



# Hardingstone Academy Newsletter 6

**Friday 16th October 2020**

Once more thank you for all your support to keep everyone safe at Hardingstone Academy. Attendance has improved over the last few weeks and it's great to have everyone together while we can. I am pleased to confirm that we have not had any positive tests of children or staff at this point in time. However, please can you let the office know if you do not have access to a device that you can use to complete online learning, just in case we need to use remote learning in the future. As I visited the 'bubbles' this week, I experienced a real buzz of learning around the school. It has been a pleasure to see their interactions with teachers and how excited they are when they have learnt something new. It's been lovely to share these moments with the children

We do appreciate your support with our decision making or the changes that we make during this challenging time. We always have the children at the centre of them. With regard to communication - remember that our aim is to do the best we can do, everyone (and I do mean everyone here) is working hard to make your child's experience at school the best it can be. We know there will be times when things don't always go according to plan and if you have a concern, your first port of call has to be us. If you don't communicate with us - we won't know and can't help you. This does not mean we will change our decisions but we will explain our reasons behind our actions. We all want the children to be happy and safe but we do need to remember that unfortunately times are different currently.

This newsletter is an essential read once a week. Take the time, maybe have a cup of tea and read our updates.



## Covid Safety Update

### Reminders to keep us all safe:

This information has been taken from:

<https://www.northampton.gov.uk/info/406/our-town/2527/covid-19-advice-for-the-public/3>

Residents of Northampton are being urged to take action as the number of cases has risen above the national rate. We need to work together to prevent a local lockdown. We all need to take some simple steps in school:

- **Limit contact with others outside of your household or bubble**
- **Keep 2 metres from others at all times,**
- **Avoid meeting those outside of your household or bubble in an indoor space**
- **Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly for 20 seconds each time**
- **Do not share items with others outside of your household or bubble.**

Therefore, in school we are asking parents and children in Year 4 to wait on the playground before and after school to reduce the amount of people on the path near the Year 4 classroom. We will open the car park gates again to allow more space for parents to walk. If you need to speak to a member of the office – make sure that you stand away from the window and don't put your head through it. If you need to discuss any sensitive matters please phone the school instead. We are re-marking the areas near to the classrooms where only children should be, to allow there to be that 2m distance between parents and teachers. Your child must stay with you when walking around the school building and if you are waiting for siblings, this is for their safety. Children must not play games on the playground after school. Do not gather in groups in the playground and maintain the 1m+ distance when talking with others, do not allow your children to play on the playground equipment at the end of the day. Come at your allocated start and finish times and leave the premises as soon as you have picked up your child. **As always, thank you for your understanding and support with keeping everyone safe.**



## Safety Snippet



### Staying Safe Online – 10 Top Tips

- 1) Don't post any personal information online –like your address, email address or mobile number.
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours any more.
- 3) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible
- 4) Never give out your passwords
- 5) Don't befriend people you don't know
- 6) Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do
- 7) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online
- 9) Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude
- 10) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.

## Half Term



We break up on Friday 23rd October and the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November. Monday 2nd November is a training day.

## Value of the Month - Cooperation



Think about these questions with your child at home. What did I learn from my friends today? How do I cooperate at school? Is there someone who can help me achieve my goal? Can I help someone achieve their goal? Are two heads better than one?

Try making some 'Autumn Art' as a family





# 24 SUPER FUN! PRESCHOOL FALL CRAFTS



# 12 Autumn Tree Art Ideas for Kids

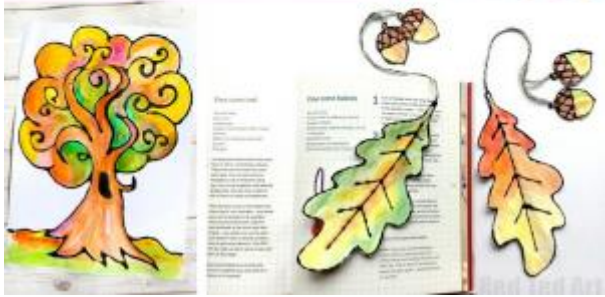


featured on [artycraftykids.com](http://artycraftykids.com)









## Harvest

All children across the school have been working hard this week learning about harvest festivals around the world. Thank you for your kind donations for harvest so far. The box will be outside on Monday 19th October only next week. This is to ensure that we keep everyone's safety at the forefront of what we do. We have made links with our local community and have developed a way of delivering in a Covid safe way to local residents. If you feel that you are able to donate, then we are asking that food donations are non-perishable. Donations can be in the form of tinned goods, dried food (pasta, toiletries (toothpaste, shower gel and shampoo etc) or other non-perishable items e.g. biscuits, crisps and squash. Thank you for your support



## Aspens - Special Menu

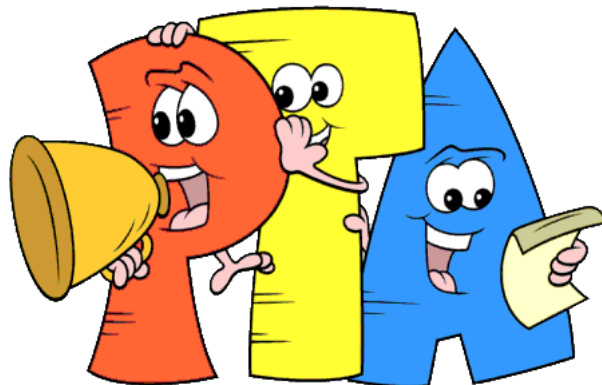
On 12th November there is a special menu for 'Children in Need' - this is different to the advertised menu.



# Aspens



PTA



Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work. If you would like to join the PTA, please contact the office and we will pass on your details. This could be helping with events, offering support to organise events or even sharing contacts with us for events.

## Reception Children



As part of Hardingstone Academy working together, we have 'Big Friend, Little Friend' this is an opportunity for Year 6 and Reception children to work together and be a buddy. This year is all different so we have started this by Year 6 writing a postcard to the Reception children - please look out in the post for this to be delivered. We will then organise different virtual events together. Year 6 are very excited to meet their 'little friend'.

## Mufti Day



Wednesday 21st October will be a mufti day organised by the PTA for £1 donation. Please make sure that your child dresses appropriately for school activities as they will still be outside for breaks and lunch times.

## Year 6 Event

Next week (Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October), Year 6 are able to come to school in PE kit for two days of team building activities. On Friday, we will provide lunch for your child and we will end the event with a movie afternoon. There will be a letter emailed home on Monday to let you know the chosen film. We know this doesn't fully replace your residential but we be doing other activities over the year. We just want to create lots of memories before you move to your Secondary school.



## Contact Details



In these unprecedented times when there is an increase in contact through email and texts, please help us to help you by keeping your contact details up to date - if your email or telephone number has changed, please contact the school to let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Black History Month



Black History Month is once again a key focus for October. This is a special time where we promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage. We have looked at different aspects in our assembly this week and challenged the children in KS2 to find out about Walter Tull and his links to Northampton.

## Assessments



The children have completed assessments during this term and we will be looking at how to use interventions most effectively focusing on both the academic and wellbeing side of all children. We will be sending a short update report home at the end of this half term. This will include targets that you can work on at home to support your child. We thank you for your commitment to working in partnership with us.

## Parents Evening



Sadly this year, in line with DfE guidelines, we will be holding our parents evening virtually using Microsoft Teams. Each parent will have a 10 min slot (with a 5 minute gap between each slot to enable staff to connect to the next parent). These will be held after school on 1st, 2nd and 3rd December 2020 - more details to follow early next half term.

## Parking

Please be mindful where you park before and after school, to ensure residents can still access their driveways at all times. Whilst we genuinely have no control over the road outside the school, it really does upset us when parents have a distressing experience. Please think about how your actions might impact on others and consider if your car is parked in a safe place for residents and children walking home.



Have a child yourself or the child of a family friend or neighbour wanting to join Hardingstone Academy in September 2021?



Do you have a child who is the right age to start in Reception next September? Do you have a family friend or neighbour whose child is ready to start Reception next year? At present due to Coronavirus, schools are not able to offer parent tours of the school. On our website you will find a lovely tour of the Early Years and the whole school tour will be on there next week.

### Virtual Parent Events

Normally we would be sharing an exciting dates list for the term ahead including residential details, harvest festival, class assemblies (which will now be Trail of Knowledge Events) nativity and more. We can confirm that we are currently putting plans in place for virtual events and details will be in next weeks newsletter. We will have to wait to see what the guidance will allow in the near future. Dates so far: **w/b 19th October - Virtual Harvest Festival 22nd-23rd October - Year 6 team building event 24th - 1st November - Half term 2nd November - Training Day 24th November - Photo Day 1st, 2nd, 3rd December - Virtual Parents Evening** These will all be virtual events and put on the website, more dates to follow. We are currently organising virtual parents evening sessions as we know how important these are - dates will follow after half term.





## Illnesses



Whilst we encourage good attendance at school so that our children access a full education, we would ask you to be mindful in this current time and consider carefully if your child is well enough to attend school. Please reinforce NHS information - 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'

We have had an increased number of phone calls this week asking us to make decisions about illnesses. We hope this will help you to make informed decisions:

- If your child has had an upset stomach, sickness or diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours.
- If your child has a sore throat, runny nose or ear-ache, you must judge whether their health is affected and whether they are well enough to attend school or not.
- If your child has a high temperature, a new persistent cough and/or loses their sense of taste or smell, you must keep them off school and arrange a Covid-19 test. Only after a negative test result can your child return to school. Bear in mind that children who have received a negative test result may return to school still displaying a cough.

## Celebrations of the Week

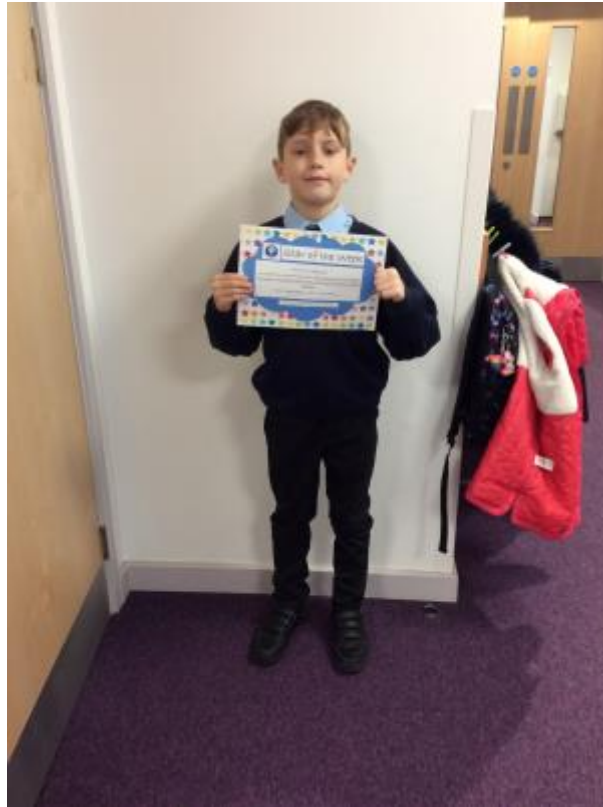
Well done to all the 'Stars of the Week' we are so proud of your achievements. Keep up the great attitudes and I can't wait to see all your work when I visit your bubble.

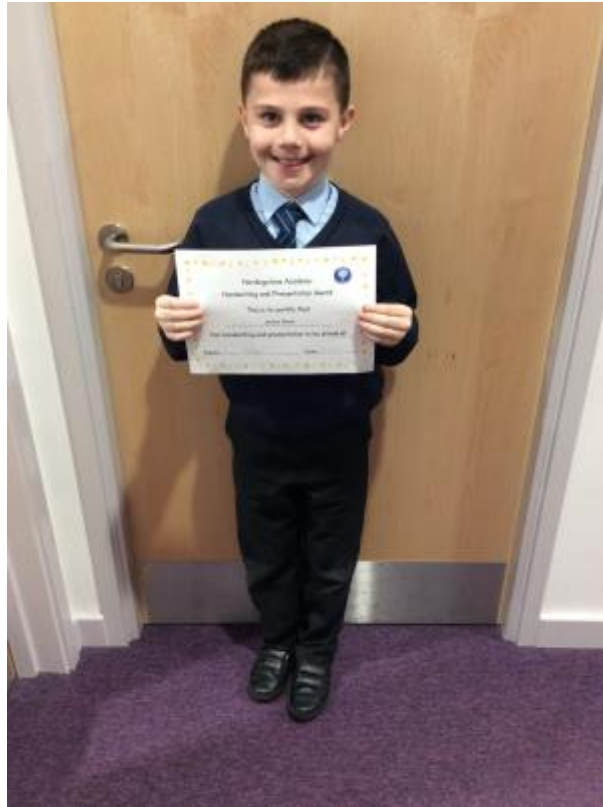














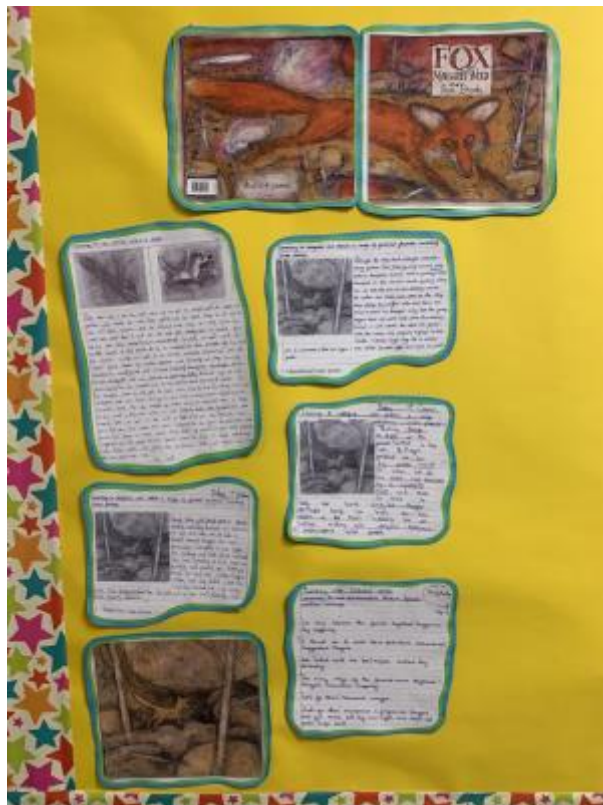




## Super Learners Across Our School

This week children have been really busy with their learning. Have a look at the lovely classroom environments and some work from around the school.





**Year 4**

**Learning to Dig and repair a trench in general purpose trenches**

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Have a lovely weekend, Julie Stevens Head of School