

Dear Parents,

As we finish today for our half term break, I wish you all a relaxing week.

Please may I remind parents that children are not supervised at school before 8:45am when the playground gates are unlocked. We have some children who walk to school alone arriving much earlier than this and then waiting by the gate for up to 20 minutes. If your child walks to school on their own please discuss with them a suitable time to leave the house in the morning.

Best Wishes

Sue Dury



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

NHSSP Sports Hall Athletics Heat ;

Well done to all the children who took part in this year's NHSSP Sportshall Athletics Heat. It was a fantastic event and all those selected represented the school magnificently .

The teams competed in a range of relay races and field events against five other Hitchin schools. The girls' team finished third, a wonderful achievement. The boys' team finished second which means they have qualified to compete in the Sportshall Athletics Final after half term.

ESFA County Football Finals;

A huge well done to both our girls and boys football teams who competed in this year's ESFA county finals. Both teams were representing Hitchin, having won their respective Hitchin & District ESFA tournaments during the autumn term. They represented the school superbly and played each game with the right attitude and strong sportsmanship. The girls finished second overall and the boys team played incredibly well in their group matches.

Netball

Congratulations to our netball team who played and won against Our Ladys last week. They finished 6-2 and all played to a very high standard. A big thank you to Miss Wasson, our new netball and cross country coach.

2017 Hertfordshire Schools Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to the five children from years 5 and 6 who took part in this year's Herts Schools Cross Country Championships at Verulam Park St Albans.

The children qualified for this event having finished in the top positions in the NHSSP Cross Country Tournament in the Autumn Term.

All five of the children ran a superb race and they should be incredibly proud of how well they have done. Special mention should go to Ollie Ellis-Holmes in Year 6 and Joe Raymont in Year 5 who both finished second in their respective year group boys races and will now go on further in the competition.

A message about parking.

Parking on yellow lines along Chambers Lane is still an issue at the start and end of the school day. I contacted our PCSO last week to discuss the problem and share registration numbers with her. Remember, no one should park on the yellow lines surrounding the school to drop off or pick up their child.

Parking on these lines causes a hazard and places all our children at risk of serious harm.

The PCSO informed me the police will be checking regularly and issuing parking tickets to anyone parked illegally.

I know it is difficult at the start and end of the school day but please abide by the law and consider the safety of our children.



A request from Mrs Shafe

If any parents are throwing out or replacing any unused games such as Connect 4, Frustration, Snakes & Ladders etc we would be more than happy to take them off your hands! We are also looking for some of the following small world/role play resources:

- trains (and other vehicles to teach modes of transport),
- animals (farm, zoo, domestic, ocean etc),
- a dolls house and/or its contents

We would also really appreciate a doll with accessories such as a bath, clothes, bottle etc.

Many thanks 😊

Dates for your diaries

February - Patience

Monday 13th – Friday 17th – HALF TERM

March - Courage

Thursday 2nd

- World Book Day

Thursday 16th

- Parent Consultations 4:00-7:00pm

Tuesday 21st

- Hamlet – KS2
- Parent Consultations 4:00-7:00pm

Thursday 30th

- 1:30pm – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 31st

- **1:30pm - FINISH**