



HANDSWORTH NEWS

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



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a wet week it has been! Wet play and lunch is not the easiest time in a Primary School, however our children responded brilliantly and still managed to be enthusiastic about their learning. During my classroom visits this week, I have enjoyed seeing the children in Year 4 solving mathematical mysteries, Year 6 tapping out rhythms in music and Year 1 making aerial maps of their classroom. The concentration on the faces of our children playing chess was also fantastic to see.

We have welcomed new children to the school this week and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome their families to the school community. I am sure, just like me, you will soon feel at home.

This week is Recycling Week, which is something we feel passionate about at Handsworth. It is one of the ways we can all help make a difference to the future of our school, our communities, our country and our planet. Children discussed this theme in assembly and are thinking about ways in which we can promote this important issue.

We have also been thinking about how we can raise money for charity, in assembly children suggested having a charity box in class. I was very impressed with the idea of donating money that we might spend on birthday sweets to charity instead and this is an idea the School Council will be discussing further with their classes.

As a staff, we have been reviewing the effectiveness of our marking and feedback. The children have also been involved in discussing what is most helpful in moving them forward in their learning. We are committed to ensuring we are providing the best for our children, which means we regularly review our practice and reflect on ways we can improve. I would be interested to hear your views on marking and feedback as we strive towards our vision of delivering our **innovative approach** to Teaching and Learning.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 2 October 2019, 9:00 AM	Early Years Phonics Parent Meeting
Thursday 3 October 2019	National Poetry Day
Monday 7th October	'Wild' Exhibition
Tuesday 15 October 2019, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM	Year 2 Trip to Highams Park Lake
Wednesday 16 October 2019	School Photos
Friday 18 October 2019	International Day
Monday 21st to Friday 25th October 2019	Half Term
Tuesday 29 October 2019	Year 4 Roman WOW Day & Parent Assembly
Wednesday 30 October 2019	Year 6 Ancient Greek WOW Day
Wednesday 30 October 2019	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 31 October 2019	Year 6 NCMP and Hearing test
Wednesday 6 November 2019	Reception 2020 Open Evening
Thursday 7 November 2019	Year 4 Trip to the Verulamium Museum
Tuesday 12 November 2019, 3:30 PM to 8:00 PM	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 November 2019, 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 15 November 2019	Children in Need (Non-Uniform Day)
Tuesday 26 November 2019	Year 1 Trip to Museum of Childhood
Friday 6 November 2019	Pantomime
Tuesday 10 December 2019, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	KS1 & Reception Nativity
Wednesday 11 December 2019, 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM	Nursery Nativity
Thursday 12 December 2019, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	KS1 & Reception Nativity
Friday 13 December 2019	Year 3 Egyptian WOW Day
Monday 16 December 2019	Santa's Grotto
Friday 20th December 2019	End of Term - School finishes at 2.30pm
Monday 6th January 2020	INSET Day



**THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE**



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Please remember we are a nut free school.

Please check ingredients and be aware of what we are bringing in to school.

Please **DO NOT** bring in chocolates that may contain nuts.

Thank you