



Newsletter – Spring 1 2022

Dear Parent,

A warm welcome back to you and a Happy New Year after our Christmas break. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas & New Year.

The children have all settled back into school beautifully and it's lovely to see their eagerness and enthusiasm as they welcome us with a smiley 'good morning' as they come through the gate.

Firstly, can I congratulate Mrs Virdee, our school cook, and her kitchen team on a fantastic first full week of in-house catering. The quality of food on offer has been very impressive and it is great to see all the children tucking into their meals. The best indicator that it has gone down well with the children is food waste at the end of service has reduced. Thank you for working with us during the setting up of this new venture. We are working with 'School Grid' to set up a new administrative system for ordering and payments. You will remember that when Dolce was our catering supplier they used School Grid and it worked very efficiently. School has had to set up a new account with School Grid and this will be up and running soon.

Extra-curricular clubs have been very popular again this half term and nearly all the clubs are fully booked. They all start next week.

To ensure we **minimise** our Covid-19 infection rates, the school has returned to a mixture of class collective worship and google classroom live streaming. Our value this month is community.

Kind regards,

Sue Dury


Headteacher



Start of the school day

Since the start of the academic year in September, we have resumed our normal start time for everyone at school. The gate opens at 8:45am and the whistle blows to enter class at 8:55am. We have noticed lately a considerable increase in late arrivals once the playground has been cleared. This means classes have already entered the class and the register is being called. Class teachers will have to mark these children late on the register. It is incredibly disruptive for children who arrived in good time and staff who are ready to teach to have late entrants to the room. Please make a concerted effort to have your child at school before 8:55am so they can start the day calm, relaxed and ready to learn.

Amelia Adams ⚠️



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Scheduled to be out of lesson 13:30 - 16:30

Collection from school



Please can you ensure that you inform school office or Jousters staff if someone different is collecting your child from school. This includes friends being collected for playdates, groups off to a party or emergency pickups. Please email the office in advance or ring in an emergency. To ensure we comply with safeguarding regulations, to keep your child safe, we will not allow them to leave with someone else unless we have been informed. Please don't be offended if we call you to confirm.

Dogs on school site

It has been reported to me that on a couple of occasions dogs have been brought onto the school site. May I remind everyone that dogs are not permitted on school grounds, under any circumstances, including holding them in your arms.



NO DOGS

School Uniform – Haircuts

Please may I remind you that we have always had a policy of **NO close cut hair styles, NO patterns or designs shaved into the hair**, at Ickleford, which is also in line with our partnership primary and secondary schools in Hitchin. We have had some younger members of the school arriving with these types of haircuts recently. If your child has a design/pattern, please let it grow out and only let them have this during the longer summer break. Also, it is school policy for long hair to be tied back whilst in school. Please make sure your child's hair is tied back with a school colour hair band when they arrive at school in the morning. Thank you.

Extra curricular drop off and pick up arrangements

Extra Curricular clubs and recovery curriculum sessions start next week.

If you are dropping off a child for one of these early morning recovery curriculum sessions, refrain from driving and parking up on school grounds. Please park off site and walk up the pedestrian pathway and escort your child to their classroom door. Please ensure your child is on time for this activity. Lateness will severely hamper the teaching and learning of the other children in this session.

If your child is attending one of Mr Wylie's sports breakfast clubs, he will meet everyone at the pedestrian school gate at 8 am and then escort them up the pathway. Please ensure your child is on time, in their PE kit and carrying their school uniform to change into after the session has finished.

If you are collecting from an after school session, please wait on the village green. The class teacher will escort your children down to the pedestrian gate and handover children there.

A local primary school, in Hitchin, is looking for a clerk for their Governing Body. The successful candidate will have good minute taking skills and the ability to communicate effectively, work under pressure and meet deadlines. Training in understanding the legislation, and practice of school governing bodies, would be provided.

Hours: Approximately 12 meetings per year, held in the evenings.

Payment: The post holder will be paid £15 per hour for the duration of each meeting, to the nearest 15 minutes, plus an additional 3 hours per meeting for preparation, drafting minutes etc.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Alison Sharp on 01462 432950, for more information, or, alternatively, email admin@purwell.herts.sch.uk

PTA - Quiz and Curry Night



Registered Charity No. 325013
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Email: pta@ickleford.herts.sch.uk

DON'T forget to book your tickets for the Quiz and Curry Night, Saturday 29th January.

Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7:30pm

Tickets can be ordered via Parentmail. £10 a ticket, up to teams of 8.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Spring Term 2020

Date	Event
Monday 17th January	School Nurse, Year 6 Questionnaire
Tuesday 18th January	Year 5 and 6 STEM activity morning
Friday 28th January	Year 6 Phase Workshop - Get Set
Saturday 29th January	PTA Quiz and Curry Night
Monday 7th - Friday 11th February	FEELING GOOD WEEK
Monday 7th February	Olympic Athlete Visit - Whole School Workshops
Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11th February	PTA Spring Disco
14th - 18th February	Half Term
Monday 21st February	Children return to School
Tuesday 22nd February	KS2 Young Shakespeare Company A Midsummer Night's Dream
Thursday 24th February	Year 6 Breathe Workshop (4 consecutive weekly sessions)
Monday 28th February	School Nurse Year 6 Height and Weight Check
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 22nd March	Parent Consultations 4 -7pm, Hall (no children except Y6)
Thursday 24th March	Year 6 Phase Workshop - Easter Unwrapped
Monday 28th March	Parent Consultations 4 -7pm, Hall (no children except Y6)
Wednesday 30th March	Year 4 Unicorn Theatre Class Trip
Thursday 31st March	School Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 1st April	School Easter Service, St Katharine's Church TBC (No parents)
Friday 1st April	School finishes for Easter break - 12 noon
Tuesday 19th April	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 20th April	Children return to School

