

## Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight

Last week our Year 6s enjoyed a wonderful sunny week in the Isle of Wight. They explored the island, enjoyed games on the beach and even adopted a donkey!! Thank you to Mrs Fenner and Mr Dawson who accompanied the trip and helped to make the visit a happy memory for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to secondary school.

Here is a picture of Year 6 with Belle, our adopted donkey.



### Mrs Fenner's diary

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

Monday 26 June	afternoon
Tuesday 27 June	afternoon
Wednesday 28 June	afternoon
Friday 30 June	all day
Monday 3 July	afternoon
Tuesday 4 July	afternoon
Wednesday 5 July	afternoon
Thursday 6 July	afternoon

### Mrs Webb's return to work

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Webb is planning to return to work during week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> July. She is looking forward to seeing everyone again.



## Staffing News

Having spent two years at Pirton School, Mr Humphries will be moving on to a position at a school in Norfolk at the end of the summer term. We wish him well as he takes up this new post and thank him for all his hard work and enthusiasm during his time at Pirton School.

Mr Brunning, our Sports Apprentice, has been offered a place at university and will also be leaving us at the end of term. We wish him good luck with his studies.

Mr Stewart has come to the end of his fixed term contract at Pirton School. We wish him well as he moves on to alternative employment.



## Information for the Next Academic Year

In preparation for the 2017-18 academic year we need to update our records for all our pupils. The following information is being sent home with this newsletter. Please return forms to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Data Collection Records** – please sign and return even if no amendments are necessary. Please pay particular attention to mobile numbers which may have changed.

### Confirmation of school meals and milk

**School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme** – the scheme is free to pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Pupils from Year 3 upwards have the option to purchase fruit at a cost of 14p per day. Please confirm if your child would like to continue in the scheme and for those pupils moving into Year 3 in September, whether your child would like to continue to receive a piece of fruit or vegetable each day at a cost of 14p per day. Invoices will be sent out in September.

**Uniform orders** - please let us know of any uniform requirements. We have small amounts of stock in school but depending on the number of orders received, we may need to obtain additional stock in time for September.

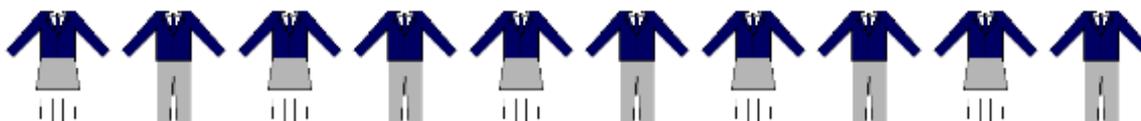
## Warm Weather and Sunshine

We are enjoying some nice weather and the children have been playing and working outside. To ensure that pupils remain well protected from the sun, 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.

A reminder that despite the hot weather, pupils should still come to school in the correct uniform.



## 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.

## Increase in cases of Mumps

A message from Public Health England:

*In recent weeks across the country there has been a significant increase in reported cases of mumps among adolescents and young adults.*

*Mumps is a viral illness that is spread by coughs and sneezes or close contact with someone who already has the infection.*

*Older children, teenagers and young adults who have never previously had MMR vaccine or have only had one dose of it, should contact their GP surgery to arrange to catch up with outstanding doses. Those who have already had one dose of MMR vaccine as a young child will only need one further dose, no matter how long ago a first dose was given. It is never too late to have the vaccine if you haven't had two doses.*

If you would like more information about MMR please visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/mmr-vaccine.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/mmr-vaccine.aspx)



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## 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](http://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.

## Car Parking at the Village Hall

We have received a letter from the Pirton Village Hall committee asking parents to drive slowly if parking at the village hall car park in order to prevent damage to the new surface. Also a request not to park in the space to the left of the hall as this makes access to the rear of the hall difficult for other users.



We would ask parents to take regard of this request otherwise there is a risk of the Village Hall withdrawing their agreement for parents to make use of their car parking facilities.

Many thanks for your support.

## Summer Term 2017

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 and 6 Sex Education talks
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Library Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Teddy Bear's Wimbledon Tea Party
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Classes 1 & 2 visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Afternoon
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary Transfer Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Session for Parents re Reports – 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly – 9am End of term

## Term Dates 2017-2018

### Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Half Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Occasional Days: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017**

**INSET Day: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Occasional Day: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

### Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**INSET Day: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**

### Summer Term 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

**Bank Holiday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**INSET days: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Occasional Days: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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

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