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Message from the Head Teacher:

This week we have been welcoming our new Reception and Nursery families to Central at their first parent meeting and 'stay and play' sessions. Reception have been continuing their learning about plants and have started to plant their vegetable garden. It has been lovely to see how careful and attentive they have been with their plants and their trip to the Garden Centre has inspired them further. There has been so much happening this week but another highlight was Year 3 exploring persuasive writing and trying to convince people to buy Fairtrade and are now working on the even more challenging task of convincing their teachers to let them use fidget spinners!

Mr Mynott

Puppet workshop



Year 1 had an exciting afternoon, on Thursday, making puppets based on their individual designs. The results are fantastic!

PE workshop

On Monday and Thursday Watford girls visited Nursery to put their leadership skills and planning into practice. We were thrilled

to have them and all the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This will be happening every Monday and Thursday for the next 3 weeks.



Garden Centre outing



Reception went to the garden centre to learn about growing plants, got to taste some and choose plants to buy and bring back to school to grow.

Year 6 farm trip

Last Friday, Year 6 visited a local arable farm where they had the opportunity to see a variety of crops, as well as gain a deeper understanding of how these are manufactured into the foods we eat. They saw some of the wheat grown on the farm, be milled into flour, and then used this flour to make bread. The children were exceptional representatives of the school, and were commended by the farm school team on their behaviour, interest and inquisitive questioning:

Dear Mr Mynott and Mr Hayley,

Today we had the pleasure of hosting 32 year 6 pupils year from Central Primary at The Farmschool. On arriving at the Farmschool the children showed impeccable behaviour from start to finish. They were engaged, courteous, intelligent with their questioning, inquisitive and a joy to host. Each and everyone of them were a credit to Central and should be commended for their positive attitude, their manners and application. At The Farmschool we give our time and expertise to help children understand the role of farming, food and natural habitats in our daily lives. It is extremely rewarding to teach such a charming and thoughtful cohort of young people.

With my regards

Mr Ian Pigott

Chairman, The Farmschool, Harpenden

Curriculum planning

All teachers have been busy this week planning next term's exciting whole-school topic. All pupils will be learning about The Canal, with interesting historical projects, creative arts work, trips and more. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you might be able to help out in any way during the topic.

Regular features

e-Safety

Please make sure that you regularly check your child's internet access, particularly the apps that they are used on phones and tablets. This week's awareness-raising is about an app called *Monkey* which allows users to video-call anyone else who is also using the app.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's 'stars':

Adrian & the whole class (YR Acorns)
Alayna, Samih & the whole class (YR Conkers)
Aya & Finn (Y1 Magnolia)
Daniel & Julia (Y1 Maple)
Luke & Charlie (Y1 Mulberry)
Shavon & Ali (Y2 Pear)
Trey & Santushtaa (Y2 Pine)
Kamil & Nicole (Y3 Apple)
Ruby & Earl (Y3 Ash)
Faryal, Julia and Faizan (Y4 Beech)

Saif (Y4 Beam)
Billy & Dawid (Y5 Willow)
Swar & Sara (Y6 Oak)

Attendance

Year 6 Oak Class are this week's winners of the attendance certificate, with an outstanding 100%. Well done!

| Class | Attendance |
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| Acorns YR | 95.2 |
| Conkers YR | 96.2 |
| Magnolia Y1 | 95.9 |
| Maple Y1 | 93.8 |
| Mulberry Y1 | 90.6 |
| Pear Y2 | 95.4 |
| Pine Y2 | 97.3 |
| Ash Y3 | 91.3 |
| Apple Y3 | 97.6 |
| Beech Y4 | 98.7 |
| Beam Y4 | 98.7 |
| Willow Y5 | 97.4 |
| Oak Y6 | 100 |

Dates & Reminders

Non-uniform days

26 May – bottle donations

30 June – chocolate donations

School uniform

All school uniform must be named. Name labels are available at reasonable prices:

"IRON ON"

SCHOOL CLOTHES LABELS



15 Name Labels - £1.99
25 Name Labels - £2.99 + £1.50 Postage and Packing
50 Name Labels - £4.99

www.labelcreating.co.uk

Free school meals

All pupils in Years 1 & 2 can receive a free meal at school daily. The meals are nutritious and tasty – a number of staff eat the school meals with the children every day. In addition, the school receives funding for every pupils who takes up a funded lunch. Please can we encourage all Year 1 and Year 2 pupils to make the most of this opportunity!

Secondary Transfer – Year 5

Registration is open for Year 5 parents to register their children for the consortium tests: www.swhertsschools.org.uk Please ask Mrs Hooper or the office if you would like any help or advice in making your application.

Healthy lunchboxes

According to NHS choices a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta.
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans.
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt.
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit.

Safer playgrounds

Please remember that the playgrounds are not supervised by school staff until 8.40am. Any children in the playground before 8.30am will be brought into Breakfast Club, and parents will be contacted by phone.

Lunch Menu

Next Week is week 3 of the new Summer/Autumn 2017 Menu. Please remember that the meat in the kitchen is not Halal.

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| Monday | Red: Beef Burger Green: Vegetarian Lasagne (v) Yellow: Ham Roll |
| Tuesday | Red: BBQ Chicken Green: Jacket Potato (v) Yellow: Tuna Roll |
| Wednesday | Red: Roast Pork Green: Rost Quorn Fillet (v) Yellow: Chicken Roll |
| Thursday | Red: Chicken Pie Green: Vegetarian Hot Dog (v) |

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| Friday | Yellow: Cheese Baguette Red: Fish Fingers Green: Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) Yellow: Egg Baguette (v) |
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Our preferred method for payment is 'Schoolgateway' If you are not sure how to use this, please speak to the office.

Summer Term 2017 Events

Good Work assembly every Thursday, 3-3.20pm

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| Tuesday 23 rd May | 2.30-3pm | Y3 Concert |
| Thursday 25 th May | 2-2.45pm 6-6.45pm | Y4 Production |
| Thursday 25 th May | 7.30pm | Concert @ Watford Colosseum. Tickets £10 |
| Friday 26 th May | 8-8.45am | French Breakfast Club |
| Friday 26 th May | All day | Non-uniform day – bring a bottle |
| Saturday 27 th May – Monday 5 th June | Half Term – School Closed | |
| Monday 5 th June – Friday 9 th June | Y6 Residential to Isle of Wight | |
| Tuesday 6 th June | 9-10am | Friends of Central |
| Friday 9 th June | 3-3.15pm | Y1 Magnolia Class Assembly |
| Monday 12 th June – Friday 16 th June | Y1 Phonics Screening Checks | |
| Friday 16 th June | 3-3.15pm | Y2 Pine Class Assembly |
| Friday 23 rd June | 3-3.15pm | Y2 Pear Class Assembly |
| Friday 30 th June | 8-8.45am | French Breakfast Club |
| Friday 30 th June | 3-3.15pm | Y5 Willow Class Assembly |
| Friday 30 th June | All day | Non-uniform day – donate chocolate |
| Monday 3 rd July | 2-3.15pm | Singing Celebration Assemblies |
| Tuesday 4 th July | 9-10am | Friends of Central |
| Thursday 6 th July | All Day | Y6 Secondary Transfer Day |
| Saturday 8 th July | 12-3pm | Central Primary School Summer Fair |
| Tuesday 11 th July | 6-6.45pm | Y6 Production |
| Wednesday 12 th July | 9.30-11am | Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sports Day |
| Thursday 13 th July | 9.30-11am | Reception Sports Day |
| Thursday 13 th July | 1.45- 3.15pm | Y1 & Y2 Sports Day |
| Monday 17 th July - Friday 21 st July | Health & Fitness Week | |
| Monday 17 th July | 9-11.15am | Moving Up Morning |

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| Monday 17th July | 3.30-5pm | Open Evening |
| Wednesday 19th July | 1.30-3pm | Y5 First Aid Training |
| Friday 21st July | 9-9.45am | Y6 Leavers' Assembly |
| Friday 21st July | Early Closure at 1:30pm | |
| Saturday 22nd July - Sunday 3rd September | Summer Holidays – School Closed | |