

Pirton Open Gardens

The children have been working very hard to prepare for this Sunday's Open Garden event in Pirton. We look forward to showing you round the allotments on Sunday afternoon – access will be via the gate at the right hand side of the Methodist Church (behind their shed).



Mrs Fenner's diary

Mrs Fenner will be available to meet with parents at the following times.

Tuesday 13 June	afternoon
Wednesday 14 June	all day
Thursday 15 June	all day
Friday 16 June	all day

During week commencing 19th June, Mrs Fenner will be with our Year 6's on their residential visit to the Isle of Wight but will be in daily contact with the school office.

Mrs Webb's absence

Mrs Webb continues to be absent from school. The adjacent table provides parents with details of Mrs Fenner's availability to meeting with parents.

During the week that Mrs Fenner is in the Isle of Wight, please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or to Mrs Bailey in the school office. Mrs Bailey will be in regular contact with Mrs Fenner during the Isle of Wight trip.

Staffing News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Kate Burgess will be re-joining the staff team in September as class teacher in Class 1. Having previously worked at Pirton School and having undertaken her teacher training with us, we are excited to welcome her back to Pirton School.



Isle of Wight Parents'

Mrs Fenner will be holding an informal meeting in Class 5 at 5.45pm on Friday 9th June for parents of Year 6 pupils who are going on the Isle of Wight residential visit. The meeting is an opportunity to talk to Mrs Fenner in a group or as individuals regarding any concerns you have or would like to share with us about your child.

If your child needs to take medication during the trip, there will also be an opportunity to complete the necessary forms. Please have the medication to hand when filling in the forms.

Coding Club – Thursday 22nd June

Please note that there will be no Coding Club on Thursday 22nd June when Mrs Fenner is on the Isle of Wight residential visit with our Year 6s.

SEND News & Information

Mrs Marsh, our Special Needs Coordinator, often receives information about events and workshops for parents of pupils with SEND.

Current information is displayed on the noticeboard in the entrance porch and is also attached to the Parentmail version of this newsletter.

Lego Club

Mrs Marsh will be running a Lego Club on Thursday lunchtimes. We anticipate the club being very popular and we will endeavour to include all those pupils who wish to participate.



Noticeboard

The noticeboard near the main school entrance displays information about local events and clubs which may be of interest to families. The notices are changed on a regular basis so please take the opportunity to have a look every now and then.

We are now starting to receive information about events which will take place over the summer. The noticeboard will be updated on a frequent basis in the coming weeks.

Please note that by displaying these notices, the school should not be perceived as promoting or recommending any of the activities advertised. We are, however, happy to act as a point of information for village families.

From time to time we also forward information from NHDC, the Hitchin Partnership and village organisations via ParentMail. Again, these are forwarded for information only.

Pirton School Association Sponsored Walk/Run

The PSA are holding a sponsored charity fun run/walk on Sunday 25th June. They would be delighted for as many children, parents, grandparents as possible to join this family event.

The charity run/walk will be raising money for the Meningitis Research Foundation, the chosen charity of the Pirton School Council and Pirton School Association.

Please save the date, get involved and let your training campaign start now!! Look out for communication in the coming weeks.



No Ball Games on the Playground before School

A reminder that ball games are not allowed on the playground before school. Thank you for helping us to keep the playground a safe place for everyone.



Class Photos

Class photos and Year 6 Leavers photos will be taken in school next Friday morning. Proofs will be sent home the following week and master copies displayed on the school hall windows.

Orders can be made either by returning the order form and payment (please remember to fill in your name as we cannot identify individual orders as the proofs are the same!) or online following the instructions on the proof envelope.

Year 6 Leavers' Celebration

A letter is being sent home today from the parents of our Year 6 pupils regarding the Leavers' celebration on the last day of term.

If you have a child in Year 6 the cost of the celebration amounts to £30 and you are asked to hand this amount in cash to the school office prior to the Isle of Wight trip so that deposits at the venues can be paid.



Free School Meal Renewals for September

The process for renewing Free School Meals is automatic and there is no need to re-apply. The Education Benefits Team will only send letters to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a meal. School will be notified of those pupils still on the Free School meals register in August ready for the start of the 17/18 academic year.

Please note this information relates to Free School Meals not the Universal Infant Free School Meals which all Reception and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to receive.

If your child is moving into Year 3 in September, they will no longer receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal and meals will become chargeable. Therefore if you think you might be eligible to apply for Free School Meals, please visit the following website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk and search for Free School Meals or click on the following link [Free schools meals](#)

As a school we also benefit financially from funding for Pupil Premium pupils so even if your child is in Key Stage 1 we would encourage you to apply. Not only will the school receive additional funds, it also saves you having to remember to apply when your child moves into Year 3. If you need any additional information, please speak to Mrs Webb or Mrs Bailey in confidence.

Summer Term 2017

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	Class 1 replacement swimming lesson Year 5 and 6 Parent Meeting re Sex Education lessons
Friday 16 th June	Class photographs
Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd June	Year 6 residential to Isle of Wight
Tuesday 20 th June	Athletics Rally please note change of date
Sunday 25 th June	PSA Sponsored Walk/Run
Monday 3 rd July	Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
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/>