



HANDSWORTH NEWS

**BRANCHING OUT, GROWING TALL
HAND IN HAND, ONE AND ALL**



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends.

We have now come to the end of our 3rd week back at school and what an amazing 3 weeks it has been! The whole school community has pulled together to ensure our children are happy little learners who feel cared for and safe. A huge thank you to the wonderful staff team we have here. Everyday I am amazed by your commitment, dedication and the love you have for our children.

Please can you return any reading books you may have borrowed over lockdown or before. We are running quite low now so would appreciate you all having a rummage around and returning any you find. Thank you.

Please be aware of the fact that we have windows open during the school day. As the weather gets colder it is important that children have enough layers on. We have plenty of school uniform for you to help yourself to outside the school office. Also please remember we have our post box outside, it gets checked daily and means you do not need to come in to drop documents to the office.

We are developing an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion working party within school. This will enable us to reflect, make changes and ensure we embed EDI in our curriculum to ensure we continue to become a more inclusive school. This is an exciting project and we will keep you informed. If you would like to have some input in to this working party please let the school office know.

We have tried to bring our flu vaccinations forward from the 9th December but they are fully booked. If you would like your child to have the flu nasal spray before this date please ring the **Waltham Forest School Immunisation Team** on **020 8017 4291**

Have a lovely weekend and THANK YOU for everything!

Mrs Nairne

HANDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPIL PREMIUM

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools.

Schools receive Pupil Premium funding for each child who is currently eligible for a Free School Meal (FSM) or has been eligible for a FSM at any time in the last six years.

This funding is £1,345 per pupil in Reception to Year 6. We are able to use this to further support our children in school. This means we can also pay for trips, music lessons or various activities for them. If you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium please complete the application on the link below. If you need any support or assistance please contact the school office.

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/free-school-meals>



Last weekend it was Rosh Hashanah, the new Jewish year, 5781.

Part of this festival is to say you are sorry for any mistakes you have made. I made a mistake by forgetting to include a new year greeting in last week's newsletter and for this I apologise.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish our Jewish families an easy fast during Yom Kippur and a happy Succot.

Chag Sameach - happy festival.

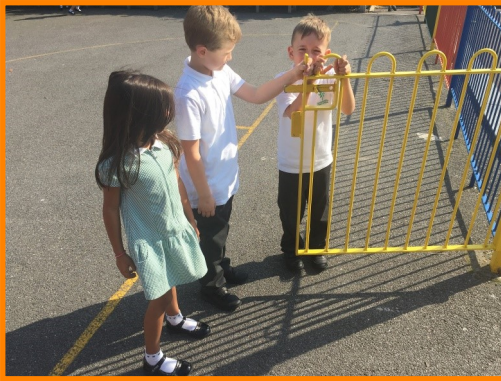


A new community food hub has recently opened at All Saints Church.

Hours are 11am to 1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

An online referral form can be found here - tinyurl.com/HPFA-Referral-Form

Please contact Mr Oakley via the school office if you would like a referral. It is important we continue to support each other in these times.



Exploring Materials



Star of the Week

As you might have seen from our new Behaviour Policy we have changed the way in which we do Star of the Week. At Handsworth we believe that every child has a right to be noticed and appreciated. Therefore, it is not a strategy where children are nominated each week – it is their right to be a star – so their names are drawn out of a box from September to July – so every child knows when their week will be.

Prior to their week of being a star – the teacher will create 3 positive sentences about the child. For example:

“We have noticed that you are very helpful with young children”

“We’ve noticed that you have great self-control and always stay calm under pressure”

“We’ve noticed that you always have a big smile and a positive greeting for everyone”

Other children and adults are consulted for special things they have noticed about that child. Depending on the child’s temperament and preferences this will either be done as part of a Circle time or in the form of notes written to the child.

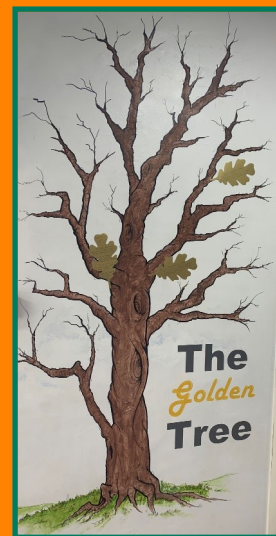
These positive sentences are then written on two golden leaves one for the child and one for our golden tree.

They are given a badge to wear which says ‘Star of the Week’. They wear it all week and all adults gently acknowledge and ask **“what’s on your leaf”**. The child needs to reply in the present tense, i.e. **“I am very helpful with younger children”**, **“I have great self-control”**

We encourage adults at home to also acknowledge the badge and ask the child to share the positive statements.

Academic research has proved that the more a person repeats their positive qualities, the more they believe it and the more their self-esteem grows.

We feel it is important that time is taken to celebrate each and every child in our school with meaningful and specific praise.



What's on the MENU?



MENU

Oven Baked Sausages with Caramelised Onions

Homemade Pizza Margarita

Chipped Potatoes

Sweetcorn

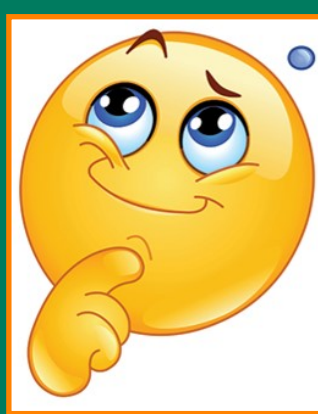
Rainbow Coleslaw

Chocolate Ice Cream

Organic Fruit Yogurt

Fresh Fruit Platter

1st October



Give School Dinner a Try?

We are proud of the fact we are able to offer our children a hot meal during these times. Our catering staff prepare hot boxes for the children and the meals are delivered to the classrooms. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 eat in the hall with cleaning in between bubbles.

We are promoting our school dinners with an opportunity to try a school dinner on **1st October**. Think of it as an end of first month back at school celebration!

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals this is the perfect opportunity to give it a go and see if your child enjoys it.

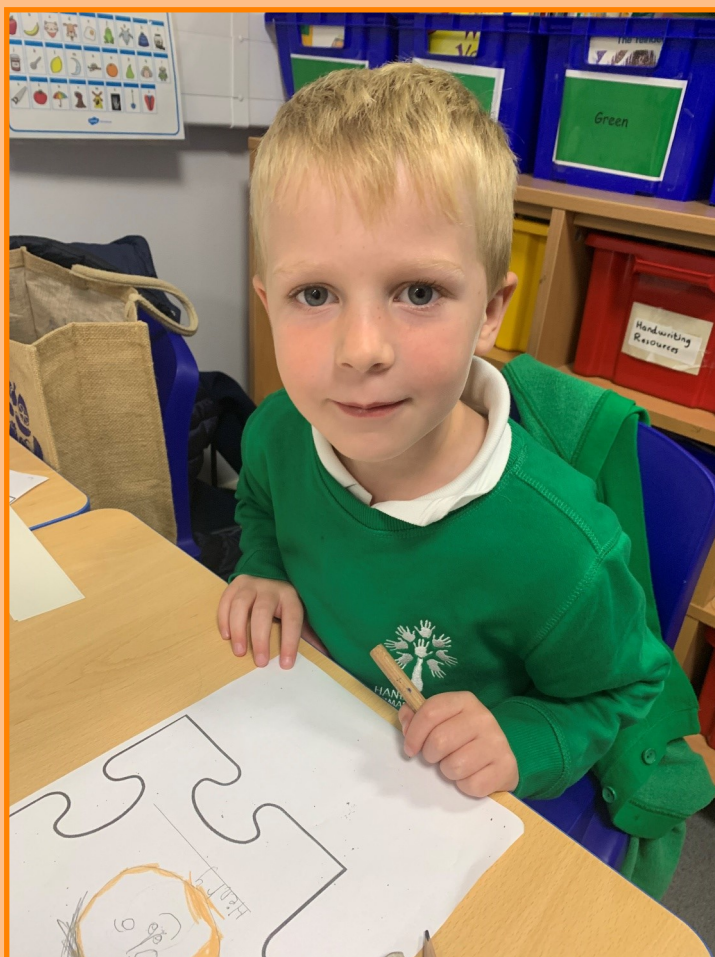
All children are able to have a school dinner on this day if they would like to. Payments can be made via the school shop for those who are not entitled to free school meals. I am looking forward to enjoying this meal too!

WE'VE GOT TO HOLD ON TO WHAT WE'VE GOT
IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF WE MAKE IT OR NOT
WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER AND THAT'S A LOT FOR LOVE
WE'LL GIVE IT A SHOT
WHOOAH, WE'RE HALF WAY THERE
LIVIN ON A PRAYER
TAKE MY HAND AND WE'LL MAKE IT - I SWEAR
LIVIN ON A PRAYER

Year 5 had a wonderful time playing Living on a Pray on the glockenspiel today!

I am sure Bon Jovi would be very proud!

Go Handsworth!





Covid-19 Information

Children **do not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell and do not have a temperature, cough or loss of smell or taste.

If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above.

All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.

If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised to do so.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected.

A helpful flow chart can be found in Protocols for opening school and risk assessment which is under the news tab of our website.

https://handsworthprimary.org.uk/MAP.aspx?pid=News_en-GB&aid=nn_305387506_85843282