



Head's Corner Christmas 2011

I am very pleased to publish my first contribution to Head's Corner as Acting Headteacher during Charlie Currie's secondment for two terms to Brighton Hill Community College in Basingstoke. I am very proud that the Local Authority felt that Harrow Way had the strength of leadership to be able to cope without him for two terms, and I think it is a recognition and vindication of all the hard work that Mr Currie and all the staff have done in recent years.

As usual, this has been a very busy term that has flown by. There have been a number of successful Performing Arts Events including Macbeth and the Music Show, and our musicians and actors are busy preparing for special performances taking place in the last week of term. We have also had the official opening of our new climbing wall and the students are already benefiting from this wonderful facility which will also be open for community use.

Other events this term have included our annual Presentation Evening in November. This is always a highlight of the year for me as we celebrate the successes and achievements of last year's Year 11 students. Once again our inclusive ethos was to the fore, as we recognised a wide variety of outstanding personal achievements, sometimes against the odds. Our guest speaker for the evening was Richard Scriven from Andover Rotary Club and he gave a very motivational speech to us all. We have strong links with Rotary through the Youth Speaks, Young Chef and the World Health Day events in which we participate.

Last week we held our sixth Christmas Fayre and it was wonderful to see so many of our parents and students taking part. This year it was combined with a non-uniform day and our Student Council had decided to support four good causes with the money raised: Children in Need, Woofability, Movember and the

Performing Arts Fund. In all, a total of £1,200 was raised and I am particularly grateful to our Senior Prefects who did a great job in running the various stalls.

As we continue to strive for the UNICEF Level 2 award as a Rights Respecting School, Mrs Delany and the UNICEF Peer Educators organised a collection of items for Andover Food Bank and the Armed Forces in Afghanistan. The response from the students was overwhelming and the project culminated in assemblies taken by serving members of the Armed Forces who gave us a great insight into life on the front line and how morale-boosting it was for troops to receive our parcels.

School Population

Our full Year 7 cohort of 180 students has made a brilliant start to their time at Harrow Way. As usual, the excellent transition programme along with our close partnerships with families has enabled them to settle in to our routines without difficulty. Early indications are that we will again be full next September and I, too, acknowledge the trust that the families of Andover are placing in us.

Uniform

The vast majority of our students adhere fully to our uniform requirements but as we approach Christmas and the cold weather, may I remind readers that hoodies or hoodie-type garments are not allowed in school and nor is leather or denim clothing permitted. Outer coats should be dark in colour without heavy logos and parents are asked to ensure that any scarves worn by students are plain black. In addition to this may I remind parents that the only items of jewellery permitted are one small stud per ear and a watch. No other facial piercing of any kind is allowed and make-up should be kept to a minimum.

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Attendance and Welfare

We are always looking at ways to improve attendance and punctuality at school and this term has seen the successful introduction of an automatic lunchtime detention for students who arrive late without good reason. The result of this has seen us reduce the number of students late by approximately 50% when compared to this time last year. I am very grateful to members of the Senior Leadership Team for running these detentions. May I also remind parents that whilst all applications for leave of absence are considered individually, it is not normally possible to agree to this for students in Key Stage 4, particularly given the amount of Controlled Assessments and Modular Examinations that take place throughout the year.

Staff

During the term we said goodbye to Mrs Sylvia Morrison, Food Technology Technician and Lunchtime Supervisor, who had been with us for eight years. At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to Mr James Clarke, Teacher of ICT, who is taking up a post in Portsmouth and Mrs Vicky Bentley, Teacher of History, who is taking up the post of SENCO at a school near Basingstoke. I would like to thank them for their work at Harrow Way and wish them every success in the future. We have welcomed Mrs Kelly Murphy as Food Technology Technician and after Christmas we shall be welcoming Mr Alain Ndabala to the ICT Department and Miss Katy Bosworth to the History Department.

Privacy Notice

I would like to draw your attention to the Privacy Notice which has been issued to all students and a copy of which can be found on the school website: <http://www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk/2011/10/06/privacy-notice>. This notice defines what information we hold, retain and, where permitted, to whom it can be passed on.

Finally, as you are aware, we began our new three year Key Stage 4 in September this year. Early indications and monitoring

suggest that it has been a very successful transition. The students have responded in a very mature way and are telling us they enjoy their learning and staff have been equally positive. There will be a significant number of Information, Advice and Guidance events over the next term or so for parents and students in both Years 8 and 9 as we endeavour to ensure they are on appropriate pathways to future success. These will start with two evenings for year 9 Parents, the first on Tuesday 10th January at school and the second on Wednesday 11th January at "The Lights" theatre in town, about which you will be receiving more information shortly.

I would personally like to thank all members of our school community for their outstanding support for me during this transitional term and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.



Acting Headteacher - December 2011

PLANNED ABSENCE - HOLIDAY FORMS

If you are aware that your child will be absent from school e.g. a holiday or operation, we will need to be notified of this. **Holiday forms can be obtained from Student Reception.**

Parents are not entitled to take their children away on holiday during term time. If a child is away for holiday reasons in term time, up to 10 days in an academic year may be authorised at the discretion of the school providing suitable reasons are given and a 'Permission for Holiday' form is completed before the absence period. With students of compulsory school age all applications will be carefully considered on their merits given the importance of continuity of learning.

Students Signing-out for Appointments

If a student has an appointment during school hours, he/she must have a note in the student diary or an appointment card.

Parents please:

1. Write a note in your child's diary giving collection time and reason for going out of school.

Students please:

1. Show your diary or appointment card to your teacher
2. Sign out at Student Reception and come through to Main Reception where you will meet your parent.

It is not the responsibility of the Receptionist to locate the child in the School.

CALENDAR DATES

December '11 to July '12

Wed 14 Dec	Music Show 7.30pm	Thurs 10 May	Sonia Leong, Manga Author/Artist visit
Thurs 15 Dec	Yr7/8/9 Pantomime trip - return 6.00pm	Fri 11 May	Yr5 Tri-Golf 1.15>2.55pm
Fri 16 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term - Students finish 1.30pm	Mon 14 May	GCSEs begin (last exam 28th June)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 19 DEC - MONDAY 02 JANUARY 2012 inclusive			
Tues 3 Jan	First day of Spring Term	Tues 15 May	District Swimming Gala pm
Mon 9 Jan	OLYMPICS - 200 days to go	Thurs 17 May	Year 5 Gifted & Talented - PE pm
Wed 11 Jan	14/19 Consortium Yr9 Parents' Evening - The Lights	Fri 18 May	OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY starts tour of the UK
Wed 11 Jan	Town Rock-it-ball Festival 3..45>5.30pm	Mon 21 May	PARALYMPICS 100 days to go
Fri 13 Jan	Yr8/10 Progress Reviews home	HALF TERM MONDAY 04 JUNE - FRIDAY 08 JUNE 2012 inclusive	
Thurs 19 Jan	Ski Trip Final Parents Evening 7.00pm	Thurs 7 Jun	OLYMPICS 50 days to go
Tues 24 Jan	Spelling B - Periods 3&4 - Year 7	11 or 12 Jun	Aegon Tennis trip
Weds 25 Jan	ASDAN Parent Clinic Yr9/10/11 6.00>9.00pm	Tues 12 Jun	Gifted & Talented KS3 ICT Day
Sat 28 Jan	Ski Trip Departs (returning Sat 4 Feb)	Wed 13 Jun	Yr 7/8 District Athletics
Mon 6 Feb	Queen Mary's College interviews at school	Thurs 14 Jun	London Taste Festival - GCSE Catering trip
Tues 7 Feb	Queen Mary's College interviews at school	Fri 15 Jun	Yr 5/6 Kwik Cricket
Weds 8 Feb	Yr 7/8 Girls Tag Rugby 1.00>4pm	18>22 Jun	Yr 8 Calshot
Thurs 9 Feb	Citizenship Day	Tues 19 Jun	Gifted & Talented Primary School ICT Day
Thurs 9 Feb	Year 7 Progress Reviews home	Thurs 21 Jun	London 2012 Festival opens
Fri 10 Feb	INSET DAY 4	Fri 22 Jun	Opening Ceremony at Knights Enham Infants re. Big Week pm
HALF TERM MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2012 inclusive			
Thurs 23 Feb	Yr7/8 Rugby 7s 1.15>4.30pm	25-28 Jun	Ballroom Dancing - Yr11 students 1.30-5.00pm
Wed 29 Feb	Holocaust Day with Walter Kammerling Yr 10 1.30-3.00pm	25 > 29 Jun	OLYMPICS Big London 2012 week Cluster (events at different schools all week)
Thurs 01 Mar	Yr7/8 Girls County Tag Rugby	Thurs 28 Jun	Yr2/3 Skills4Life at Harrow Way pm
Thurs 8 Mar	Yr 3/4 Indoor Athletics 1.30>4.00pm	Thurs 28 Jun	GCSEs finish
Wed 14 Mar	Gavin Kewley - Yr10 Study Skills	Fri 29 Jun	Year 7 Reports home
Fri 16 Mar	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam - Day 1	Fri 29 Jun	Year 11 Leavers' Buffet/Dance/Prom
Fri 16 Mar	Yr9 Reports home with Curriculum Booklets	2 > 6 July	Yr7 Charlton Lakes field trip one day this week
Mon 19 Mar	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam - Day 2	Mon 2 July	OLYMPICS 25 days to go
Tues 20 Mar	Year 9 Curriculum Evening	Tues 3 July	INDUCTION DAY - Parent Consultation Day Year 7 only
Weds 21 Mar	Yr5/6 Rural Football Tournament 2.00>5.00pm	Wed 4 July	Music Show
Thurs 22 Mar	Yr5/6 Town Football Tournament 1.00>5.00pm	Thurs 5 July	Author visit - Alex Scarrow - Auditorium
22 & 23 Mar	Year 9/Parents Curriculum meetings with Senior Staff	Fri 6 July	The Rotary Club 1.30-4.30 Auditorium Yr 10 Unicef Peer Educators
23, 24, 25 Mar	Titanic show set up	Fri 6 July	Year 10 Reports home
26 > 30 Mar	Titanic show	Mon 9 July	Yr 10 Subject Focus evening
Fri 30 Mar	Yr8 Reports home with Curriculum Booklets	Tues 10 July	PARALYMPICS 50 days to go
EASTER HOLIDAY MONDAY 02 APRIL - FRIDAY 13 APRIL 2012 inclusive 2nd - 5th April - Barcelona Trip			
Mon 16 Apr	First day of Summer Term	Tues 10 July	Yr5 Activity Day 1 / GCSE Geography Swanage trip
Tues 17 April	Year 11 Revision Session periods 5&6	Wed 11 July	Olympic Relay through Andover / Yr5 Activity Day 2
Wed 18 Apr	OLYMPICS - 100 days to go	Thurs 12 July	Yr 10 Enterprise Day 1
Thurs 19 Apr	Yr8 Girls HPV (vaccine 3)	Fri 13 July	Yr 10 Enterprise Day 2 Yr1 Skills4Life Festival 1.15>2.50pm
Mon 23 April	Year 8 Curriculum Evening	Mon 16 July	Yr 9 Enterprise Day 1 / Key Stage 3 Presentation Evening
Mon 23 Apr	Year 10 Exams begin, finishing Fri 4 May	Mon 16 July	Year 8 Key Stage 3 Reports home
26 & 27 Mar	Year 8/Parents Curriculum meetings with Senior Staff	Tues 17 July	Yr10 BTEC Drama/Dance Showcase
MON 7 MAY - MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY			
Wed 9 May	Year 9 Geography New Forest trip	Wed 18 July	Yr 9 Enterprise Day 2
		Mon 23 July	INSET DAY 5 - Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY Tuesday 24 July - Friday 31 August 2012 inclusive (provisional)			

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES

It is most important that any change of mobile or landline number, or home address is reported to the school. Please ensure you notify the School Office as soon as possible of any changes to your contact details, particularly daytime telephone numbers, so that we are able to get in touch if the need arises.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of coats, jackets and other items of lost property held by Mrs Preece in student reception. If your child is missing an item of clothing it may be there!

Please ask your child to have a look.

What's your New Year's Resolution?



Want to get fit, try yoga, total body workout and zumba.....

Fancy developing your creative or artistic side..... range of cookery courses, jewellery making, drawing and art classes etc

Always wanted to dance? Try Strictly Ballroom and learn how to Jive, Samba, Rumba, Cha Cha Cha, Waltz, Quickstep, Tango

Plus many more educational and recreational courses....

For the full range of courses, further information or to book your place contact:

www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk

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Harrow Way Community School
Incorporating Harrow Way Pre-School and Andover Adult and Family Learning



Time to Talk

Bookable Consultation Sessions 2012

Hampshire Educational Psychology Service

PARENTS – CARERS

Would you like:-

- to discuss how to support your child's learning at home?
- to discuss concerns over behaviour?
- to discuss issues to do with relationships and emotions?

The Educational Psychology team is offering consultation sessions with two psychologists to discuss your concerns, clarify issues and together generate possible courses of action. We will only be able to discuss school-related issues when a parent and a member of school staff attend together. This will be a joint problem-solving session, not a route to educational psychology assessment. It is not usually helpful for the child to be present especially if the concern relates to behaviour management. If you think you might bring your child, please discuss this by phone in advance of your appointment.

Each session is an hour long.

TO BOOK YOUR CONSULTATION SESSION PHONE

Beverley Torkington on 01962 876233

for Winchester and Test Valley Partnerships

Leisure Courses and Workshops at Harrow Way Community School

Did you know that Harrow Way Community School provides Leisure Learning courses and workshops during the evenings and on Saturdays?

Courses include:

**Zumba, Total Body Workout,
Chinese Brush Painting,
Drawing and Painting,
Developing IT Skills,
Cooking on a Budget, Cultural Cooking,
Food Safety, First Aid and many others.**

Click 'Community' on the Harrow Way Community School website to find out more and complete the Community questionnaire. Have you got ideas for courses you would like to attend? If so, then please let us know.

Community Office: 01264 364900

Email: community@harrowway.hants.sch.uk

New for January 2012 'Strictly' Dancing for Juniors (ages 8 – 14 year olds)

Come along to learn a few steps including Jive, Waltz, Cha Cha Cha, Quickstep and more.

It's skilful, good exercise and fun.

Starting

Wednesday 11th January 2012 – 5.30-6.30pm

Cost: £27.50 for 10 Week Course

Call Harrow Way Community Office on 01264 364900 for more information and to book your place

www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk

Don't forget to visit the website for all the performing arts news, sports and trip reports, recent events, letters home, exam information and much more.

If you can't find what you're looking for, please do not hesitate to contact the school, who will put you in touch with someone who can help provide the relevant information.

PLEASE DIAL CAREFULLY



An Andover household regularly receives misdialed calls for Harrow Way Community School.

The telephone number for Harrow Way School is 01264 364533.