

PSA AGM

A reminder that Pirton School Association are holding their Annual General Meeting next week on Tuesday, 14th November in the school hall at 7.30pm.

The PSA had a very successful year last year with a range of events and they hope to replicate their success to ensure that the school benefits from additional educational resources and activities secured by their fundraising activities. So if you would like to be involved or simply to hear about the work of the PSA, come along on the 14th to find out more.

Future Events

Please see the attached information (red paper) for an update on past and future PSA events.

Raffle Tickets	being sent home today!
PSA AGM	Tuesday 14 th November
Christmas Fair	Saturday 25 th November
Bags 2 School	Tuesday 5 th December

Friends and Funds for Pirton School

School Trips

Every year we organise a variety of trips and workshops for our pupils to enjoy and as well as to enhance and extend the classroom learning experience. From time to time we consult parents to seek your views on the trips we run. This information helps us to plan future visits.

The latest questionnaire is being sent home with this newsletter.



Please return completed forms to the school office by Friday 24th November.

School Council Charities

Our School Council have been discussing which charities they would like to support this year. In a change from previous years they have agreed to support three charities - one local, one national and one worldwide. They have chosen the following:



Pantomime Trip – Parent Helpers

We may need additional support for the Pantomime trip on Friday 5th January. If you would like to accompany the trip, please complete the slip below and return to the school office. Please note that you may not be allocated to your child's class but we will do our best to accommodate this. If we receive more offers of help than are needed, names will be drawn from a hat. We will contact you if your help is needed. We will be leaving school shortly after morning registration and will return to school for a late lunch.

Primary Admissions 2018

The application process for Primary admissions for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 opened on Monday 6th November 2017 with the closing date deadline of 15th January 2018. Online applications can be made on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

We will be holding an **Open Morning** for prospective parents on Friday 24th November between 9am and 11am.

Outdoor PE Kit and Uniform

As the colder winter weather commences, a reminder that pupils should have jogging bottoms in their PE kits. PE takes place outside whenever possible over the winter months.

A reminder too that although boots can be worn on the journey to school and in the playground, pupils should change into school shoes in the classroom. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Lunch

We would like all our children to share in our Christmas Lunch which this year will take place on Tuesday 12th December.

If your child normally has a packed lunch on a Tuesday and would like to have a Christmas dinner, the cost will be £2.40.

The choice will be turkey and trimmings or a vegetarian option of roast Quorn fillet. Please indicate this preference on the slip attached which should be returned to the school office by **Monday 20th November**.

If your child normally has a school lunch on Tuesday, we will presume that their choice of menu will be turkey (except those children who normally have the vegetarian option) unless you indicate otherwise on the slip below.

PSA Christmas Card Project

The children have been busy producing their Christmas card designs in school and these are being sent direct to APfS. Parents will then be able to view the cards online and make an order. This is a slightly different process to previous years.

Last year we experienced major problems in ordering cards but we are reassured that this new process, along with the news that APfS have increased the number of servers facilitating the ordering process from one to 32, will cater for the anticipated volume of orders. The Christmas Card project has always been a successful fundraiser for the PSA and we hope families will support the project again this year.

Codes for making online orders will be issued on 22nd November with an ordering deadline of 29th November and delivery of cards to school by 7th December.



Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Our Open Morning for prospective families will take place on Friday 24th November between 9am and 11am. Our Class 5 pupils will escort families around school and there will be the opportunity to talk to Mrs Fenner at the end of the tour to answer any questions you may have. There is no need to book – just turn up on the morning.

Please pass this information onto family, friends and neighbours who have children due to start school in September 2018.

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need again this year.

Pudsey Bear will be visiting us on Tuesday 14th November and any donations given to Pudsey on the day will be match-funded by a local insurance company.

On Friday 17th November we will also be holding a Children in Need non-uniform day. Children are invited to come to school wearing spotty outfits to support this event. Donations of £1 are recommended for this worthwhile national initiative.



Maths Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's Maths Information Meeting. Handouts from the meeting are available from the school office and will shortly be available on the school website.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Remembrance Day



Christmas Hamper Appeal

Schools in the Hitchin area have agreed to support the Hitchin Hamper Appeal. Further information is attached to this newsletter.

At Pirton School we have offered to supply packets of stuffing so if you would like to add a box of Paxo or similar to your next shop we would be really pleased to receive a donation to pass on to this Appeal.

Christmas Crafts Afternoon

Our Christmas Crafts afternoon is being held on Friday 8th December. We would like to invite parents to come and work with their own child, or others, in a creative way under the direction of the class teacher.

We will make every effort to accommodate your choice of class in which to work, although a spread of volunteers across all classes would be most beneficial and numbers may have to be limited in any one class. Helpers will remain in the allocated class for the whole afternoon to ensure consistency of provision. Unfortunately we are not able to accommodate younger or older siblings at this event.

To enable us to manage the afternoon effectively, please return the reply slip below by **Monday 27th November**.

When arriving for the Craft Afternoon, please sign in at the school office at 1pm. We look forward to sharing the afternoon with you. It is usually great fun!



British Values

Our November value is
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Anti-Bullying Week

We will be focussing on anti-bullying as part of the national Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme is 'all different, all equal'. If you would like information and resources to support this at home, please visit www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/ for their interactive anti bullying tool for parents or <http://www.bullying.co.uk/advice-for-parents/>.

On Monday we would like children to wear odd socks as part of their learning about "all different, all equal" to help them appreciate individuality and uniqueness.

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Anti-Bullying Alliance



All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

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E-Safety Information Evening – Monday 27th November

Name (s).....

I / We will / will not be able to attend the E-Safety Information Evening.

Signed

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Parent Helpers for Pantomime Trip

Name:

I would like to help with the Pantomime trip on Friday 5th January.

Signed

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Christmas Crafts Afternoon – Friday 8th December

Name of Child Class

Name of Helper

Preferred Class in which to work (Location will stay the same throughout the afternoon)

Alternative Class

Please return slip by Monday 27th November

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Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 12th December

Please complete if your child normally has a packed lunch on Tuesday and would like to join in the Christmas lunch. Those pupils who normally have a school meal on Tuesday will automatically be provided with a Christmas lunch.

I enclose £ (£2.40 per meal – cheques made payable to Herts Catering Ltd).

Name of Child	Turkey and Trimmings	Vegetarian Option Roast Quorn Fillet

Please return slip by Monday 20th November so that catering supplies can be ordered.

Autumn Term Dates 2017

Tuesday 14 th November	Children In Need visit from Pudsey Bear PSA AGM 7.30pm School Hall
Friday 17 th November	Class 5 trip to Bletchley Park
Friday 24 th November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9am – 11am
Saturday 25 th November	PSA Christmas Fair 12.30pm Village Hall
Monday 27 th November	E-Safety Parent Information Evening 7pm (new date)
Tuesday 28 th November	Football Rally
Friday 1 st December	Occasional Day – school closed
Tuesday 5 th December	PSA Bags2School Clothes Collection
Wednesday 6 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance – 2pm in the School Hall
Thursday 7 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance – 6.30pm in the School Hall
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Crafts Afternoon
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch (change of date)
Wednesday 13 th December	Key Stage 2 Lessons & Carols – 2pm at St Mary's
Thursday 14 th December	Key Stage 2 Lessons & Carols – 6.30pm at St Mary's
Monday 18 th December	PSA Children's Christmas discos 4pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 19 th December	End of term

Spring Term Dates 2018

Wednesday 3 rd January	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Thursday 4 th January	Spring Term begins
Friday 5 th January	Whole school panto trip to Stevenage
Wednesday 10 th January	Class 3 swimming starts
Friday 12 th January	Class 5 Assembly – 9am School Hall
Friday 19 th January	Class 4 Assembly
Wednesday 26 th January	Class 3 Assembly
Friday 2 nd February	Class 2 Assembly
Monday 5 th February	Young Voices Concert (Years 4, 5 & 6), O2 Arena
Friday 9 th February	Class 1 Assembly
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February	Half Term holiday – school closed
Tuesday 20 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings – 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 21 st February	Class 2 swimming starts Parent Consultation Meetings – 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day
Friday 23 rd March	PSA Bags2School Clothes Collection
Thursday 29 th March	End of term

Summer Term Dates 2018

Monday 16 th April	First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 18 th April	Class 1 swimming starts
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 14 th to Friday 18 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 25 th May	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June	Half Term holiday – school closed
Monday 4 th June	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 11 th to Friday 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics Testing
Tuesday 12 th June	Athletics Rally
Friday 15 th June	Class photographs
Wednesday 4 th July	Key Stage 2 Performance 2pm and 6.30 pm
Thursday 5 th July	Key Stage 2 Performance 6.30pm
Friday 6 th July	Reports to Parents
Wednesday 11 th July	Sports Afternoon
Thursday 12 th July	Secondary Transfer Day (to be confirmed)
Monday 16 th July	Open Session for Parents re Reports – 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 18 th July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 24 th 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/>