



Welcoming new Reception children into the school is always a momentous occasion as they take their first steps into the world of formal education. This Monday it was just as special and we are pleased to report that all the new children in Willow class as well as other classes throughout the school seem to have settled down very well. As last year, we were fortunate to have this day recorded on camera when each class had their class photo taken. Proofs have gone out today and if you would like to purchase a photo please follow the instructions in your pack that came home. Our new staff have also settled in very well and already feel very much part of the Monken Hadley family.

We had our first Friends meeting this week. All parents/carers are very welcome to come along to meetings as well as to attend the events we have going on throughout the year. Enormous thanks go to Velia (Chairperson) and Viv (Treasurer) for doing such sterling work over the past two years. I am delighted to announce that Bev (parent in Willow and Beech) has taken on as Chairperson and Sofia (parent in Chestnut) as Treasurer. In terms of class reps, we still have Beech and Cedar positions to fill and so if you are a parent in either of these classes and you would be willing to act as class rep, please let the Bev know.

We have good news from Transport for London (TfL)! It has been confirmed that Monken Hadley CE Primary School has been awarded Silver STARS accreditation for their 2017 school travel plan. Part of our mission is to encourage families to walk or park and stride to school so that children benefit from some exercise first thing in the morning and congestion around the school is reduced.

The Parent Calendar of Events is now up on the website and the Google calendar has also been updated; any changes to the schedule will be made via email or text.

## School Dinners

If your child has school dinners (Years 3-6) the cost of each meal is £2.15, £10.75 per week or £70.95 for the half term (up to and including Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October). Please make payment using the School Money service. Half a term's notice needs to be given for any changes. Due to ordering supplies, pupils should either be on school dinner OR packed lunch each day not a combination of both.

## Harvest

We will be celebrating our school's Harvest festival next Thursday at St Mary the Virgin Church. Parents and carers are welcome to join us at the service at 9.05am. If children would like to decorate a box and fill it with food for harvest that would be lovely. These boxes will be distributed to good causes.

## Contact

Please remember to pass on any email or phone number changes to the School Office so that we can update our systems. We also request that you give us an emergency contact in addition to your own details.

## Hadley Wood Station Event – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Everyone is invited to attend the commemoration of Sir Nigel Gresley at Hadley Wood station on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October (see overleaf for more details). The choir will be singing a special song at the event.

## Jeans for Genes

We will be celebrating Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. In exchange for a gold coin children can come to school in denim for the day.

## Year 5 School Journey

A reminder to Year 5 parents to return any forms relating to the Tolmers trip by MONDAY. Children should be dropped off at Cuffley on Wednesday at 10.30am and picked up on Friday at 2.30pm.

## Star Pupils

Willow - William  
Chestnut - Ollie G  
Beech - Joseph  
Cedar - Danni  
Oak - Rosalind



# Sir Nigel Gresley Commemoration



One of Hadley Wood's most eminent residents of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Sir Nigel Gresley who designed both *The Flying Scotman* and *Mallard* is to be commemorated at a Rail User Group event for all the family at Hadley Wood station on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Formal proceedings start at 11.00am.

**Hadley Wood Rail User Group has partnered with The Gresley Society to fund a permanent memorial to Sir Nigel at his old home station. It will be unveiled on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October by the television railway personality and former MP for our constituency, Mr Michael Portillo.**

**Monken Hadley School will be singing a specially created song for the occasion as well as participating in the RUG's art competition on the theme "Trains – Past, Present and Future". The winners of which will be announced by Pauline Hazelwood, a leading member of the Guild of Railway Artists and judge of the art competition.**

**At the event Pauline will present her illustrated story books for children based on the exploits of a group of narrow-gauge steam engines, together with a model railway layout and other amusements for younger visitors. There will also be a raffle and silent auction in aid of Inclusion Barnet, a heritage display by Barnet Museum, HWA memorabilia of Hadley Wood and our station and railway-related goodies ideal for an early Christmas purchase. Refreshments will be provided by the WI and you can even Guess the Weight of the Train Cake!**

**Everyone is welcome to gather at the station between 1000 and 1100 to enjoy the attractions. The formal proceedings will begin shortly after 1100 and the event concludes at 1200.**