

Hardwick Weekly Catch Up – 16 October 2020



Thank you to those who attend the virtual Friends (FoHPS) AGM this morning. I'm pleased to welcome Laura Hutton as the new Chair of the FoHPS and Marie Williams will continue her role as Secretary and Kate Carter as Treasurer.

Next week the children will be designing a Christmas card, which can be made into a pack of professionally printed Christmas cards available to purchase. This is a FoHPS fund raiser and instructions of how to buy the cards, will be sent home with the children's design next Friday 23rd. Just a few of things to tell you about...

Polite Reminders...

Over the past couple of weeks, we have begun to notice a few things that we would like to remind you about:

Jewellery and hair:

- Bracelets and chains are not to be worn in school.
- Earrings must be plain studs.
- A simple hairband or Alice Band may be worn to tie long hair back, but anything added as a fashion accessory or gimmick e.g. bows, Alice Bands with ears are not permitted.

Healthy snacks and water bottles:

- EYFS and KS1 are provided with a piece of fruit at playtime.
- KS2 will need to bring in a **healthy snack** from home. We have seen a lot of crisp packets and snack bars which are not healthy. A piece of fruit is a good choice.
- **Juice** in water bottles is not permitted and never has been. Water bottles are for water only and we do not have juice in school to refill them.

Toys:

- Toys are not permitted to be brought from home to school.

Thank you

Dress for the Cold Weather!

The weather is wet and cold and as we must keep the classrooms well ventilated due to COVID-19, doors windows/skylights must remain open. This means the classrooms are cold, so we are asking to ensure your child is appropriately dressed. That means wearing a vest, base layers/skins/thermals under their school uniform. Layers are best. We don't really want children wearing coats in class like some other schools are doing!

Also, a coat, (preferably waterproof) is required for playtimes, as the children are outside in most weathers. Thank you.

The Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal

On Monday 19, the children will be bringing home a leaflet about the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal. The aim is families pack a shoebox with suggested gifts as a Christmas present for a child in need around the world. There is no requirement to take part, but the last time we did this in 2016, we donated over 100 shoebox presents to the charity! The leaflet explains what you will need to do, and more information can be found online at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Dates for Diaries

Monday 26 – Friday 30 October: Half term

Tuesday 3 November: FoHPS Christmas Card deadline for online orders (via their website)

Thursday 5 November : FoHPS Christmas Card deadline to return designs to school (after ordered)

Thursday 5 November: Whole school flu vaccinations

Week 9 November: Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection week.

Thursday 17 December: Last day of the autumn term

Friday 19 December - Friday 1 January: Christmas holidays (school closed)

Monday 4 January 2021: Start of the spring term – pupils return to school