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Achieving Excellence Together

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Dear Parents,

This week, we have been learning about the school value 'Respect' and how we can demonstrate this through our actions. Each week, staff at Hadrian will choose two pupils from their class who have demonstrated the 'Value of the Week.'

Staff will choose one pupil who has demonstrated the Value of the Week in their PE lesson. We will also choose one pupil who has shown this value through another aspect of school life such as through their work or by their attitude towards others.



This week, the teachers have chosen the following pupils:

Demonstrating the value of RESPECT

Panda	Rhino	Koala	Macaw	Turtle	Penguin	Honeybee
Sebastian	Maisie	Pearl	Maharn	Zahra	Caius	Aiden
Oliver	Henry	Moise	Rithvik	Emily	Zahra	Ronnie
Sunbear	Elephant	Giraffe	Leopard	Butterfly	Tiger	Dolphin
Phoebe	Freya	Elodie	Jessica	Mya	Luca	Sofia
Finley	Madison	Eleanor	Ivy	Ruben	Aaru	Andrea

Hadrian Academy School Values

We are *ambitious*, *resilient* and *Creative*-

always **READY** to learn

We are *role models*, *kind* and *honest*-

always **RESPECTFUL**

We are **SAFE** to *achieve excellence*
together

First Coffee Morning

It was great to see so many of you at the first Coffee Morning of the school year. This morning, parents were introduced to Mrs Sparrow, our new Vice Principal for Teaching and Learning and Mr Roxburgh, our Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo).

Our next Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 14th February. The focus will be on SEND and will be led by Mrs Dormer (SEND Advisor at Hadrian) and Mr Roxburgh.

Star Reader Reward

On Thursday, all children who had met their reading targets attended the Star Reader reward. The hall was nearly full due to the number of children who achieved this. It would be fantastic if we can get everyone achieving their reading target by the end of the year. Please do continue to read with your child after school as it makes such a difference.



EYFS Phonics in Action

This week the Reception classes have enjoyed their phonics in action mornings this week! Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended. The children loved showing you their phonics skills. You can support your child at home by using the Little Wandle phonics cards that we use in school. If you wish to purchase these, they are available at many online stores including the Amazon website and Collins. If you search 'Little Wandle phonics flash cards' you will find the packs. They are clearly labelled Reception or Year 1 so you can purchase the correct packs for your child. Even if your child is not in Reception or Year 1, these phonics cards will help all children who are learning to read and spell.





[Little Wandle at Home First Phonics Flashcards for Reception Cards](#)

[Little Wandle at Home More Phonics Flashcards for Reception Cards](#)

[Little Wandle at Home Phonics Flashcards for Year 1: Phase 5](#)

[Little Wandle Flashcards - Collins](#)

House Points

Weekly total:

St. Patrick	36
St. David	55
St. George	43
St. Andrew	35

Overall points since the start of the school year:



Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Macaw class with 99.6%

Koala class with 98.8%

Elephant class with 98.3%

The whole school average attendance this week is **96.1%**.

Mr Griffin

Principal

Celebration Assembly



Mental Health Support

Central Bedfordshire Mental Health Support Teams Mental health services and resources for Children and Young People (CYP) collated by the MHSTs across Central Bedfordshire.

[Parent / Carer Padlet](#)

[Children and Young People Padlet](#)



Dates for your Diary

Mon 27 th Jan Tues 28 th Jan	Parents Evening – Honey bee 3.30pm – 6pm	Yr 3	Bookings open Mon 13 th Jan 4.30pm
Mon 3 rd Feb	Choir to sing at Young Voices	Full	
Mon 10 th Feb Tues 11 th Feb	Parents Evening – Sunbear 3.30pm – 6pm	Yr 3	Bookings open Mon 20 th Jan 4.30pm
Tues 11 th Feb Wed 12 th Feb	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm		Bookings open Mon 20 th Jan 4.30pm
Fri 14 th Feb	SEND Coffee morning – Jo Dormer (SEND Advisor)	All	
24 th Mar – 4 th Apr	Sustrans Wheel and Walk to School	All	Details to follow

Wed 2 nd April	LAMDA Exams	Full	
Fri 23 rd May	Whole Class Photo - Tempest	All	
Mon 23 rd Jun – Fri 27 th Jun	Kingswood Residential, West Runton	Yr 6	All payments to be made via ParentMail

Diary dates can also be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

PUPIL PREMIUM IS MORE THAN JUST FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may be eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium if you are in receipt of certain welfare benefits. If you think you may be eligible, contact Central Beds by phoning **0300 300 8306**. More details can be found at <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Did you know

We will receive
extra funding for
every eligible pupil
who is registered!

If your child has a packed
lunch or if your child is in
EYFS or Key Stage 1
you can still apply

Benefits of Pupil Premium for your child:

- Free daily school meal. This can save you **over £200 per child per academic year**
- 50% off school trips/residentials
- 20% off school uniform Logo items
- Discount is available to the Cool Kids before and after school Club
- Free daily carton of milk
- Discount on LAMDA



**Hadrian
Academy**

Further details of Pupil Premium/FSM at
Hadrian Academy can be found on
our [school website](#)

Central Bedfordshire Council currently offers any child eligible for Free School Meals a supermarket voucher to help support during school holidays. [Click here](#) for more details.

Holiday activities and food (HAF)
programme Central Bedfordshire

For more details [click here](#)

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At Hadrian Academy, we recognise that all pupils regardless of their background should have equal access to a curriculum which will enable them to reach their full potential. The pupil premium is a Government initiative that targets extra money to pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that many of these pupils underachieve, compared to their peers.

Qualifying benefits for free school meals

The qualifying benefits for free school meals are:

- Universal Credit (if your annual net earned income is no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

The Government uses pupils entitled to Free School meals as an indicator for deprivation, this year Hadrian Academy will receive £1,480 per pupil, based on the number of pupils eligible for Free School meals.

At Hadrian we use the extra funding in a variety of ways to improve the quality of our children's education and to employ strategies that will support these pupils to increase their attainment, overcome any barriers to learning. This could include improving attendance, supporting emotional well-being, narrowing attainment gaps or providing enhancement opportunities to the curriculum, additional training for staff or employing additional staff to help us meet all of our children's needs.

Therefore, we ask that any PARENTS / GUARDIANS who think that they may be eligible, please apply by calling **0300 300 8306**. Further details can be found on their website

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

