



LAUREL LANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

LAUREL LANE NEWSLETTER

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Friday 19th November 2021 – Issue 9

Executive Head teacher – Mr C Cole

Head Teacher – Mrs S Voisey

Next week is **Menu week 3**

This week was officially “Anti-Bullying week” across all schools in England and Wales and this year the focus was “One Kind Word”. The children have been taking part in activities based around this focus and have had assemblies about anti-bullying and being kind. One of the quotes on a website supporting this week states:-

“In a world that can sometimes feel like it’s filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone’s perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.”

We are all aware of the difficulties we have had to face since the start of Covid-19 and how it has affected, and will continue to affect, so many people. We are sure that you agree that we all need a little more understanding, kindness and the forethought of what another person may be going through. More, now than ever, we could all learn from being a bit kinder and thoughtful.

In addition to learning about anti-bullying this week, the children and staff took part in “Odd Socks Day” on Thursday. There was an array of odd socks being worn around the school to highlight how we are ALL unique and different and that we should be kind to each other and respect each other’s individuality.

Next week Year 5 start their two week course of intensive swimming lessons. Unfortunately they were unable to take part in the summer term due to Covid restrictions. Please ensure they bring their swimming kit to school every day for the next two weeks. We hope that they enjoy learning this vital life skill.

If you need to speak with your child’s class teacher or any member of staff please contact the school office who will pass on a message for the teacher to call you when they can. Alternatively you can email us at laurellane@fraysacademytrust.org

Important Notices and Dates.....

22nd November to 3rd December – Year 5 Swimming lessons at Uxbridge Pool

25th November - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight

30th November - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight

8th December – Year 2 to Florence Nightingale Museum

9th December – Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight

14th December - Poetry Day - **children can wear non-uniform for £1**. Proceeds will go to HACs in honour of our former member of staff, Mrs Sonia Kenny, who sadly died last year.

16th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Applying for a primary school place

You must apply for a primary school place a year before [your child can start school](#). Applications are now open and close on 15 January 2022. Your child will be 3 or have just turned 4 when you apply. You’ll need to apply then even if you want your child to start part-way through the year.

Go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place> for more information and to apply.

Laurel Lane House Points

Blue – 416

Green – 393

Red – 370

Yellow - 369



Above & Beyond

Awards for week ending 12th November 2021

Thank you to the children below for their extra efforts. They will be rewarded with a Friday treat with Mrs Voisey. We would like everyone to know how fantastic they are!

1DS – Shauna
2HJ – Melody
3/4EA – Humza
3/4RH – Rimal
6EG – Fathima



1IK – Aaric
2LW – Prabgun
3/4KS – Mateo
5CW – Ellissa
6GR – Dan

Best Attendance

Week ending 12th Nov 21:

5CW with 99%

Attendance and Sickness

We would like to remind you that if your child is absent from school, you must inform us before 8.45 am.

Please contact the school on 01895 462360 and leave a message if there is no reply, or you may email the school:

attendance@fraysacademytrust.org or laurellane@fraysacademytrust.org

Whole School attendance this year

92.2%

Late Arrivals

There were **50** children late for school last week.

Being late for school disrupts the children already in class and does not give your child a good start to their school day –

please try to be in school by 8.45am



Year 6 Residential Trip

We still have plenty of spaces available for the year 6 residential trip in July next year. You can reserve your child's place with a £50 deposit.

For some children this will be their first trip away without their parents and it is a fantastic opportunity for them to have fun with their school friends taking part in a variety of activities whilst learning how to be independent, which is a key life skill and good preparation for secondary school.

Payments can be made in instalments on ParentPay – look for the tab that says “Year 6 Residential”.

If you would like more information before making your decision, please speak to Mrs Knight or the Year 6 teachers. You can also view the Scout camp at <https://paccarscoutcamp.org>



Hillingdon

Train to be a Family Support Volunteer...

...and make a difference to local families who are having a tough time

Apply now for our next Volunteer Preparation Course starting on the 19th January 2022

We need parents and grandparent with half a day a week to spare – can you help?

Our support really does change the lives of families with at least one child under 5 who are struggling to cope with issues including post-natal depression, isolation and managing difficult personal circumstances.

We can only help the number of families as we have volunteers to help. With the squeeze on public services, parents who are finding things tough are more in need than ever for a friendly, caring face to help them navigate the crazy world of parenting!!

Our volunteers come alongside a struggling family in their own home every week (where it is safe to do so) to give support, befriending, practical help and signposting information.

Full training and support are provided and agreed expenses are covered.

The 9-session course will take place on Wednesdays, from 9.45am to 14.30pm, Starts 19th January with a break for the February half term.

If you would like to find out more, please call 01895 252804

Or Email: office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk

Find out more about us - www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter



Christmas is coming

Christmas market returns

Uxbridge town centre's Christmas market is back this year and opened on Wednesday.

This year will feature 30 wooden chalets offering a range of gifts, seasonal food and drinks. The market will also host fun activities for all of the family to get involved in, choir performances, a Christmas train, live music and a birds of prey exhibition.

Real Christmas trees

The Rural Activities Garden Centre in Yiewsley will be selling real Christmas trees from Wednesday 1st December. Choose from a selection of cut trees or homegrown potted trees, wreaths and other decorative accessories. The centre also has a tea room open to the public with a selection of cakes and treats for all.

Free Parking

Hillingdon council are once again offering free parking for residents using their Hillingdon First card. Parking is free in council-owned car parks and on-street parking bays every weekend from Saturday 4th December to Sunday 19th December. It will also be free parking for residents and visitors on 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th December and 1st to 3rd January 2022. To apply for a Hillingdon First card, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/hillingdonfirst.

Hillingdon Libraries will be holding a variety of activities and events during December. Details will follow next week.



Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Available Sunday - Thursday 7pm - 9pm



50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you.
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541

Available Sunday - Thursday
7pm - 9pm





"They plan activities that meet every child's needs"
Ofsted 2017

Making Leaps for Young Children

Early learning zone for 2 year olds

The Pond is open term time for 2 year olds either 5 mornings or 5 afternoons a week

There are **free** places available for eligible families and places for families who wish to pay.

We have morning or afternoon sessions available.

The cost is £90 per week

Apply NOW to secure your child's place

To find out more call:

01895 462 352

www.thepondatfrays.com

"Very vibrant learning environment that engages and excites children"
Ofsted 2017

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