



# Hadleigh Infants and Nursery School

## Newsletter No 5 - 15th October 2020

### Holiday Dates -

Last Day of half-term - Friday 23rd October

Half - Term Holiday - Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October.

Monday 2nd November - Children return to school

Last Day of the Autumn Term - Friday 18th December

First day back in January - Monday 4th January

### Dates for your Diary -

**Friday 23rd October - Non-uniform Day PA event**

Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Assembly

Friday 13th November - Children in Need

Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 2nd December - Bed Time Stories Event

Tuesday 15th December - Nursery/Reception Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 16th December - Year 1 Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December - Year 2 Christmas Dinner

### Achievers of the Week -

Stars:

Moons:

Rockets:

Planets:

Astronauts:

Flying Saucers:

Galaxies:

Asteroids:

Satellites:

### LUNCH MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 12th OCTOBER 2020

Monday – Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette

Tuesday – Beef Burger or Veggie Burger and Salad Sticks

Wednesday – Chicken Nuggets or Veggie Nuggets, Chips and Peas

Thursday – Bacon Baguette or Fish Finger Baguette

Friday – Sausage Roll or Meat Free Sausage Roll, Mash and Beans

### This Week's News:

#### Parents Evening -

I would like to thank everyone who held and took part in our virtual event this week. I know the staff enjoyed speaking with everyone who attended and it is our hope that you found these discussions useful. If you would like to discuss anything with your child's class teacher moving forward, my staff are happy to take calls, answer emails or reply to messages on Seesaw as soon as they possibly can. If there is anything you need your child's teacher to know urgently, please call the school's main number and a member of office staff will pass your message on.

#### Parking -

I have received several letters and emails from concerned parents regarding the safety of the roads and paths around the school. I would ask that parents continue to be courteous and mindful when parking. As parents are arriving and departing using the school's staggered times the pathways are occupied for much longer periods of time both at the beginning and the end of the day. Cars parked on the pathways are making walking along them and crossing the road more challenging. We have a duty to ourselves and each other to ensure that the areas around the school are as safe as they possibly can be for the whole school community. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support linked to this matter.

## This Week's News Continued...

### Friday 23rd October - Non-uniform Day PA event

Next Friday, the children will be invited to attend school wearing Non-School Uniform. This has been arranged by the school's Parents Association. On the day, the children will be invited to pay a voluntary donation which will be given to the school. Over the past few years, the PA have arranged some fantastic events including Film nights, Discos and larger events such as Christmas and Summer fayres. Since I joined the school, we have managed to buy over 30 ipads, renovate the Nursery, buy a brand new reading scheme and provide events such as snakes alive, Mad Science and yearly pantos using the PA generated funds. I am delighted that the PA are continuing to consider ways that they can continue to raise money during these unprecedented times - I know that they have many activities and events planned for the coming year. I would like to thank you all in advance for your support.

### Christmas Dinners -

I am pleased to announce that despite the current restrictions, the children will be offered Christmas Dinner this year. This will take place in the hall during the week beginning 14th December. The children will be provided with a full Christmas Dinner if they choose to have a school dinner on their selected day. To ensure that we are able to keep the children safe eating their Christmas Dinner, the event will take place over three days. This will enable me to ensure that Class bubbles do not mix and the children can enjoy the long standing tradition of Christmas Dinner. The individual Year Group Christmas Dinner dates can be found in the dates section on page one of this newsletter. Recently, I have created a group of staff who will meet regularly to discuss how we can adapt our traditional Christmas celebrations and events to ensure that we can provide the children the best Christmas experience we possibly can in the safest way possible. I can not guarantee we will be able to complete ever event we have done previously but we will work creatively together to do as much as we possibly can. I will provide parents with any details relating to our upcoming Christmas events as soon as I have them.

### School Menu -

During the past few weeks, I have been working with the kitchen to consider how we can improve our food offering after October Half Term. We have been able to change and adapt our menu offer for the next half term leading up to Christmas. It is my hope that we will be able to continue to amend this throughout the year and once it is safe to do so return to the types of menus we provided before the pandemic started. When designing the menu, we have to consider many aspects including what is appropriate to eat whilst eating in the classrooms as well as which food would require less adult support to consume - reducing the level of contact resulting in reduce the risk for all. As ever, I will continue to monitor all of our procedures and will make adjustments to ensure we slowly but safely return back to the previous norms.

**E-safety** - Each week we will be providing some information, from the NSPCC, regarding apps and games that children may access.

For further information on this and other games please follow the link: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?order=title>

Or alternatively you can find further guidance and support on the school's website: <https://www.hadleigh-inf.essex.sch.uk/web/esafety/>

**App Name:** BBC Own It

**Official age rating:** 4+

**App information:** The BBC Own It app is an online safety and well-being app for young people. It helps them keep track of how they're feeling, build online skills and access support for problems they might face online. It also includes a keyboard that responds to what they write. It might prompt users to think before sending a message or direct them to help if it thinks they're upset. The app is private and none of the data is shared with anybody else.

### **Kids use this to...**



### **Expert view of the risks...**

