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Friday 1st October 2021

Thought for the week...



Harvest is the end of an era, when we reflect on what has gone before and the resilience that it has taken us to arrive here.



Dear Parents,

In my last update, I told you that we had noticed that, as a result of the children playing in small groups for nearly two years, some social difficulties were arising.



I am pleased to tell you that, with your support at home, the children are beginning to adapt to the changes of having more children on the playground and are interacting more successfully.

We will, of course, continue to monitor the children's playtime carefully and address any issues that may arise.

Next week, we will be welcoming Dean Russell, MP for Watford, to the school. Dean has been interested in visiting the school for some time, but a previous visit was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Dean will be finding out about how the children achieve the outstanding results that they do, and witnessing, at first hand, the school's culture of praise and high aspiration.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

With best wishes,

Christina Singh

Headteacher

Her Majesty the Queen's Jubilee



As you will know, Her Majesty the Queen will be celebrating her platinum jubilee on the 6th February 2022.

To mark this occasion, we have been given an additional bank holiday in May. As this falls in half term, schools have been directed to organise a separate day for this bank holiday.

We initially planned this to be on Friday 27th May, but after liaising with Nascot Wood Infant School, we have agreed for both schools to have Monday 6th June, to ensure that parents who have children in both schools have the minimum of disruption.

Please note that this will be followed by a training day for Teachers on Tuesday 7th June, meaning that children will return to school on Wednesday 8th June 2022.

Thank you for your understanding.

Vacancy

Would you be interested in a new opportunity to support the children in our school?

We are looking for individuals to join our team to provide supervision for the children on the playground and in the dining room at lunchtimes.

You will be working from 11.45am until 1.30pm each day and will have the opportunity to get to know the children and support them as they play.

You will be joining an experienced team of Teaching Assistants who will be happy to provide induction.

If you have good organisational skills and a caring disposition, please contact me (admin@nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk) to have a discussion.

Are you interested in contributing to the development of the school?

We are looking for some new parent governors to join our governing body.

The current board of governors contains a wide variety of individuals, including current and ex-school parents from various backgrounds, job roles and industries.

We are looking for new governors from diverse and varied backgrounds to represent our school community. You do not have to have any particular qualifications or experience.

If you are interested in the school's continuing development and have the ability to be objective and a willingness to offer your ideas, you would be a great addition to the group.

The role of a Governor is to work collaboratively with the senior leaders to set the aims and objectives for the school and set the policies and targets for achieving those aims and objectives.

They monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to the Headteacher.

We are particularly interested in anyone with financial experience or an understanding of safeguarding.

The only requirement is that you can attend the governing body meetings held six times a year (twice a term) and carry out approximately three visits to the school per year. You will have access to training, supplied by Hertfordshire Local Authority and will be supported by an experienced governor.

If you think you might be interested or want to know more please let us know. We would be happy to have a discussion or put you in touch with one of our existing governors for an informal chat. *The closing date is Friday 8th October 2021.*

Stars of the week 1st October 2021



The following children have been nominated by their Class Teachers to be star of the week this week, for an aspect of learning, an achievement or positive behaviour. However, all the children deserve congratulations for a successful week.

Class	Nominee	Reason
Holly	Rayen	For having an excellent attitude and approach to every aspect of his learning and for being a fantastic class member.
Willow	Anukriti	For showing enthusiasm and maturity across all areas of the curriculum. You are fantastic!
Oak	Kaayan	For demonstrating excellent use of expression when reading out loud in class.
Juniper	Raphael	For being a caring and supportive member of Year 4.
Elm	Jayesh	For finding the pivotal number in our maths puzzle.
Beech	Hanzalah	For showing constant support for his classmates and staying focused to achieve great things in our learning.
Rowan	Arabella	For working hard across the curriculum.
Poplar	Chiara	For being an excellent member of Poplar class. Chiara has worked extremely hard this week to work and communicate in English, which she has done successfully with the support of her new friends.
	Faatiha	For being an especially kind and thoughtful learning partner to our new member of Poplar class.