

HOOTON PAGNELL ALL SAINTS PRIMARY

October News



Looking back on September

It has been a fabulous return to school for the Autumn term and the children have been incredibly busy with their learning. Some of the highlights for me have been the progress the children have made with their handwriting and presentation - a huge focus for us this year. This afternoon, our Navigators have enjoyed making rockets with their parents and launching them outside in the playground. Well done to Poppy and Warren, who I think had the most successful rockets. We also had our Harvest Festival at Church on Wednesday and the children did us proud - it was a great afternoon!

Online Safety - Parental Controls



Parental Controls Does your child have a games console? If yes, have you set up age appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.

PlayStation

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities.

Find out more here:

<https://www.playstation.com/engb/support/account/psn-safetyparents-guide/>
[Xbox](#)

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here:

<https://www.xbox.com/enGB/apps/family-settings-app>
[Nintendo Switch](#)

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here:

<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch-Family/Nintendo-SwitchParental-Controls/Nintendo-SwitchParental-Controls-1183145.html>

Read, Write Inc



Parents of Explorers and other children accessing Read Write Inc across school...

You are invited to attend a Read Write Inc phonics sessions, where you will be able to watch how reading and spelling is being taught to your children. We have timetabled 2 events but you only need to attend one and the dates are on here. The teachers will contact you with more information.

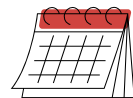


Key Dates

10/10 - World Mental Health Day
10/10 - UK Special Space Talk - Navigator Class
16/10 - Bible assembly with George
17/10 - Read, Write Inc session for parents
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20/10 - Last day before half term week
30/10 - Pupils return to school
02/11 - Adventurer Parent Event
06/11 - Worship led by Mark
08/11 - Parent afternoon/ evening
09/11 - Lockdown drill
20/11 - Bible Assembly with George



24/11 - Class newsletter on dojo
04/12 - Worship led by Mark
7/12 - Christmas jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
11/12 - Bible Assembly with George
13/12 - Whole School Pantomime at Cast
19/12 - Christmas Service at Church (TBC)
20/12 - Explorer and Pathfinder Nativity (1pm)
20/12 - Adventurer and Navigator outdoor Christmas carol concert (2pm)
21/12 - Christmas party and buffet lunch day
22/12 - Last day before the Christmas Break
03/01 - Back to School



Our Christian Theology

As a staff, we have been working on our theological rationale and our Christian Vision. Our vision is based on the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-6). We have chosen this due to the history in Hooton Pagnell. The scenic outdoor areas of our school continue to be surrounded by beautiful landscape and farming land. We learned that it is thought that no visit to Hooton Pagnell is complete without seeing the flock of black sheep, usually found grazing in the cricket field and that the original flock were brought from St Kilda's, an island in the Outer Hebrides, and their wool is woven into a very durable suiting. For this reason and because of the important message it gives, The Parable of the Lost Sheep is central to our Christian Vision.

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'" Luke 15:3-6

We teach our pupils that:

- Jesus reminds us in this parable that every one of us is so precious to Him! He loves us so much and He will never give up on us, no matter what!
- He leaves the ninety-nine sheep that are safe to go to find that one lost little sheep because that sheep is so important to Him, just like each of us!
- Sometimes we can be a bit like that lost sheep and feel far away from God but remember, He is our good shepherd and He will keep searching for us and calling us back into His arms until He finds us! He will celebrate every time we come back to Him! Just like how He rejoices when He finds that little lost sheep! That's how much He loves each of us! Isn't that wonderful news?

Each class will soon have a black sheep knitted toy, which they will bring along to collective worship. This represents the importance of every class and person in our school as we can only begin our worship when everyone is present.

The choice of black sheep derives from the local black sheep farming community. We would love to arrange a visit to see the black sheep at some point this year.

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