



A letter from Miss Holgate

Friday 16.4.2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely first week back - the school has been filled with happy children who are learning with smiles on their faces.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to see the learning that our children have been doing. I was very impressed with Miss Gardner's class this week. They were using strategies from 'Destination Reader' to build on their ideas in Science. I was very impressed with the way they were able to take points and expand on them to give clear and well formed answers to their questions. Year 6 have been working on circuits in science and Miss Cuthill is looking forward to seeing them build a working burglar alarm using the knowledge they have of circuits. Whilst in year 3, I rediscovered my love of languages!

WOW moments

- Wow - Reception! My wow moment is your lunchtimes. Thank you for being full of questions and telling me about all the things you've been learning about. It is clear that you are all very enthusiastic about your learning.
- Wow - Isabella in Nursery! My second wow moment is for you! You created two beautiful Buzzy Bees and they had the right number of legs and were really fantastic. Well done Isabella.
- Wow - Whole school community! My final wow moment this week is for the whole school community and the way we have worked together this week to ensure that our children can reach their potential and have come back to school ready to learn.

Clubs

We have had a great response to our clubs at school and are really excited to see them grow and develop as we are able to relax certain restrictions in the coming months.

We have had a good uptake to our morning 'invitation only' clubs and are hoping to open these up to more students later in the year.





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Each morning there are two sports groups, focussing on teamwork, resilience and perseverance. This week they have been honing their ball skills and working in teams to learn dodgeball. I'm excited to see where they are going to progress to and I am very grateful that they let me join in with them this week. Thank you children!

At lunchtime, we have a sports coach to work with children on the field. This lunchtime sports club is very well attended in both EYFS/KS1 and KS2. I know that the KS2 children have enjoyed having a football ref and coach at lunchtimes - they are even able to use our freshly marked football pitch on the field!

Boogie Bounce! On Tuesday, I was able to join year 3 children at Boogie Bounce - it was fantastic. High energy, trampoline based fun. This session was fantastic and I am looking forward to the children being able to teach me some of the things they've learnt later this term.

Our Year 2 and Year 5 sports clubs after school have been well received this week and we are really looking forward to being able to invite more children to them, as restrictions ease. Archery on Monday, was a highlight of my day - it was great to see our children trying new activities.

We are currently exploring different clubs which we can run in school, which are Covid- secure and will be engaging for our children.

A Prayer of reflection

Lord God,
You have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





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Nursery Applications

Application forms for Harleston Primary Academy Nursery are available to complete online via our school's website, by selecting the Nursery tab. Nursery admissions take place termly in September, January and April for children who are aged 3 or above.

We currently have spaces available for afternoon Nursery sessions for children who are aged 3 before 31st March 2021. Please complete an online form or contact the school office for more details.

Who do I contact?

Some parents have asked me who they should contact in school, for different situations.

If your child is ill - please contact the office via My Ed or the Absence Line: 853211 extension 1

Office: Collection, dates, special events, changes in circumstances or to book a meeting with a class teacher or member of SLT.

You can contact the office via MyEd or email: office@harleston.stbenets.org

In the case of an emergency, where a message is needed to be given urgently, please call 853211 extension 2.

Class teacher: Your child's class teacher is the first person to talk to with regards to your child. They can be contacted via the office or at their email address. First initial surname @harleston.stbenets.org so if a teacher was Mrs Jo Bloggs their email address would be jbloggs@harleston.stbenets.org

Having spoken to your child's class teacher, they will work with you to support your child/resolve any concerns you may have. If you or they feel that further support is needed please contact the relevant person below.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities: Mrs Laura Botwright: SENDco lbotwright@harleston.stbenets.org

Nursery and Reception: Mrs Beverly Beaumont bbeaumont@harleston.stbenets.org





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Year 1 and 2: Miss Melanie Stead mstead@harleston.stbenets.org

Year 3 and 4: Mrs Vicky Gateshill vgateshill@harleston.stbenets.org

Year 5 and 6: Mr Sam Carter scarter@harleston.stbenets.org

Or you can contact the office and they will arrange for you to be contacted.

If, having spoken to the classteacher and lead in the area, you feel that you need to escalate concerns higher please contact one of our Assistant Headteachers:

Mr Sam Carter (Inclusion: Behavior, Raising achievement, Safeguarding):
scarter@harleston.stbenets.org

Miss Caroline Moss (Curriculum: Teaching and Learning, intervention)
cmoss@harleston.stbenets.org

If a concern is around a member of staff or you feel that it has not been addressed and would like to speak to Miss Hannah Holgate (Headteacher) please email head@harleston.stbenets.org or call the school office and they will arrange for a meeting to be arranged.

When calling the office, they will ask for some basic information, so that they can direct you to the correct person.

They will ask you for your child's name, class and a brief overview of your reason for calling. This will allow them to direct you to the person who will be able to best support/answer your query.

We really value our communication with the community and have been blessed with lots of positive comments about the children's return to school, please keep these coming and they will be shared with the appropriate people.

Volunteers

Thank you to those of you who would like to be a school volunteer, or would like to continue with your volunteering. Unfortunately, at the moment we are unable to invite you into school. As restrictions ease and more people are vaccinated, we will then be ready to welcome volunteers into school.





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Science Competition

Last term Miss Ingram set the children a science challenge - the winners received a £5 voucher for WH Smith. The entries were wonderfully imaginative and suggest we have some budding scientists in the making. The winners are:

Albie (Parks),
Phoebe (Mandela),
Holly (Rudolf),
Chester (Shaftesbury)
Ava, Poppy, Ellis, Edmund and Katie-Rose (Lilliput AM),
Andrew-James and Amelia (Lilliput PM)

I am hopeful that we may return to some 'normality' (whatever that looks like) later in the year. But for now we must remain; 2+ meters away from each other; Walk in the one-way system; Email teachers rather than having a chat before or after school; wear face coverings on the school site and keep our children and staff safe.

Kindest Regards,

Hannah Holgate

