



As we break up for the Easter holidays we would like to wish all our families a happy holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school refreshed and ready to start the Summer Term on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Well done to all our pupils for working so hard during the Spring term. Thank you also to all our volunteers who have helped with swimming lessons, school trips, reading and helping in the classroom – we really do appreciate your help. Thank you!



## 2018/2019 Inset Days

We are pleased to announce our staff training days for the 2018/19 academic year.

Monday 3 September 2018  
Tuesday 4 September 2018  
Wednesday 5 September 2018  
Monday 7 January 2019  
Friday 24 May 2019

Our Occasional Day will be on Friday 30 November 2018.

School is closed for pupils on these dates.

## School Absences

A reminder that parents should inform the school office if your child is absent from school through illness.

The school answerphone is available 24/7 for messages. Please dial the main school phone number (01462 712370) and choose Option 1. This enables us to record a child's absence promptly and helps with informing our catering staff how many lunches should be prepared. Thank you for your assistance.

## Safety on the School Site

Can parents please be aware of the safety of our pupils when parking in the turning circle and on the road outside the school. Many of our older pupils walk to school on their own and we would ask that their safety be considered when they are entering the school site or parking their bikes in the bike shed off the turning circle. Thank you for your support.



## 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's value will be Humility which includes the celebration of St George's Day.

## PSA Sponsored Walk

The PSA are organising a sponsored walk on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April to raise funds to replace our school laptops. Sponsor forms and further information are attached to this newsletter.



## Working It Out Together

Our first session of Working It Out Together will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. The topic will be end of year school reports. Please complete the slip below if you would like to attend this meeting. Mrs Fenner looks forward to receiving parental input to consider whether any amendments or improvements can be made to the annual reporting process.



## Class Information Meetings – Summer Term

The times and dates of the Summer Term Class Information sessions are set out below. The purpose of these sessions is to provide parents and carers with more detailed information about the requirements for the forthcoming term and expectations for the class, to be able to share some of the teaching strategies that will be used and to explain how you can help develop these further at home. The sessions will be held in the respective classrooms.

<b>Wrens</b>	3pm Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Robins</b>	3pm Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Swifts</b>	3pm Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Kestrels</b>	3pm Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Owls</b>	3pm Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April

## Summer Term Sports Clubs and Activities

A separate letter is being sent home today with details of clubs and activities taking place in the summer term.

To sign up for these clubs and activities, please return forms to the school office

## School Allotments

A big thank you to Mr Dawson who has been working hard at the school allotment erecting a new greenhouse and potting table.

If you are gardening over the Easter holiday and have spare plants or seeds, we would happily accept any donations!

## Lunchtime Supervisors (MSAs)

We are interested in hearing from anyone who would be willing to join a team of 'bank' midday supervisors to help fill gaps when our current lunchtime staff are on training courses, school trips or off school through illness.

The duties will comprise setting up the school hall ready for lunchtime, assisting the children whilst eating their lunch and supporting the pupils in the playground and on the school field during the lunch time break. Hours would be from 11.45am to 1pm and remuneration will be paid. Candidates will need to hold a valid enhanced DBS check and be willing to undertake safeguarding training. School will bear the cost of any DBS checks and/or training.

Please speak to Mrs Fenner or the school office if you would like more information.



## Wildcats Football

In our last newsletter we were delighted to announce a collaboration with the Football Association and Lea Sports to establish a Wildcats Girls Football Centre at Pirton School.

The first football session will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April to celebrate Girls' Football Week. Sessions will cost £3 and take place every Wednesday between 5pm and 6pm. Girls aged 5-11 are all welcome.

To register your interest, please email: [cwo@leasports.com](mailto:cwo@leasports.com)

## Sport Relief

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Sport Relief fundraising. Over the week we raised over £200 which will be passed on to this charity. There was a good turnout at the Mile Challenge on the Friday afternoon – it was wonderful to see so many taking part.

Thank you to Miss McDonald for organising the Sport Relief activities.



## Staff CPD (Continual Professional Development)

During the Spring Term 2018 staff attended training as listed below. We hope by publishing this information parents are aware of 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.

Safeguarding Level 1
KS2 Writing Assessment framework
Reducing and Managing Allegations Against Staff (RAMAAS)
KS1 & 2 Progress Clusters
English subject leader cluster meeting
Science subject leader cluster meeting
School Business Manager Briefing
PE Conference
Autism Education Trust Tier 2 training
English Conference 2018
Year 1 Moderation
Effective Safeguarding
Challenge in Y1 and Y2 Maths
Year 1/2 Moderation
NESSie My Time intervention
Science/English impact project
Head's Seminar
Moderating Early Years Outcomes
Stories for Social Situations
Positive Play
Computing Subject Leader update
Spotlight on phonics and spelling
Head's Update
Early Years Induction Programme
SEND Briefing
Paediatric First Aid
PE Coordinator Day
Supporting Children with Spelling Difficulties
How to Support Individual Reading Effectively
Year 5/6 Moderation
Year 5/6 Moderation
Preparing for GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)
SENCo Day

## Summer Term topics

Looking ahead to the Summer Term, the topics for each class will be as follows:

Wrens	Season and Beaches
Robins	Oceans and Seas
Swifts	Pirton
Kestrels and Owls	United Kingdom

If you are out and about over the Easter holidays, you may wish to encourage and support your child to gather information about their forthcoming topic. Additionally, if you feel you could support school regarding these topics, we would be delighted to hear from you and please let the class teacher know.



## Working It Out Together

Name: .....

I confirm that I will be attending the Working It Out Together session on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.

Signed: .....

## Term Dates 2017-2018

### 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**

## Term Dates 2018-2019

### Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

**INSET Day: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**OCCASIONAL Day: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

### Spring Term 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Half Term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

**INSET Day: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

**Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**INSET Day: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

## Summer Term Dates 2018

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am Year 3 / 4 Multi Sports Festival
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Wrens swimming starts
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Robins Maths Open Morning 9am-10am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Owls Parent Information 3pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am Kestrels Parent Information 3pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Robins Parent Information 3pm Wildcats Girls Football commences 5pm-6pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Swifts Parent Information 3pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Wrens and Robins – visit from Hitchin Library Wrens Parent Information 3pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	PSA Sponsored Walk
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am Year 3 / 4 Speed Stacks competition
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1 Phonics Test info evening for parents 6pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am Year 3 / 4 Mini Tennis Challenge
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Working It Out Together – school reports – 2pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term holiday – school closed
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Testing
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Athletics Rally
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Day with Robo science workshops – all classes
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential Visit to Isle of Wight
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage 2 Performance 2pm and 6.30 pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Crucial Crew Key Stage 2 Performance 6.30pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to Parents
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Afternoon
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary Transfer Day (to be confirmed)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Session for Parents re Reports – 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly – 9am End of term