



Harbinger News

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Don't forget our day off on Monday and bring in party food for our Eid celebrations on Tuesday!



Dates for your Diary

- ❖ Day off Eid
Monday 21st September
- ❖ Eid Party
Tuesday 22nd September
- ❖ Dr. BIKE - sort out all your bicycle problems
Wednesday 23rd September
- ❖ Violins starts Y4/5/6
Wednesday 23rd September
- ❖ Drumming starts Y5/ Y2
Monday 28th September
- ❖ Eid Show
Thursday 1st October
- ❖ Parents evening
Thursday 22nd September
- ❖ Half Term
26th - 30th October
- ❖ Occasional day off to be confirmed
26th or 27th November
- ❖ Last day of term Friday
18th December

Welcome Back...

Welcome back to a new academic year at Harbinger.

This year we are making changes to our curriculum - this means when, where, what, and how we teach the children. Some of you may know that a new Primary Curriculum has been proposed by the Secretary of State. I have been fortunate to have been asked to be part of the national advisory group for the new curriculum; and some Harbinger parents took part in formal consultation with the QCA (thank you!). We have been encouraged to begin thinking about the implementation of the recommendations before the launch in 2011. Some of the differences you may see this year are in the planning we send home. The learning and teaching will be connected to an overarching theme - so that pupils gain their skills and knowledge in a holistic way rather than in separate subjects (the new curriculum has 'Areas of Learning' - which more closely match the Early Years). Learning in context like this really helps understanding and links learning with 'real life'. The planning you will receive will be in the form of a mind map - regular and routine learning (phonics, maths, swimming) will go on alongside the thematic approach. There will be lots of visits, visitors and first hand experiences (as usual) as we believe if you can capture a child's interest and imagination they will be more likely to become engrossed in learning. We are going to try to include outcomes (end result) as well as the main processes of the learning. Hopefully we will have a 'How can you help?' box - which might detail home activities, things we are collecting or support for visits.

Central to the new curriculum are the aims:

- Successful learners
- Confident Individuals
- Responsible Citizens

which match well with the Harbinger Values:- Learning, Wellbeing and Togetherness.

Throughout the curriculum, in all areas, are the Essentials for Learning and Life:

- Literacy, Numeracy and ICT capability
- Learning and Thinking skills, Personal and Emotional skills and Social Skills

again this fit in very well with our values and strong belief in Emotional literacy, well-being and inclusion.

We have thought very hard about how best to present the planning forecast to you and after being sent back to the teachers for numerous tweaks and changes I will send them out on Tuesday and will upload them to the Harbinger Website.

We would welcome feedback. To learn more about the new curriculum visit

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/primarycurriculumreview/>

Well done EYU - who raised £256 from their Toddle Waddle in aid of Meningitis
Well done all you skippers - The school raised £356 skipping for the British Heart Foundation

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