

Lighthorne Heath Primary School Assembly and Collective Worship Rota Autumn 2018

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Week Beginning	Whole School Assembly 10:30-10.45	Whole School Assembly 10:30-10.45	Whole School Assembly 10:30-10.45	Whole School Assembly 10:30-10.45	Whole School Assembly 10:30-10.45	Theme
3 rd September	Lisa Clifton	Katy Hill	Cassie Cox	Tara Hart	Lisa Clifton World Literacy Day 8 th September Unicef RRSA Article 29: Goals of Education	Our Learning Characters & Learning Heroes: how they embody our school learning characteristics and the UN Convention Articles Music: Blinded by Your Grace by Stormzy
10 th September	Lisa Clifton ★ Rosh Hashanah	Katy Hill	Cassie Cox	Tara Hart ॐ Ganesh Chaturthi	Lisa Clifton	What are British Values? International Day of Democracy 15 th September Unicef RRSA Article 12: Respect for the views of the child Harvest † Music: Pomp and Circumstance March No.1 by Edward Elgar
17 th September	Lisa Clifton	Katy Hill	Cassie Cox ★ Yom Kippur	Tara Hart	Lisa Clifton World Peace Day 21 st September Unicef RRSA Article 38: War and armed conflicts	Peace Music: Imagine by John Lennon Autumn Equinox 22nd September
24 th September	Lisa Clifton ★ Sukkoth	Katy Hill	Cassie Cox	Tara Hart	Lisa Clifton	What's in the News? International Right to Know Day 28 th September Unicef RRSA Article 17: Access to information from the media Music: Read All About It by Emeli Sande
1 st October	Lisa Clifton World habitat Day 1 st October Unicef RRSA Article 27: Adequate standard of living	Katy Hill	Cassie Cox	Tara Hart	Lisa Clifton World Teachers' Day 5 th October Unicef RRSA Article 29: Goals of education	Caring for our world Music: The Planets by Gustav Holst
8 th October	Lisa Clifton	Katy Hill	Cassie Cox World Mental Health Day 10 th October Unicef RRSA Article 24: Health and health services; Article 25: Review of treatment in care	Tara Hart	Lisa Clifton International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 13 th October Unicef RRSA Article 27	Staying Safe / Taking Care links to the UN Convention Article 19 (Protection from Violence, Abuse and Neglect); Article 6 (Life, Survival & Development); Article 24 (Health and Health Services) Music: Protection by Massive Attack ॐ Navarati 9-17th October

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15 th October	Lisa Clifton	Katy Hill	Cassie Cox 🌱 Ch'ung Yang	Tara Hart	Lisa Clifton	Black History Month 1-31 October Unicef RRSA Article 30: Children from minority or indigenous groups Music: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
22 nd October	Lisa Clifton	Katy Hill	United Nations Day 24 th October Unicef RRSA Article 4: Implementation of the Convention	Tara Hart	Lisa Clifton	Bonfire Night / All Saints Day 🌟Pavarana Day 24 th October Music: Firework by Katy Perry
HALF TERM						
5 th November	Lisa Clifton	Katy Hill	Cassie Cox 🌟Diwali 7-11 th November	Tara Hart	Lisa Clifton	Our Learning Characters & Learning Heroes how they embody our school learning characteristics and the UN Convention Articles Music: We'll Meet Again by Vera Lynn
12 th November	Lisa Clifton	Year 123 class assembly	Cassie Cox	Tara Hart Tolerance Day Unicef RRSA Article 2: Non-discrimination	Lisa Clifton	Tolerance Anti-Bullying Week 12-16 th November Unicef RRSA Article 2: Non-discrimination Music: We Are the World by Michael Jackson
19 th November	Lisa Clifton Toilet Day to raise awareness the urgent need to end the sanitation crisis Unicef RRSA Article 6: Life, survival and development; Article 24: Health & health services	Katy Hill Universal Children's Day 20 th November	Year 456 class assembly	Tara Hart Celebration assembly	INSET DAY	Why are we a UNICEF Rights Respecting School? Universal Children's Day 20 th November established by the UN in 1954 to promote children's welfare around the world. Date UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 and signed the Convention in 1989. Music: Children of the Revolution by T. Rex
26 th November	INSET DAY	Katy Hill	Cassie Cox	Year RN class assembly	Lisa Clifton	Light Music: Mr Blue Sky by the Electric Light Orchestra

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3 rd December	Lisa Clifton International Day of Persons with Disabilities 3 rd December RRSA Article 23: Children with a disability	Katy Hill	Cassie Cox	Tara Hart	Lisa Clifton	✡ Advent / Anticipation ✡ Hanukkah 3-10 th December Music: Anticipation by Carly Simon
10 th December	Lisa Clifton	Katy Hill	Cassie Cox	Tara Hart	Lisa Clifton	Gifts Music: The Power of Love by Gabrielle Aplin
17 th December	Lisa Clifton	Katy Hill International Migrants Day 18 th December to recognise the efforts, contributions and rights of migrants RRSA Article 10: Family reunification	Cassie Cox	Tara Hart	Lisa Clifton	Christmas Music: Mary's Boy Child by Boney M

Overview of Festivals

✡ 10 September (Monday) - 11 September (Tuesday) ROSH HASHANAH Jewish

(New Year's Day, 5778 years from the creation of the world). Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of ten days of repentance and self examination, during which G-d sits in personal judgment on every individual. The blowing of the ram's horn (shofar) in the synagogue is a reminder of Abraham's sacrifice of a ram instead of his son, Isaac. Apples dipped in honey are eaten in the hope of a 'sweet' new year. The greeting is 'Leshanah Tovah Tikatev' (may you be inscribed for a good year).

ॐ 13 September (Thursday) GANESH CHATURTHI Birthday of Ganesh Hindu

This is a Hindu festival in honour of Ganesh, the god of good fortune and new beginnings. He was the elephant headed son of Lord Shiva and Parvati, and is often referred to as Ganupati. Celebrations conclude with the immersion in water of the image of Ganesh.

✡ 19 September (Wednesday) YOM KIPPUR Jewish

This is the final day of the ten days of repentance, and is the holiest day of the year in the Jewish calendar. The Bible calls it the 'Sabbath of Sabbaths', and it is marked by 'afflicting the soul' – expressed through a total fast lasting 25 hours. Jews spend the eve and most of the day in prayer, asking for forgiveness for past wrongs and resolving to improve in the future. The Book of Jonah is read. A common greeting is 'G'mar Chatimah Tovah' ('May you finally be sealed for good')

23 September (Sunday) AUTUMN EQUINOX (MABON) Wiccan Pagan

22 September (Sunday) AUTUMN EQUINOX (ALBAN ELUED or ALBAN ELFED) Druid

Day and night stand hand in hand as equals. As the shadows lengthen, Pagans see the darker faces of the God and Goddess. For many Pagans, this rite honours old age and the approach of Winter

☆ 24 September (Monday) 1 October (Monday) SUKKOTH Jewish

This harvest festival recalls the 40 years the Jews spent in the wilderness on the way from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. A temporary hut or booth – called a *sukkah* – is used for eating meals and for visits and socialising. The roof, which has to be open in part to the elements, is covered with branches and decorated with fruit.

ॐ 9 October (Tuesday) to 17 October (Wednesday) NAVARATI Hindu

14 October (Sunday) to 18 October (Thursday) DURGA PUJA Hindu

19 October (Friday) DUSSEHRA / VIJAYA DASHAMI PUJA Hindu

Navaratri means ‘nine nights’, which is how long the festival lasts. In Northern India the performance of the Ram Lila during Navaratri commemorates Rama’s victory over Ravana, the demon king of Sri Lanka. The day after the end of Navaratri is celebrated as the ‘victorious tenth’ (Vijaya Dashami) and huge figures of Ravana are filled with fireworks and burned on Ram Lila grounds (public areas). In the UK some temple congregations carry this out on a smaller scale. Elsewhere the goddess Durga is worshipped on the eighth day. Panjabis mark the day by giving food and other items to young girls.

☼ 17 October (Wednesday) PICNIC IN A HIGH PLACE / CHONGYANGJIE / CH’UNG YANG Chinese

This is the day for hill climbing or ‘going up on a high place’, where kites are flown, family graves visited, and a ‘golden pig’ is shared by large families with fruit, wine, tea and rice.

✿ 24 October (Wednesday) PAVARANA DAY Buddhist

The last day of the Rains Retreat (the Vassa) is known as Pavarana Day or ‘Leaving the Vassa’. Pavarana means ‘to invite’ and on this day monks who have completed the Retreat invite their fellows to admonish them for any failings. It is also known as ‘Sangha Day’.

✝ 2 December (Sunday) ADVENT SUNDAY Christian (Western Churches)

The start of the Christian year, four Sundays before Christmas. It is often celebrated by lighting the first candle in the advent crown – a circular wreath of greenery. A further three candles are lit on subsequent Sundays, culminating with the Christmas candle on the 25th December. This signifies the transition from darkness to light.

☆ **3 December (Monday) to 10 December (Monday) HANUKAH Jewish**

Celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it was recaptured from the Syrian Greeks by the Maccabee brothers in 165 BCE. For the eight evenings of the festival, candles are lit from right to left in a hanukkiah, a nine-branched menorah – one candle for each evening. The ninth candle is the shamash (the servant candle) from which the other candles are lit. Foods cooked with oil - such as doughnuts and latkes (potato cakes) – are traditional to remember the miracle with oil that happened at this time. A game of dreidel, a special small spinning top, is popular with children to commemorate ‘the great miracle that happened there’.