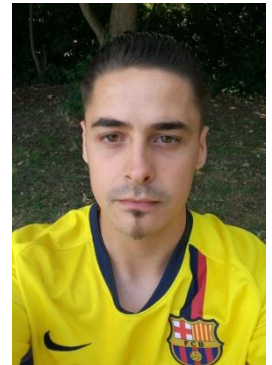


Newsletter 1

The Value of the month is 'positivity'

Welcome back, everyone! What a wonderful summer. Firstly, on behalf of myself and all the staff, I would like to thank you for the generous gifts that we received at the end of last year. We did try to write 'thank you' letters, but in the mayhem of the end of term, we are not sure how many will have made it home! We also send our best wishes to poor Mrs Lenzi, who has broken her ankle over the summer and will not be back at school for another fortnight at least.

We welcome our new members of staff:



Miss Seaton

who has, of course, been with us for years, but is now the fully qualified teacher in Year 4.

Mr Barnes

who lots of you will also already know. Mr Barnes is going to make sure that football goes well at lunchtimes

Miss Cunningham

who is the new graduate TA in Year 6 and who will be going on to be a qualified teacher in 2020.

Mr Touceda

who will be familiar to the KS1 children. Mr Touceda will be leading sports activities at lunchtime.

We are grateful to the Sports Premium, which has allowed us to employ the two lunchtime play leaders. We have been lucky to secure two skilled people who know how to develop our more talented sportsmen and women, but who also know how to help our less confident children broker themselves in to games and to have an enjoyable lunchtime.



If you have called in to reception you will have seen our lovely new hatch, which will help us keep the children safe during the school day. Thank you, FHWS!

The long awaited MUGA is almost ready to go – the guys are coming back to brush in the last bit of sand and then we are off... We may be looking for volunteers to help with some landscaping and a path.





Year 5 will be studying Ancient Greece –together with all the brilliant innovations that have been handed down from that amazing civilization, including democracy. Year 5 tell me that what they are all looking forward to is their residential trip to Tolmers, which will happen in the summer term. In this picture you can see the children using the new set of iPads that were purchased for us by the FHWS.

Our new **Year 6** have already settled in to their new room. Their first topic is WW1, planned to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the end of 'The Great War'. The children will visit parts of the Imperial War museum, which has many exhibits designed to explain war to children of this age. They will also study the inspiring War Poets.



I *think* **Year 4** have been in school today, but they have been so quiet and calm that I did have to go and check... Year 4 did not need their new air conditioning (thanks again, FHWS!) today, but at least if we have another summer like last year, the children will have cool, fresh air to breathe. The class are going to be learning about Ancient Egypt. I am not sure whether Miss Seaton is planning to mummify fish, but she does have lots of ideas to make learning fun.

Year 3 have enjoyed their first official Spanish lesson. Some of the children already have some of the language, so we have some good role models. Their main topic will be 'Mountains and Volcanoes', but the class tell me that they are really looking forward to their Survivor Island evening. This year we are hoping to develop our active learning and this will be a perfect opportunity to try out some practical skills. Do have a look at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/50-things-to-do-before-youre-11-activity-list> to see some of the things that we are going to try and achieve this year.



Year 2 had been inspired by Henri Matisse when I went in there this afternoon. Matisse started doing these cut outs when his hands became too arthritic for him to paint, but there is no doubt that making them does give you very good 'scissor practise'! The children's main topic is going to be The Great Fire of London, which is a very exciting topic for this age group. Miss Byrne has been known to 'burn London' in the playground, if the wind is in the right direction. Miss Byrne and Mrs Davies have been joined by Mrs Edwards this year.



Year 1 are going to be learning all about Guy Fawkes, ready for the Hadley Wood Association's big event at the start of November. Year 1 is a crucial year for the children, when they complete the transition from child led nursery play activities on to the National Curriculum. Miss Taylor and her team have done a great job with the children and Mrs Albon was very happy with the confident way that they all trotted in and sat down on her carpet – ready for learning! The children will be working towards their 'phonics check' which happens towards the end of the academic year. This is a national test taken by all Year 1 pupils, ensuring that they have enough phonic knowledge to take the KS1 SATs.

Our first **Reception** children have joined us this morning. The children all settled happily and we have been very impressed with their drawing skills already. The rest of the class will have their 'first day' tomorrow or Friday. Please do make the new parents feel welcome – playgrounds can be scary!



Not as glamorous as the MUGA, but we have also replaced the fire doors to the hall over the summer – no more crashing in and out during assemblies and performances! The doors have to offer 20 minutes of smoke protection in the event of a fire. Like many doors in the school, they are on special mechanisms which mean that they automatically close when the fire bell rings. We will be holding our first fire drill soon and usually expect to fully evacuate the school in 2 ½ minutes. When our new Reception class are all in school, Mr J will spend some time with them explaining about how loud the bell is going to be and what they have to do when they hear it.

We will be holding our **E Safety** workshops on Monday 10th September. Parents are very welcome to join us to hear what their children are being told by the trainer. We are very keen that parents support our policy of not 'telling the children off' if they access inappropriate sites, but maintaining an open dialogue, ensuring that they come to us for help if they ever feel out of their depth online. **Please do not bring other siblings to the sessions, because the children will be learning and they need to concentrate.** We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3.75 per child to help towards the cost of this day. The item will appear on your child's parent pay account under Internet Awareness Workshop 10/9/2018. Thank you.

Time	Year Group
9:00 - 9:45	Year 4
9:45 – 10:30	Year 5
11:00 – 12:00	Year 6
1:00 – 1:45	Year 3
1:45 – 2:30	Year 2
2:30 – 3:15	Year 1

The new term: If you have changed address, telephone number or email, please make sure that you have spoken to Mrs Rose and updated the information on our computer system?

Health: We still have a few children who have not returned their inhalers and epi-pens to school. Mrs Obika is updating all our care plans, but it is essential that your children have in date medication available if they need it. If your **child's health** has changed over the summer, or if there is anything else of which you think we should be aware, please speak to Mrs Obika, Mrs Rose or one of the management team at the gate in the morning, in case there is paperwork for you to sign. Thank you.