious about what took place)
- What were you thinking about?
- How were you feeling?
- How are you feeling now?
- What do you need now? (this informs next steps)

Talk with each person involved, allowing each on to have their 'say'. This may be done separately or together (dependent upon the situation)

You may need to adjust some words in some circumstances but please keep to the overall structure or we will dilute our consistency and approach

Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Enjoy the sunshine!
Warmest wishes,

HJP Heidi Johnson Paul, Headteacher

Preview Learning...What's Coming Up for Each Year Group Please ask Jane, Danielle and Claire

N: Can we count the conkers and acorns we have collected

R: Learning why numbers are important, where we can see them and recognising them from 1- 20.

1: Learning to identify what is 1 more and 1 less and what is 10 more and 10 less of a given number

2: We will be writing an advert and making our own TV advert. Look at examples of adverts and how they persuade you to buy something or apply for a job

Staffing

We bid a fond farewell to Mrs Sunitha Kalakota (Teaching Assistant) who re-locates back to India with her family. Su had been a smiley, positive and dynamic force at HWINS and we will all miss her but wish her well as this new part of her life unfolds. ☺

School Open Day: Wednesday 03 October

Wednesday 3 October at 9:15am for **new** families who would like to send their children to our school. **If you know families who are looking for a super school for their child(ren) please ask them to come along!**

Tidy Up Tuesday

Tidy Up Tuesday was an important day so that our school could be neat and tidy. We swept, brushed, planted and watered our new areas. We do need some help with gardening so please let Mrs JP know what you can do to help.



Community First Aid

This has come up as part of conversations in the Helpers' Meetings in the context of critical emergencies and the general skill and knowledge base of helpers. I suggested that some school community first aid for parents/carers would be a good idea and the response has been favourable. Mrs Engman in the office got on the case and has found this as an option:

First Aid Course (Emergency)

First Aid for Life is a fully regulated and Ofqual Approved First Aid training provider who can provide first aid training covering emergency situations over three-hour course. The course covers action in an emergency, unconsciousness, CPR, defibrillators, choking, drowning, bleeding, burns, head injuries, convulsions and recognising meningitis/septicaemia. Courses accommodate 14 people at a cost of £420 (average £10 per person per hour).

I'd be really grateful for your feedback on your likelihood to engage with an after school programme (probably post 6pm) and how you would feel about paying for the training yourself. There could be other possibilities such as getting external funding to pay for half which I am currently exploring. Let me know your thoughts!
Thank you.

Safeguarding

All staff at our school receive at least annual Safeguarding training. Over the past couple of weeks, staff have had 2 lectures: basic safeguarding training which includes procedural aspects as well as information on types of abuse and this week, FGM (female genital mutilation) and Prevent (anti-terrorism training which can manifest itself in many ways).

Please remember to talk with a member of staff should you have concerns related to a child/family which fall into safeguarding. Always better to raise concerns than to say nothing.

Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a child? If so, please contact:

Marita Cunniffe - Assistant Headteacher (Designated Safeguarding Lead); **Heidi Johnson Paul - Headteacher** (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead); **Shelley Pawley-Nita - Senior Administrator** (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead); **Adam Makepeace - Lead Governor** (phone number in the Child Protection Policy)

Local Authority Designated Officer **Alice Stott** lado@achievingforchildren.org.uk on 020 8891 7370 or 07774 332675

SPA phone number 020 8547 5008 or www.richmond.gov.uk and search **Single Point of Access**

Pick up arrangements

Please remember to inform the office staff of regular pick up arrangements for your child. We require the name, telephone number and a photograph to be emailed to the school office, even if the pick up details are the same as last year. Thank you

Message from FHWINS Chair

Great to meet some new faces at the welcome meeting yesterday & thrilled to see more sign ups on Classlist - we are at 75% - It's never too late - www.classlist.com

Alongside all our regular events coming up, there is also a **NEW WAY** to raise money for the school whilst doing all your online shopping - www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Link your profile to our cause '**Hampton Wick Infant & Nursery School PTA**' and earn a % of your shopping back in donations to the school. Online shops include; Amazon, Tesco Online, Argos, holiday companies and more....

A NEW COFFEE MACHINE has arrived in the Wilderness cafe - so do make sure you pop in when its open... and if you want it open more often get in touch with Anna Buset to put yourself on the rota.

Have a great weekend, Sam & Amy
friendsofhwins@gmail.com



www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Free Twickenham Rugby Tickets from the RFU

I am delighted to offer your school complimentary print-at-home tickets for our first event of the season on 6th October. 3pm kick off. You can print off tickets yourselves, please visit www.eticketing.co.uk/rfu



**** You'll need to sign in or create an account on our e-ticketing once you click through. You'll also have an option to donate to the Rob Horne fund should you wish. If you choose not to donate, card details will still need to be entered to access your print at home ticket however your card won't be charged****

LIBRARY NEWS LIBRARY NEWS LIBRARY NEWS LIBRARY NEWS

Firstly, we started the school library yesterday; oh, what a joy! It was great to see all the children (again), “old” and “new”. All new children have been given a note for their parents/carers explaining the library process.



WE URGENTLY NEED TWO MORE VOLUNTEERS IN THE LIBRARY FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ONE PARENT/CARER TO HELP IN THE MORNING AND ANOTHER TO HELP IN THE AFTERNOON.

LIBRARY SESSIONS TAKE PLACE ON A THURSDAY WITH

- **MORNING SESSIONS FROM 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON** (if your child attends morning nursery you obviously need to leave earlier), **AND**
- **AFTERNOON SESSIONS BETWEEN 1:00 - 3:15 PM.**

Tasks are varied and include library duties, reading stories, help at the occasional book fairs, etc. It is great fun and rewarding to work with the children and their teachers/TAs. If you are interested, please leave your name, child’s name/class and your contact number with the ladies in the school office and we will call you as soon as possible. I look forward to hearing from you.
Corrina Turner for the Library Team

Community Diary Dates – October 2018 (Full Community Diary can be found on our website)

01 October 2018	Monday 1	
	Tuesday 2	Individual School Photographs for Nursery and Reception children (photos will be taken with non-school siblings before school from 8:00am, please call the school office to book your non-school sibling appointment)
	Wednesday 3	9.15am Open Day
	Thursday 4	Individual School Photographs for Yr1 & Yr2 children (photos will be taken with non-school siblings before school from 8:00am, please call the school office to book your non-school sibling appointment)
	Friday 5	Super Magic Day: Family Tapestries – please return completed sheets. Children to wear school uniform
		Target books back
08 October 2018	Monday 8	Consultations appointments are released
		2.45pm School Meal taster session
	Tuesday 9	
	Wednesday 10	8.30am - New Helpers’ Meeting
	Thursday 11	3.30pm Reading workshop for all helpers, parents and carers
	Friday 12	
15 October 2018	Monday 15	3:40pm-7:00pm Parent/carer Consultations, Nursery, Rec, Yr1 & Yr2
	Tuesday 16	3:40pm-7:00pm Parent/carer Consultations, Nursery, Rec, Yr1 & Yr2
	Wednesday 17	9:10am-11:20am & 1:00pm-3:00pm Parent/carer Consultations Nursery only
	Thursday 18	
	Friday 19	Whole school Harvest Celebration Assembly – theme: Sharing - children only
		Target books out
22 October 2018	Monday 22 – Friday 26 Half Term	