

## Curriculum Maps and 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.

New for this term is a section of information on the back of the Curriculum Map – Ways to Help at Home. This information is provided in response to requests from parents so we hope you will find it useful.

## Class Information Meetings – Summer Term

The times and dates of next week's 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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May in **Owls new classroom** 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.

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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.

## 2018/2019 Inset Days

Our staff training days for 2018/19 have been arranged as follows:

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.

## PSA Sponsored Walk

The PSA have organised a sponsored walk/run/cycle to take place 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.

# LAPS FOR LAPTOPS

There is a class competition to see which class can raise the most money! Last year's sponsored event was a great success and lots of fun. There will be a BBQ on the school playground at the end of the event and the walk/run/cycle is suitable for all members of the family.

Our laptops are getting old now and need to be replaced. The more money we raise the quicker we can replace this equipment – so get busy collecting sponsors and we look forward to a fun afternoon.



## Working It Out Together

Our first session of Working It Out Together is taking place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. The topic will be end of year school reports. Mrs Fenner looks forward to receiving parental input to consider whether any amendments or improvements can be made to the annual reporting process.

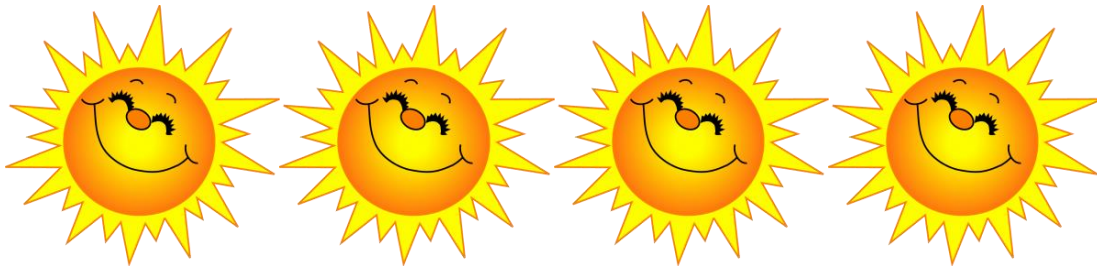


## Warm Weather and Sunshine

We are currently enjoying some nice warm weather! To ensure that pupils remain well protected from the sun on warm days, please **apply sun cream before coming 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 school uniform in the summer months includes sandals but please ensure that summer shoes fasten properly. Flip flops and 'croc' style shoes are not considered suitable. We will continue to have PE lessons and playtime outside so a jumper and waterproof jacket as well as sun hats are useful to cater for the varying British summer weather!

## 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

We recently announced a collaboration with the Football Association and Lea Sports to establish a Wildcats Girls Football Centre at Pirton School.

A reminder that 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)

## Summer Fair – Programme Cover Design competition

We have been asked by the Summer Fair committee if the children would like to design the cover for this year's Summer Fair programme. Entries should be portrait orientation in bright colours with the theme of summer fair activities. Don't forget to put your name in pencil on the reverse. The closing date is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please hand entries to the school office.

## Hitchin Library Visit

We have arranged for Wrens and Robins to receive a visit from Hitchin Library on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Information about the visit was sent home yesterday. Please complete the membership form and return to the school office. This will enable membership cards to be handed to the children on the day of the visit.

For further information about the Hertfordshire Library Service please visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)



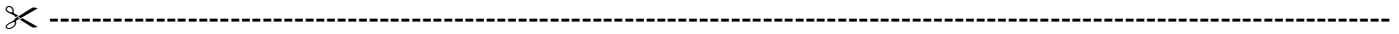
## Multi Sports Tournament

Well done to pupils from Year 3 and 4 who took part in a Multi-Sports Festival at Highfield School in Letchworth earlier this week. It was a fun event and we enjoyed taking part. The event was organised by the North Herts Schools Sport Partnership and we look forward to participating in other events throughout the year. Thank you to Miss McDonald for organising these events with NHSSP.

## Bike Shed

Our bike shed off the turning circle is a safe place for bikes and scooters to be kept during the school day although we recommend that a padlock is used for additional security.

Please try to remember to take bikes and scooters home at the weekend and at the start of the holidays as the school site is very quiet outside of term time. We have received a report of a bike being removed from the bike shed over the Easter holidays although it was found undamaged in the hedge between the school and neighbouring Methodist Chapel.



**Year 1 Phonics Test – Parent Information Evening  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 6pm**

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

Name of Child: ..... Year: .....

Name(s) of parent(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed: .....

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**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 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	Y6 Maths Workshop 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
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Netball Rally
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	PSA Sponsored Walk – 2.30pm at School
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am
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