



# Newsletter No. 2

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Dear Parents

As you know Hadrian has high standards with very good academic and all-round results. Even though this is true, we cannot stand still so each year the school looks at what went well the previous year and at what we could do to improve things further to make it even better. Below are the four main areas that we will all be working on at Hadrian this academic year. We know that when parents are able to support their child/ren and the school, progress is much more secure for the children and ideas get embedded quicker, so we hope that in sharing with you our aims you will be able to play your part. This fits in with the school motto 'Achieving Excellence Together'.



Over the year we will be discussing what we are doing for each area and saying what you can do to help.

**Spelling** As you can see one of the main areas is spelling, and we have started a new programme in years 2 to 6 called No Nonsense Spelling.

Spelling will be taught for 15 minutes daily and it will have a high profile. Children will be introduced to "non negotiable" words which they must spell correctly at all times- these will be spellings which are clearly visible in the classroom e.g. the date, and words which the children are focusing on. A new spelling will be taught each day. These words will be put into homework books, five for each week, so that parents can help to reinforce the learning. Year 1 children will also have 5 spellings weekly.

### **Super Speller Medals**

We plan to reward children with Super Speller medals for being great spellers. We will take forty words at random from the National Curriculum spelling list for the primary years and test children, who have already proved high spelling skills in their classwork. Children who get at least 38 correct out of 40 will receive a medal to wear on their uniform. Look out for them starting next week.



### **Strategies**

We will be systematically teaching the children a variety of strategies to use when they find spelling difficult. These strategies are written out on laminated sheets in each classroom to remind the children and they also have new Spelling Journals. If you would like a copy of the strategies to use at home please ask at the school office.



**Who Qualifies?** More information can be found at the following links

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/money-and-benefits/free-school-meals/> and on the school website <http://www.hadrianacademy.co.uk/about/pupil-premium/>

**Don't forget the benefits for you and your child if you qualify at Hadrian:**

- Free school meals for your child no matter what year group (a saving of around £400 a school year)
- Free milk daily for your child (a saving of around £40 a school year)
- 20% reduction on all school trips /residential trips, activities and clubs.

If you believe that you may be entitled to Free School Meals then you can apply to join the scheme by telephone. There is no application form to complete and no paperwork to send in.

Simply call: **0300 300 8306**

- This line is open 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and
  - 8.30am to 4.30pm Friday



A man or woman with a shovel, or perhaps a mini digger required **URGENTLY!** Our Time Capsule is due to be buried next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 but we still need a hole to put it in. Please contact Mrs Ingham as soon as possible if you can help. Thank you

# BOOK CHARACTER DAY



Year 3 have had a great time studying The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe as part of English. The children looked great in their costumes on book day.





# People Who Help Us

Year R have had a very busy and hands on week with some of the people in the community that help us.

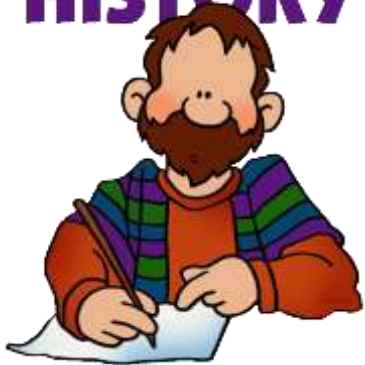
A Fire Fighter came and visited year 1 too, we learnt all about the special equipment he uses and how to contact the Fire Service if needed.

The Police brought in their car and we all had a turn in the driver's seat!

The Paramedics brought their ambulance and we were lucky enough to explore inside and talk to them about their role.



# HISTORY



**Key stage one** have been learning about the Great Fire of London this half term. They all made some houses in the style of the houses that would have been in London in 1666.



The children were then lucky enough to be taken outside to witness the Great Fire of London! They all set their houses out in rows, just like it would have been in London. The houses were then set on fire and the children watched just how quickly the fire spread. They even enjoyed singing London's Burning as they watched!



In **year 3** the children spent the afternoon as Victorian children. We changed the classroom round and learnt all about the rules in schools during the Victorian times.





**Year two** were learning how to describe by using their senses when writing. To help them think of lots of different adjectives they touched and smelt lots of different things. They really enjoyed feeling the corn flour, it was very messy! They also enjoyed smelling the lemon they thought it smelt fresh and clean! This activity really helped us in our writing.



Individual and group photos were taken today and will be available after half term when you will also be informed of further details for ordering.

Please find attached a copy of the [Before and After School Behaviour Policy](#)

Note to parents

"There are rare occasions when, perhaps due to an emergency, parents are not able to collect their children promptly from school, or make arrangements for their collection, at the end of the school day."

On such occasions the school in that instance will place the child in the Cool Kids club after 15 minutes. A charge will be made for 1 hour should this be necessary. The school will try and contact the parents or other emergency contact numbers. If, after one hour, it has not been possible to contact parents/carers or emergency contacts, then the school will also contact the local Social Care office for advice on whether the child is known to them and/or to raise a possible concern or the police as possibly abandoned.



How has your child settled in? Our first Parent Teacher consultations of the academic year are taking place this Monday and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. Check with your class teacher if unsure of your time.



## Harvest Services

9.30am Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 St Katherine's

9.30am EYFS, Yrs 1 & 2 at Hadrian

### Baskets to local residents & local 'Food Bank'

We would welcome Harvest baskets and food donations. This can be fresh food, tins, packets or jars. Donations may be brought in from Monday, in readiness for the Harvest Service on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. If you have any names of elderly people who would welcome a basket please hand in their name and address to your class teacher. These will be delivered the following morning.



Year 3 Turquoise class will start their 6 weeks of swimming lessons at Lewsey Park on the first Wednesday back after half term, 4<sup>th</sup> November. Payments to be made via your Parentmail account.



The ever popular 'Scootability' run by Derek Smulders is back again this year. We are fortunate to have two days of tuition and games for children in years 1-6. This course is designed to help children develop their skills on the scooter and understand the importance of safety when riding their scooters. Letters have already been sent out for this event so make sure to complete the permission form on your Parentmail account.



ABM run a three week menu which will begin from week 1 after each half term. Menus are available from the school office or the school website.





**Slimming World** has arrived at Hadrian Academy. You can pop in Monday evenings from 7.30pm or call Lorna on 07828 776092 for more information.

**Dunstable Library  
during half term week**

**Central  
Bedfordshire  
Libraries**

Witches & Wizards Craft (age 3+)  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 10am-4pm

Harry Potter Craft (age 5+)  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 10am-4pm

Toy Story Craft (age 7+)  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 10am-4pm - Tickets  
£1.50




Eerie Story Afternoon (any age)  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October - 2.30pm-4pm



Pumpkin Carving (age 3+)  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 10am-4pm - Tickets £1.50

#### DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM

DATE	ACTIVITY	INFORMATION
15.10.15	Individual photos / siblings	New company-Van Cols Photography
19.10.15	BE BRIGHT- Road safety Assembly	9am Derek Smoulders
Wk/ beg 19.10.15	<b>AHA - Christmas Art fundraising, cards, mugs, place mats etc</b>	This year we are going all out to see which class can make the best cards. A local artist will be the judge.
19/20.10.15	Parent/ Teacher Meetings How has your child settled in	3.15 -6.30pm -Mon & Tues . Sign up
21.10.15	<b>Harvest Services</b> <b>Baskets to local residents &amp; local 'Food Bank'</b>	9.30am Yrs 3,4,5 & 6-St Katherine's 9.30am EYFS, Yrs 1 & 2 at Hadrian
22.10.15	Prefects Reward Lunch	Thank you from Mrs Ingham
22.10.15	<b>AHA- Halloween Disco</b>	<b>Look out for the poster with details</b>
23.10.15	<b>Burying 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule</b>	2.00pm- Official burial of Time Capsule and handing over of historical documents
HALF TERM		
3.11.15	Tuesday - First day of term	Welcome back - Wear something bright as the days are getting shorter
3 & 4 .11.15	Scootability - Year 1-6	Two day programme. Details sent out 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Check your Parentmail.
4.11.15	Year 2 Fire Engine visit	Fire Safety visit
4.11.15	Year 3 Swimming Turquoise Class	11am Children in Turquoise class will have six swimming lessons this term.
4.11.15	Yr 5/6 Planetarium - Dome & Video	Hall out of use all day. Lunch in classrooms



5.11.15	7.15pm AHA- Parents Association 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the academic year	All parents very welcome.
6.11.15	Tickets for Christmas Productions sent home today	Two per family- Please send in written request for further tickets
13.11.15	CHILDREN IN NEED	More details to follow- Donations
18.11.15	YR 5/6- London Science Museum	Details forwarded by Parentmail. Payments by 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov please
25.11.15	AHA - Children Shopping day	Children can buy a present for their parents/ grandparents, wrap it up and write a label. More details nearer the time
26.11.15	Trefoil Guild Christmas Carols * Choir - at Carol service	7.00 - 10pm Choir Yr 3,4,5 & 6 ( first half only)
27.11.15	AHA Ladies Shopping Evening	7.00-till 10pm
30.11.15	Year 4 Holdenby House	Details sent by Parentmail. Payments by 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov please
30.11.15	Cylce to Santa	Two week national event, 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov to 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec to promote cycling to school
1.12.15	AHA - Father Christmas visits Hadrian Academy	A chance to tell Father Christmas how good they have been a get a small gift £2.50. Details to follow nearer the time
4.12.15	EYFS - CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION	9.30- am TICKETED EVENT
4.12.15	AHA - Christmas Market	2.00 - 3.30pm ( note slightly later start)
7.12.15	Bikers Breakfast- part of Cycle to Santa	8.15am to 8.45am- Join Derek & the staff for Hot sausage sandwiches & Hot chocolate
8.12.15	Year 1 - CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION	9.30- am TICKETED EVENT
9.12.15	Year 2 - CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION	9.30- am TICKETED EVENT
10.12.15	Year 1 & 2 PARTIES 	See party food list and tick what you will be contributing
11.12.15	Year 3 - CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION	9.30- am TICKETED EVENT
11.12.15	Year 5 & 6 PARTIES 	See party food list and tick what you will be contributing
13.12.15	*Choir-Christmas Spectacular	6pm Catholic Church, Dunstable
15.12.15	Year 4 - CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION	9.30- am TICKETED EVENT
15.12.15	Year 3 & 4 PARTIES 	See party food list and tick what you will be contributing
15.12.15 NEW DATE	Year 5 & 6 - CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION	6.30- am TICKETED EVENT
16.12.15	Prefects Reward Lunch	Thank you from Mrs Ingham
16.12.15	Year 5 & 6 - CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION	6.30pm TICKETED EVENT
17.12.15	CHRISTMAS DINNER	Turkey and trimming. Please send in a Christmas cracker for your child, thanks.
17.12.15	PANTOMINE AT THE GROVE	We have reserved tickets for the

	THEATRE  Cinderella £11	afternoon performance. We will walk there and ask parent to collect at 16.00 from the theatre. <b>After School Club</b> will walk back if required.
18.12.15	EYFS - PARTIES 	See party food list and tick what you will be contributing
18.12.15	SCHOOL FINISHES 12 NOON	Before School Club will be open After School Club will <b>NOT</b> be open

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

### SPRING DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	INFORMATION
5.01.16	Tuesday First day of term	Welcome back- Hats, gloves & scarves- all named please
6.01.16	Year 4 Swimming Magenta Class	11am Children in Magenta class will have six swimming lessons this term.
7.01.16	7.15pm AHA- Parents Association 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the academic year	All parents very welcome.
13.01.16	Yr 5/6 Sulgrove Manor	More details to follow
18.01.16	Sign up for Parent/ teacher meetings to be held on 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> February	Sign up clip charts will be placed in the library after school for years 1-6
22.01.16	Vans R us	Enterprise - Years 5 / 6
25.01 16	*CHOIR- Young Voices	London O2 Arena
Wk/b 1.2.16	Knock out rounds for Spelling Bee	Spelling Bee words will be on the web site from 5.1.16 for all yr groups
05.02.2016	AHA Adult Social Event	7.30 - 10.30 Details to follow
8/9. 02.16	Parent/ Teacher Meetings Progress to date	3.15 -6.30pm -Mon & Tues . Sign up
10.02.16	SPELLING BEE FINALS	Years 1 & 2 finals 9.15am Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 10.15am
11.02.16	Prefects Reward Lunch	Thank you from Mrs Ingham
11.02.16	AHA- Valentine Disco	More info to follow

### HALF TERM

24.02.16	Year 4 Swimming Olive Class	11am Children in Olive class will have five swimming lessons this term.
25.02.16	7.15pm AHA- Parents Association 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the academic year	All parents very welcome.
11.03.16	Comic Relief	
Wk/b 14.03.16	AHA -Entries for Easter Egg & Bonnet competition will be displayed	Entries to the entrance hall. Must be named! Last entries strictly 22 <sup>nd</sup> by 12 noon
18.03.16	Vans R us	Enterprise - yr 5 / 6
23.03.16	AHA- Winners of the Easter Competition announced in assembly	9.00am assembly. Bonnet parade 10.15am
24.03.16	Easter Service	9.30am Years 3, 4, 5 & 6- Musical Easter 2.15pm Year 1, 2 & EYFS - Traditional

		Easter
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>		
<b>SUMMER DIARY DATES</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
12.04.16	Tuesday - First day of term	Welcome back - Summer uniform- please send in coats as it can be cold
	Year 5 Swimming TBC	11am Children will have seven swimming lessons this term.
14.04.16	7.15pm AHA- Parents Association 5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the academic year	All parents very welcome.
5.05.16	EYFS CLOSED elections	
Wk/b 9.5.16	Year 2 & 6 SATS Year 1, 3 & 5 end of year testing	Busy week for the children so please try not too book any late evenings, thanks
26.05.16	Prefects Reward Lunch	Thank you from Mrs Ingham
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
7.06.16	SPORTS DAY- at HADRIAN	EYFS, Year 1, 2 & 3 morning Whole school picnic lunch - Years 4, 5 & 6 afternoon
17.06.16	Yr 5/6 Chiltern Open Air Museum	Date to be confirmed
WK/B 6.06.16	Auditions for Celebrate & Shine	Limited spaces- max 90 children- so children must come prepared with ideas!
8.6.2016	Year 5 Swimming TBC	11am Children will have seven swimming lessons this term.
9.06.16	7.15pm AHA- Parents Association 6 <sup>th</sup> & final meeting of the academic year	All parents very welcome.
15.06.16	Tickets for Celebrate & Shine sent home today	Two per family- Please send in written request for further tickets
7.07.16	Celebrate & Shine and Annual Achievement Awards	6.00pm TICKETED EVENT
7.07.16	Annual Written Report Standards and Effort	Reports will be handed to children in an envelope.
8.07.16	Year 6 SATS results	Head of Yr 6- appointments if required 8.30-9.30 and 2.30- 4.00pm
Wk/b 11. 07.16	Parent/ Teacher Meeting	Please ring to arrange a meeting with the class teacher if you wish to discuss your child's report.
Wk/b 11.07.16	KINGSWOOD Year 6 residential	Dates - 11 -15 <sup>th</sup> July 4 nights away.
20/21.06.16		
19.07.16	Prefects Reward Lunch	Thank you from Mrs Ingham
21.07.16	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	8.45am Gowns in main playground 9.00am Parade Hadrian Avenue 9.30am Ceremony 10.00 complementary refreshments for Year 6, staff & parents

22.07.16	Final Day of Term	12 noon finish No -After School Club
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