



Hackwood News

8th November, 2021



Dear Families,

The children have made a fantastic start to their half term with the work on The Harmony Pledge where all classes learnt about the Pledge Character Competencies with a focus on Aspirational.

Leaders have had the pleasure of visiting classes last week and we have been particularly impressed with the children's enthusiasm for learning and their love of reading which always shines through. Mr Hughes, our CEO visited Hackwood on Friday and discussed the implementation of the HTML (Harnessing Technology and Maximising Learning) Project with our Key Stage 2 School Council members in the Pupil Forum. The Pupil Forums are an important part of the Trust's governance structure and the children were able to share their thoughts on the use of iPads. This information will then be used to help further develop our strategy around the use of technology.

You may have noticed that Mrs Binoy has not been in school for a while. If you have any queries then please feel free to speak to a member of the staff team on the gate or phone the office and we will aim to help or get back to you as soon as possible. For safeguarding issues then please speak to either myself (Mrs Rolfs), Miss Morley (Assistant Principal), contact the office for a call back or email the safeguarding@hackwood.theharmonytrust.org email address which is checked regularly. As always, November and December are busy months in school so please take note of the up and coming events and dates for the diary (in particular the reminder of school closure days on 22nd November and 23rd December). Further information about our plans for Christmas will be sent out at the end of the week.

Best wishes,

Mrs T. Rolfs

Executive Principal

Mrs S. Binoy

Head of Academy

2021-22 Prospectus

We have updated our prospectus and video which you can find on the home page of the academy website. The video aims to capture the feeling of high expectations, within a fun and caring environment, something we strive to achieve every day at Hackwood.

We welcome contact from any prospective parents wishing to book a tour (13th December-9.15am, 2pm, 4pm) for the Reception 2022 intake. We still have a small number of places in classes from Year 2Year 5.

Remembrance and Poppies

As part of marking Remembrance Day we will be selling poppies this week. If you would like your children to purchase a poppy then we recommend a donation of 20-50p and are also selling other items eg wrist bands, pin poppies which we recommend a donation of £1.

School Photos– Wednesday 17th November

School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 17th November. We realise that this is also Odd Socks Day but can assure you that the socks won't be in the photographs. If you would like a sibling photo (just children at Hackwood) then please arrive at the school hall door from 8.15am. You may need to wait a short time inside for your turn and will need to stay with your child(ren) until the start of school unless they are booked into Breakfast Club. For children who have a Wednesday PE day then please send in a PE kit and children can get changed in school.

Odd Socks Day– Wednesday 17th November

We will be marking Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day on Wednesday 17th November. Please note that we will not be requesting a donation for this event due to Children in Need falling in the same week. Please see the attached flyer.



Children in Need– Friday 19th November

We will be marking Children in Need and giving children the opportunity to dress in pyjamas, spots or Children in Need wear for a £1 donation to Children in Need.



Seesaw

We are nearly there with setting up Seesaw, our online learning platform and virtual classroom. The children have already been using it in school and once permissions have been signed we can get it up and running so you can view some of your child's work using the family app. This is just a polite reminder to sign up to the Seesaw Family App which was emailed last week, if you have not already done so. If you are a new parent this academic year then you will need to sign the Seesaw parent consent form which will be sent home with your child tomorrow (Wednesday).

Parking

Please can parents and Carers be mindful and respectful when parking outside of school during drop off and pick up times, both to our Hackwood parents and Children and also the local residents too. There have been reports of unsafe parking restricting pedestrians being able to cross the road safely and also blocking driveways, please consider parking on Radbourne lane to avoid congestion around the bends and near to the school gates.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 17th November—Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 17th November—School Photo Day—all children in full school uniform please

Friday 19th November— Children in Need

Monday 22nd November—INSET day, school closed to pupils

Wednesday 1st December— Flu Vaccines for Reception to Year 5 -(these will only be administered to children whose parents have completed the online consent form sent out in September)

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner Day (and Christmas Jumper Day)

Thursday 23rd December— School Closure Day (in Lieu of Queen's Jubilee)

More Christmas dates to come soon.