



# Headteacher's Newsletter

**October 2017** ISSUE 2

**Dear Parents and Carers**

This half term is nearly over and it is incredible how quickly the time has flown and how many leaves have fallen from the trees.



## Reminder

**HALF TERM 23RD—27TH OCTOBER  
BACK TO SCHOOL Monday 30th October**

**Mrs M. Bringan (Head Teacher)**

## **% ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

**9th October - 19th October 2017**

Cedar	93.02%
Larch	87.56%
Birch	89.30%
<b>Spruce</b>	<b>98.67%</b>
Beech	87.18%
Willow	94.66%
Elm	93.91%
Pine	96.99%
Toucan	96.68%
Peacock	97.25%
Kingfisher	98.56%
Flamingo	98.15%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>94.05%</b>

Well done to Reception Class **Spruce** for the highest attendance—keep up the good work!

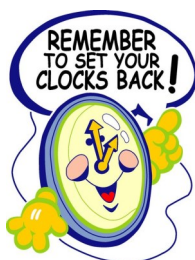
## Flu Immunisations

The school nurse will be coming in on **Thursday 2nd November** to administer the flu immunisations.

If you have not already returned your child's completed permission slip then please do so **before half term**.

## Parent Meetings

KS1 parents have had the opportunity to discuss progress and next steps with their class teacher. I hope you found these meetings useful and that they have helped to create a positive partnership to achieve the best outcome for your child. Please make arrangements with the class teacher if you were unable to meet with them during the Parent Meetings.



**Remember that the clocks go  
back by 1 hour on Sunday  
29th October**

## Shining Stars

A big well done to  
**Aisha S** and **Zain M**  
for achieving 20  
shining stars this  
week



## Diary Dates

Please see attached a summary of dates for your diary for the next half term. The second half of the Autumn term is always busy and we have a number of things planned. All of the dates are also on our website.



After half term, we will be selling poppies to raise money for The Royal British Legion. Poppies will be available to buy from the main school office.

## Diwali Dress Up Day

It was so lovely to see our children taking part in our Diwali dress up day.



## Census Attendance Reward

We announced that we would be giving out a reward for the class with the highest attendance on the Local Authority Census Day. As each class did so well we decided to reward the whole school! Each year group got to watch a film and have some popcorn.



## Big Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all of those children who handed in their certificates for the Big Summer Reading challenge. They have all been presented with a £5 book voucher.



## Parents' Association

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the Parents' Association Autumn Cake Sale, and to everyone who came along and supported this event.

We will share with you soon how much was raised.

Save the Date! **Christmas Fair Friday 24th November 3:30pm-5pm**



## Lunch Menu

Thank you for the feedback. Your suggestions have been incorporated in to the new menu.

Week of 30th October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jacket Potato with Savoury Mince	Mediterranean Chicken with Penne Pasta	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes	Turkey & Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potatoes	Margarita Pizza with Chips
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	Bean Burger with Spicy Baked Wedges	Sweet Potato and Parsnip Slice with Roast Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Homemade Salmon Fishcake with Lemon Mayonnaise and Chips
Savoury Rice	Lemon & Parsley Baked Fish	Stir Fried Noodles	Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise	
Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream with Fruit	Apple & Cinnamon Cake with Custard	Wholemeal Shortbread with Orange Wedges	Banana Cake with Custard	Fruity Friday: Selection of Fresh Fruit with Greek Yo-ghurt

Please contact [ann.doherty@harrisoncatering.co.uk](mailto:ann.doherty@harrisoncatering.co.uk) with any feedback regarding lunches.

### News from Nursery

This term we have been learning about 'ourselves'. We have talked about how we have changed since being a baby and about our body. We have painted our faces for a display, drawn around our bodies and added facial features. We have also been sorting toys we played with as babies and those we play with now.

This week we have been discussing our senses. We have investigated smelly pots, looked at and felt natural objects, listened to hidden sounds and used our sense of taste in our first cooking activity!

### News from Reception

We are really proud of all the reception children for settling in really well and making great progress this half term.

### News from Year One

This week we have been for a walk to the local shops as part of our geography curriculum to learn about the local area. We have also been on an Autumn Walk on our field and have been learning all about using our senses.

In Art, we have been making portraits. The Modroc sculptures have been sent home for you to keep and our classrooms are now beautifully decorated with painted self portraits of the children.

We have been learning all about 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. Can you ask your child to name any shapes at home? e.g. a beans tin is a cylinder shape or a football is a sphere.

### News from Year Two

The children in Year 2 have been working incredibly hard and have already been making super progress. We are the first year group to perform our class assemblies. Thank you to all that came, we are really proud of how well the children learnt their lines and projected their voices in the hall.

**Literacy** - The children have continued to learn and apply a weekly spelling rule. Please continue to read with the children as much as possible at home, it really does make a difference.

**Maths** - The children have been learning to count forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10.

### Ideas for Half Term

If you need ideas of what to do over the half term holidays, try the following websites (if you haven't got internet access at home, you can visit the library):

[www.wherecanwego.com/whats-on/whats-on-in-hillingdon](http://www.wherecanwego.com/whats-on/whats-on-in-hillingdon)

[www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/uxbridge](http://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/uxbridge)

[www.netmums.com/hillingdon/whats-on](http://www.netmums.com/hillingdon/whats-on)

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/events](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/events)

Uxbridge library are holding a Halloween treasure hunt over half term along with many other events as part of their Culture Bite Festival. Just pop in to your local library to find out more.

Make time to read with your child every day over the holidays and do take a trip to the library - you'll find a huge range of reading, learning and entertainment resources and there is free Wi-Fi, computer and web access too.





## DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM



Monday - Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	October	HALF TERM	
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	October	Back to school	
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	November	Flu Immunisations	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	November	Toucan Assembly	Parents of children in Toucan class to be seated by 2:55pm in the school hall
Monday - Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	November	Poppy Sales for Remembrance Day	
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	November	Children In Need	Dress Up Day
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	November	PA Christmas Fair	After school 3:30 - 5:00pm
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Tree Assembly	
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	December	Reception Show	2:45pm
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	December	Nursery Parent Consultations	Nursery closed for the day
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	December	Reception Show	9:15am
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y1 Show	2:45pm
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y1 Show	9:15am
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y2 Show	2:45pm
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y2 Show	9:15am
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Lunch Day	
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	December	Pantomime for the children	PA funded event
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	December	Nursery party day	Nursery children can wear party clothes
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	December	Class parties	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children can wear party clothes
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	December	Nursery Last Day	Christmas sing-a-long with parents 11am & 3pm
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	December	End of Term	School closes 2:00pm
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	January	SCHOOL CLOSED	Staff Development Day
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	January	SCHOOL CLOSED	Staff Development Day
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	January	SPRING TERM STARTS	Back to School - Normal Time