



Newsletter – Friday 5th April 2019

Dear Parents,

It was so wonderful to return back to school this Tuesday from my medical leave. Thank you for all the kind get well soon wishes, whilst I was away. They speeded up my recovery. On my return, I could see that the children and staff have worked so hard this term. The quality of work in their books and the beautiful displays around school were wonderful to see. I am sure you enjoyed seeing them too when you attended parent consultations this week and last week.

I have caught up on all the special events that I had missed whilst I'd been away. Our various **football and netball teams** have had a busy end of term. As the term progressed, the children's sportsmanship and skill increased, and the results got better and better. Thank you to Mrs McCabe and Mr Martin for their time and enthusiasm, in coaching the children through the cold winter months. I have been told by many people that our two dance groups performed brilliantly at the **Rising Stars Dance Festival**. They were great representatives for our School. Well done to the children and their dance teacher, Ciara Hodgkiss, for their dedication and enthusiasm.

Mrs Banbury reports that the **Scholastic Book Fair** was a huge success yet again. Thank you to the families that dug deep into their pockets to support this event and enthuse their children with a love of reading. We received an array books for our classrooms based on commission.

Reception enjoyed **Super Hero Day** on Monday. They all dressed up, including Mrs Newton and Miss Lawther. The aim was to give them superpowers to improve their writing skills and it seems to have had the desired effect! Please check out the huge array of pictures posted in the gallery section on our website.

School has been gearing up to **Easter**. Year 6 had a special **Easter workshop**, delivered by Phase, where they explored the true meaning of Easter. The whole school took part in our exciting **Easter Egg Hunts** and our whole school **Easter service at St Katharine's Church** was a celebratory event, where all the children sang with such joy in their hearts.

Thank you to our **PTA** for putting on the **Spring Disco**. Mrs Wright informs me that everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves, including Mrs Wright. She said that the children's behaviour was impeccable and their dance skills were pretty impressive too! I am sure you raised lots of money.

We will look forward to seeing you all back to school, on Tuesday the 23rd April, for another hard working yet fun packed summer term. **Happy Easter**.

Our new value for April is COOPERATION.

Kind regards, *Sae Dary*
Headteacher.



UNIFORM REMINDER

When the summer term starts, the children can start to wear their summer uniform: **red gingham dresses or grey shorts**. Next term, please ensure your child always brings a named **summer cap**, a named water bottle along with a named **rain coat**, just in case.



RED NOSE DAY

Congratulations everyone! We raised an amazing total of **£387.80**. The children really enjoyed sharing their jokes amongst their class mates and it caused much hilarity.

LATE ARRIVALS

It has been brought to my attention that a significant number of children have been **arriving late to school**. I will be writing in person, to parents, to discuss our concerns. However, please ensure you leave in plenty of time for your child to arrive before the bell rings at **8:55am** so they can join their class for the register and so they don't miss out on the start of any learning. When children arrive late it has a detrimental effect on everyone's learning. **Please be considerate to others.**



BREAKFAST CLUB: 7:45 am – 8:55am, Mondays to Thursdays.

As you will be aware, School will be running a new breakfast club provision in the summer term. If you are interested in signing up for the first session, starting on Tuesday 23rd April, Mrs. Pedder would like confirmation by midday Friday 12th April via the Parentmail facility. The cost per session is £5. However, please note we cannot take adhoc bookings: a booking for a particular day must be made by 4pm on the previous day.

EXTRA INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

All **class PE lessons** whether with our Rising Stars coaches or class teachers will resume from the **first day back** in the summer term. Please ensure that your children have the correct kit: tracksuits, socks and trainers for outdoor games along with white T shirt and red shorts for indoor or outdoor PE.

A final reminder. In our bid to help save the environment we sent home **Battery Hunt boxes**. Once full they can be returned to the office. Congratulations to the Billings family who returned rather a heavy bag full of old batteries. **The closing date for this collection is Friday 26th April**, the first Friday back in the summer term.

Mrs Wright will be hosting a **PGL information meeting in the school hall, on Wednesday 24th April at 3:45pm**, for Year 5 parents and children. She will be giving out vital information regarding expectations, timetables and kit lists etc. Mrs Wright has requested that, if possible, younger siblings do not attend. The meeting should only last 45 minutes max. so if alternative child care for younger siblings could be arranged, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your swift return of medical forms – the fastest ever!

You should have received Parentmail confirmation regarding the **allocation of extra curricular clubs** for the summer term. N.B. **Extra Curricular Clubs will not run on the first week and last week of each term.** However, **Maths Booster Clubs** will run in the first week.

You will see from the **Dates for your Diary** list below, we have yet to set dates for summer term **class assemblies** for Reception through to Year 4. However, they will be held on Wednesdays at 2pm. We will inform you of the exact dates at the start of the summer term. We will look forward to sharing the children's work and achievements with you soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Summer Term 2019

Date	Event
Tuesday 23 rd April 8:55 am	Pupils return to school for Summer Term
Wednesday 24 th April 3:45pm	Year 5 PGL Information Meeting, School Hall
Saturday 27 th April	Year 5/6 Netball Rally, Whitehill Junior School
w/c Monday 29 th April	Year 6 Mock SATS Week

Date	Event
Tuesday 30 th April am	Reception Height and weight check
Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday - School closed
Weds 8 th – Fri 10 th May	Year 5 PGL Adventure excursion
w/c Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 20 th May 6pm	Year 6 Isle of Wight Information Meeting, School Hall
Friday 24 th May 2:30pm	May Day Dancing, all parents welcome
Friday 24th May 3.30pm finish	Last day of half term
Mon 27th – Fri 31st May	Whitsun Half Term Break
Monday 3rd June 8:55 am	Pupils return to school for 2nd half of Summer Term
Wednesday 5 th June	Class photos
Thursday 6 th June 7pm	Year 5 PGL Presentation Evening to parents, School Hall
w/c Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Statutory Phonics Assessment Week
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th June	Year 6 Isle of Wight Excursion
w/c Monday 17 th June	Year 4 Pilot Multiplication Timestable Check
Thursday 20 th June	Year 2 Whipsnade Zoo Trip
Thursday 20 th June 6pm	Year 5/6 Sex Relationship Education Information Meeting
Friday 21 st June	Year 6 Phase Workshop – Secondary School Transition
w/c Monday 24 th June	Year 6 Bikeability Week
Tuesday 25 th June	Reception Mead Open Farm Trip
Thursday 27 th June	Year 1 Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge Trip
Thurs 27 th - Fri 28 th June	Reception Balance and Ride Cycle Training
Saturday 29 th June	School Council Houses of Parliament Trip
Monday 1 st July 7pm	Junior Choir Hitchin Festival Concert, St Mary's Church, Hitchin
Tuesday 2 nd July am	New Reception Intake Welcome Meeting and Lunch
Tuesday 2 nd July 7pm	Year 6 Isle of Wight Presentation Evening to parents, School Hall
Thursday 4 th July	Governors' Day Visit
Friday 5 th July pm	Year 6 Hope/Phase Workshop – Drug Awareness
Friday 5 th July	Pupil Reports out to parents
Monday 8 th July 9:30am	School Sports Day, School Field
Tuesday 9 th July 7pm	Music Summer Concert, School Hall
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 6 Trip TBC
Thursday 11 th July	Class Moving Up morning / Year 6 Secondary Transition Day
Friday 12 th July	PTA Family Party, School Field
Monday 15 th July 6pm	Whole School Children and Parents' Open Evening
Tuesday 16 th July 9:30am	Reserve School Sports Day, School Field
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 and Reception Buddies Lavender Farm Picnic, 1:30-3pm
Thursday 18 th July 4pm	Year 6 Leavers' Bowling Party
Friday 19 th July 9:30am	Year 6 Leavers' Service, St Katharine's Church, Year 6 parents only
Friday 19th July 1:30pm	School closes for Summer Break
Monday 2 nd September	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	Pupils return to school for Autumn Term