

Year 1 Phonics Test – Parent Information Evening

The information evening, for parents of children in Year 1 who will be taking the Phonics Screening Test this summer, will take place next Wednesday 3rd May in Class 2 between 6pm and 7pm. Parents of pupils in Year 2 who did not pass the test last year are also invited to attend this meeting. For more information, please speak to Mrs Herbaut.

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To give us an idea of how many will be attending, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

The deadline for collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers was 25th April 2017. Please check handbags and purses for any vouchers and remember to bring into school so that we can start counting ready to 'purchase' new PE resources.

Thank you to everyone who has collected vouchers again this year – it really does make a difference to restocking our PE and playtime equipment.

Mrs Webb's absence

As you are aware, due to a family emergency Mrs Webb will be absent from school for a short period of time. If you have any questions or issues which you would normally take to Mrs Webb, please make an appointment to see Mrs Fenner who has taken over the day to day running of the school during this period of absence. Mrs Fenner is continuing with her teaching commitment in Class 5 in the morning but will generally be available to meet with parents during the afternoon.

Parent Governor Elections

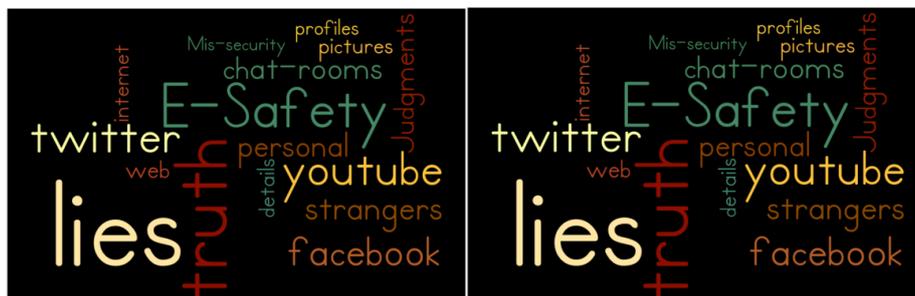
There are currently two vacancies for Parent Governors on the school Governing Body. Nomination papers are being sent home with this newsletter. Please give some thought as to whether you can give some time to support the school in this way.

For further information, please speak to the Chair of Governors, Mrs Nicola Robbins, who can be contacted on 711922 or visit www.hertsdirect.org/governors. Nomination papers should be returned to the school office by 9am on Friday 12th May.



E-Safety newsletter – Summer Term

Attached to this newsletter is the latest edition of the Herts for Learning's e-Safety newsletter for parents. Although we recognise that some of the information is not relevant to our younger pupils, it nevertheless gives parents an awareness of issues around e-safety for young people. Please feel free to pass on to friends and family who may find the report useful.



We have also been asked to pass on a warning about a new social network game called the Blue Whale Challenge which has originated in Russia and is spreading across Europe. The game encourages young people (teenagers) to take part in dangerous games and self-harming through a series of dares and challenges and in some cases has led to suicide. Again, please pass on this information to family and friends.

Summer Term Learning Muscle

As we start the summer term all our classes are focussing on being **Reflective**.

This involves continuing to improve and review our work, being prepared to try new things, taking risks and learning from our mistakes, feeling proud of our achievements and those of others, and looking at different ways of tackling a task.



Curriculum Information and Class Timetables

Curriculum letters and timetables for the Summer Term are being distributed with this newsletter. This information will enable parents to see what we will be teaching this term and how the days will be structured. The timetable also allows you to see when the children will need additional equipment such as their PE kits in school.

Our Values

The DfE (Department for Education) requires schools to promote the fundamental values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Each month we launch a topic linked to one of these values in a school assembly and this feeds into our PHSCE lessons as well as other areas of our curriculum and are embedded in our daily practice.

April and May's value is **Pride**. This links to our Learning Muscle of being reflective and being proud of our achievements and those of others.



Staff CPD (Continual Professional Development)

During the Spring Term 2017 staff attended training as listed below. We hope by publishing this information parents can see how we continually strive to ensure our staff remain up to date with new initiatives and developments in the education sector and to meet the needs of our individual pupils.

SENCo Forum
School Business Manager Briefing
Maths and English Subject Leader Update
Autism in Girls
PE Conference
Supporting Vocabulary
HR Briefing
ELKLAN Speech and Language Support
Designated Senior Person (Safeguarding) refresher training
Head's Seminar
Year 1 & 2 Moderation
Promoting Social Skills
North Herts SENCo Day
Year 5 and 6 Moderation
SIMS database User Group update
Supporting ASD
Headteacher Update
Whole staff Safeguarding update training
Understanding Speech, Language and Communication Needs
PE Co-ordinator Day
SEND briefing
Staff Appraisal workshop
What Makes Effective Safeguarding? - for School Business Managers and Headteachers
Reading on the Rise
National SENCo Qualification

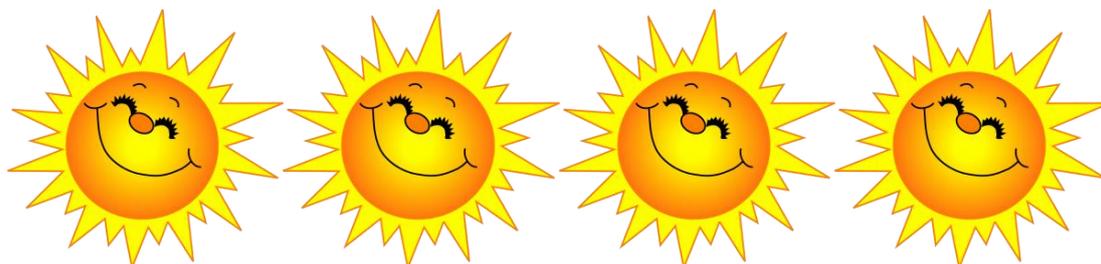


Warm Weather and Sunshine

We are currently enjoying some nice warm weather as well as sleet and hail! To ensure that pupils remain well protected from the sun on warm days, please **apply sun cream before they come to school each morning.**

Children should also be encouraged to wear sun hats as extra protection and those who suffer from hay fever may find sunglasses useful to wear at lunch and break times.

Please also ensure that children have water bottles in school which can be topped up throughout the day. Water bottles can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1.50.



Summer Term 2017

Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 3 rd May	Phonics Test info evening for Year 1 parents – 6pm
Monday 8 th to Friday 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 12 th May	Deadline for Parent Governor nomination forms
Tuesday 23 rd May	Whole school Drama Day
Wednesday 24 th May	Class 4 trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Friday 26 th May	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June	Half Term holiday – school closed
Monday 5 th June	Inset Day – school closed
Sunday 11 th June	Pirton Open Gardens – School Allotment on display
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th June	Year 1 Phonics Testing
Tuesday 13 th June	Athletics Rally
Friday 16 th June	Class photographs
Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd June	Year 6 residential to Isle of Wight
Thursday 6 th July	Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew
Friday 7 th July	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 11 th July	Classes 1 & 2 visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park
Wednesday 12 th July	Sports Afternoon
Thursday 13 th July	Secondary Transfer Day
Monday 17 th July	Open Session for Parents re Reports – 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Friday 21 st July	Leavers' Assembly – 9am End of term

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 30th August – Tuesday 19th December 2017

Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2017

Occasional Days: Wednesday 30th August, Thursday 31st August, Friday 1st September 2017

INSET Day: Monday 4th September 2017

Occasional Day: Friday 1st December 2017

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd January – Thursday 29th March 2018

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2018

INSET Day: Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April – Friday 27th July 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018

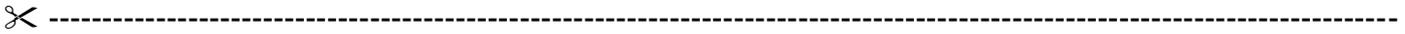
Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May 2018

INSET days: Friday 25th May, Monday 4th June, Wednesday 25th July 2018

Occasional Days: Thursday 26th July, Friday 27th July 2018

School Term Dates for 2018-19 can also be found on the following link:

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schlfe/termdates/>



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Wednesday 3rd May 6pm

I / We will be attending the Year 1 Phonics Test Information Evening.

Name of Child: Year:

Name(s) of parent(s) attending: _____

Signed: