

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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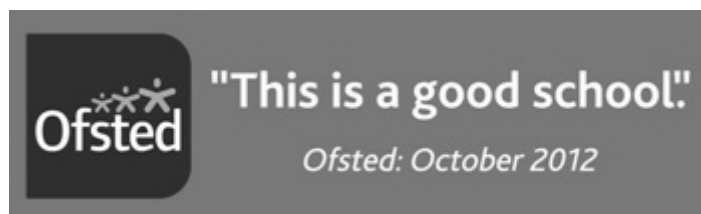
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Dear Parents and Carers



Well, what can I say! We are so proud of the outcome of our Ofsted inspection the other week; it is such a great achievement for everyone in the school, including all the children who have worked so hard to make this such a great place to be. Now we need to reach high for OUTSTANDING!

It has been a very long, busy half term for the teachers, many of whom were in for the last week of the summer holidays to set up the new classrooms. We wish you all a safe & relaxing October half term, and look forward to seeing you all back on **Monday 5th November**.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to **Mrs Rosemary Biggs & Mrs Dorothy Ansell**, who have been working with the children to make a beautiful new back cloth for the school piano.

The children have stitched felt notes onto a large music sheet design; the notes show the tune to the nursery rhyme Old Macdonald!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

	w/c 8 th October	w/c 15 th October
ASH	96.4	95
BEECH	96.1	90.7
BIRCH	93.6	95.4
CHERRY	94.7	96.7
CHESTNUT	94.5	94.8
ELM	96.3	99.3
ELDER	95.4	97.8
HAZEL	96	94.8
HORNBEAM	96.8	95.6
LIME	97.7	98.5
LARCH	97.4	95.4
PINE	91.2	97.3
POPLAR	96.5	95.8
WILLOW	96.9	98.1
WALNUT	90.6	95.6

YEAR 5 SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

Year 5's 'Shooting for the Stars' evening was a huge success on Wednesday this week, despite the clouds preventing us from viewing the stars and moon. The children had a great time investigating constellations and had the opportunity to re-enact Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon. The highlight was sharing hot chocolate and marshmallows under the cloudy skies.

BOOK FAIR

We held a very successful Book Fair in school last week, making £348 commission to spend on books for the school. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Now that the weather has finally changed, please can I remind parents/carers of the new shoe policy, which applies to the whole school:

Children should wear
Plain black shoes or plain black trainers.

YEAR 2 to YEAR 6 will **also** need a separate pair of sports trainers to change into for PE. They can be any colour!

No boots, sandals or open-toed shoes!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be brought round to classes every day the first week back after half term, so that children can make a donation if they wish to.

PARKING IN POUND AVENUE

Please can I remind parents/carers who drive to school, not to park on the zig zag lines outside the school entrances. There is now ample parking available in our two new car parks. Should you still need to park in the road, please take extra care to ensure the pavement is clear before opening your car door.

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

If your child is suffering from sickness or diarrhoea, or we send him/her home from school for this reason, please do not send them into school for 24 hours after their last bout of illness.

SCOOTERS / BIKES IN SCHOOL

Children are welcome to ride their bikes and scooters to school, however, if they arrive at school after 8.50am, when the gates are shut, please take their bikes/scooters home with you again. Thank you for your help with this matter.

NEW MENU

The **Winter-Spring Pupils' Choice School Menu** was sent home with children yesterday. This menu commences from **Tuesday, 6th November**. The special Bonfire Night menu will be available on Monday, 5th November.

You can find a copy of the new menu on the school notice board by the main entrance gate. Please ensure your child has chosen their meal before morning registration each day.

WAITROSE GREEN TOKEN SCHEME

The school will be included in Waitrose's (Old Town) Green Token Scheme during the whole of October. Customers are given a green token to donate to their chosen charity. Funding donated from this will go towards the development and relocation of the school allotment.

TESCO VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS

Thank you to everyone who helped us collect vouchers for this year's Tesco Scheme. We have now received a wonderful assortment of FREE equipment which has been distributed about the school. As part of the scheme's 21st Anniversary celebrations, we were invited to go along to a presentation at Tesco, the Forum, to receive another box of goodies. Mrs Trafford went along to the event, which was also attended by Stephen McPartland MP, with Abbie Welch and Ethan Parker, Year 6 School Council representatives.

FREE HALLOWEEN CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Monday 29th October, 2-4pm, Stoneyhall Community Centre, on Wornham Avenue off Popple Way

Free fun workshop to get in the spirit for Halloween. Come along with your children and try out new ideas together. The activity is recommended for families with children aged 5-11, but siblings aged 3+ can come along too. It's free but places must be booked due to capacity of the centre. Call the Neighbourhood Investment Team on 0300 100 0303 or email customer.service@affinitysutton.com to reserve your spaces.

TOP HAT STAGE SCHOOL'S SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

Top Hat Stage School are offering pupils aged 6-17 with a passion for performing the chance to win a scholarship to attend one of their 5 weekend Stage Schools. Auditions, a fun workshop covering dance, drama and singing, will run on **Sunday 25th November at the Hatfield FORUM**, part of the University of Hertfordshire. There will be 2 workshops: 10.30 - 12.30 or 1-3pm (they only need attend one workshop audition). For more information and to reserve a place at the auditions, visit www.tophatstageschool.co.uk