



Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been one of development. On Tuesday the governors welcomed Ann Foster from the LDBS to the school to carry out a review of governance. Following on from our Ofsted inspection, it was a useful to have time to reflect on what is going well in the school in terms of leadership and areas that we can work on.

On Wednesday, the staff had an after school extended training session delivered by 'Learning through Landscapes'. Through practical activities we found out ways to use the outdoors as a learning environment for the children and it was a really enriching experience and I know the teachers will be putting some of the activities into practice over the next few weeks.

The Year 5 children have certainly had both development and the outdoors in plenty for the past few days while they have enjoyed their time at Tolmers in Cuffley. It's amazing how much they have packed into their time there: raft building, night walk, high ropes, camp fire to name just a few. Many thanks to Mrs Gammon, Mrs Parker, Mrs McGeady and Mrs Abbo for looking after the children so well.

Miss Froud



## PTA

Hopefully you have all received Stuart Bennett's letter on behalf of the governing body regarding contributions to the Support Fund. As you are no doubt aware schools are facing increasingly tough times financially for all sorts of reasons and although we love Monken Hadley for its small village feel, it does mean that our finances are more stretched than some larger schools. Through contributing to the Support Fund you really are helping to maintain and move the school forward so that it's a school fully fit for purpose. Thank you for your help and if you haven't returned your form, please do so asap.

## Wind Band at Dame Alice Owen's School

There is a plan to try to keep wind band at Owens Saturday Morning Music Centre going despite the reduced numbers. Malcolm Peach, the new Head/Conductor has said that wind band will be free until numbers up and running again for players who are at Grade 2 and above. 11:45 to 12:30 in the Owen's EGH.

Please contact DAO School directly for more information.

## House Captains



**Cass**  
Dylon & Olivia  
**Hopegood**  
Parris & Zachary  
**Thackeray**  
Rosie & Thomas  
**Wilde**  
Evie & Lucie



## Star Pupils

Willow - Ayla  
Chestnut - Pia  
Beech - Moses  
Cedar - Irina  
Oak - Ingrid

## Hadley Wood Train Station Event

All A reminder to return your request form regarding Parents' Evenings as soon as possible next week so that staff can arrange times.

## Hadley Wood Train Station Event

All are welcome to events on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at Hadley Wood Station. The school choir will be singing, children's art work on show and fun family events are organised.