

Newsletter

10th October 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent meetings

Your children have had a busy half term so far and we hope you have been able to look at some of their creative work on our website. The teachers and teaching assistants have also been busy carrying out assessments and thinking about how to support your children over the months to come.

We will be holding parent teacher meetings for all primary aged pupils in the week beginning 19th October. We have decided to carry out these meeting virtually, on Zoom. Much as we would like to have face- to-face meetings with all of you, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the meetings would have to take place after school and it would take several evenings to meet every parent. We will notify you next week about timings.

Children's work



We know that you cannot come in to our school building and so we would like to show you some of the areas you cannot see.

Last term every class at Hawley went to Rochester Square pottery to create some outdoor furniture for our playground. The project was financed by our arts charity, HART (Hawley Arts Trust). We built some pottery seats and a ceramic trellis. They

are now installed in our playground and we have planted some lovely chocolate and almond scented clematis, which have started to climb through the trellis. We cannot until next spring when they start to flower.

We have also had a bumper harvest of vegetables and fruit in our garden and playground this year – sweetcorn, peas, raspberries, pears, apples, potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers and more! We will be picking the remainder of our harvest over the next few weeks, including our plump, round pumpkins and marrows.



Clare Hardie, our green-fingered teaching assistant, came in to school throughout the summer to water our garden and save the plants the children had planted as seeds. Year 2 are certainly enjoying being our gardeners this term. Thank you Clare, you did a splendid job!

Harvest

Speaking of harvest, each of the primary classes is preparing a short performance to celebrate harvest time. We will be sending each short performance out to families of each class next week.

Every year we have a harvest collection and we would like to have one this year too. We appreciate that not everyone can afford to contribute but we are hoping that as many of you that are able to, can give to our '**Give a tin**' collection. If we receive at least one tin from each family, that will be over 220 tins of food for our local food bank. A box will be placed outside the office for contributions and the last day for bringing donations will be Wednesday, 21st October. Thank you!

Google Classroom and SeeSaw

We are really pleased that the vast majority of you have logged on to your children's Google Classroom or SeeSaw accounts. We appreciate that the move to Google Classroom for KS2 may take some getting used to after using SeeSaw all summer but please persevere with your children.

We are still trying to raise extra funds to purchase more chrome books /tablets. Please make any donations via **ParentPay**.

Parent questionnaire

A paper copy of a questionnaire regarding remote learning was sent out to parents this week. It is really important to us that we have this information from everyone so that we are able to support families appropriately, should there be another lockdown. A copy is attached to this email.

Completed paper questionnaires can be returned to school or emailed to admin@hawley.camden.sch.uk Please respond by Wednesday, 14th October. Extra paper copies are available from the office.

Relationship Education Policy

Last March we arranged a meeting for parents to gather your views about our draft Relationship Education Policy. This policy was due to become law this September but due to the lockdown we had to delay our consultation process.

We have uploaded the policy on to the school website for you to read. We have also uploaded an overview of the Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum that we follow.

<https://www.hawley.camden.sch.uk/site/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Relationships-Education-Policy-Draft-260220-v.2.pdf>

<https://www.hawley.camden.sch.uk/site/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Personal-Social-and-Health-Education-Curriculum.pdf>

We are keen to gather your views. Unfortunately we cannot do this face to face as originally planned, however we will do our best to answer any queries that you may have.

The draft will be on the website for 2 weeks whilst we gather your views. We will then review the policy and submit it to the governing body for approval. Please send any comments to admin@hawley.camden.sch.uk

A couple of reminders:

- 1) We break for half term on Friday, 23rd October at your child's usual home time.
- 2) Could we please remind you that children should not bring bags or backpacks to school? In the morning TA's wipe down all water bottles, lunch boxes and plastic containers in order to maintain good hygiene practice.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Fontaine
Headteacher