

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.

Wrens	3pm Friday 27 th April
Robins	3pm Wednesday 25 th April
Swifts	3pm Thursday 26 th April
Kestrels	3pm Tuesday 24 th April
Owls	3pm Monday 23 rd 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 2nd 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 29th 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 9th 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.

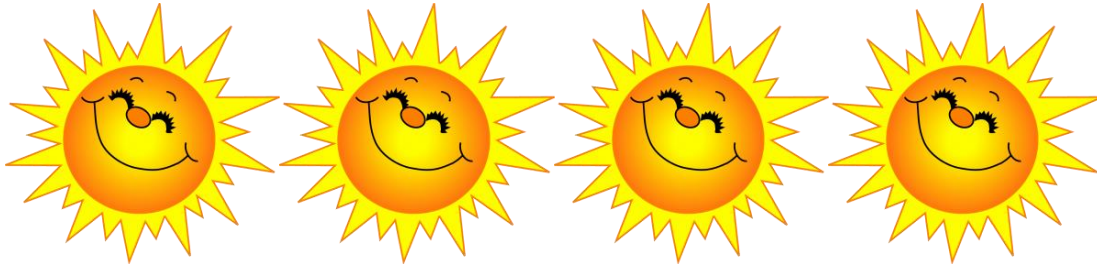


Warm Weather and Sunshine

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 25th 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

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 18th 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 27th 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



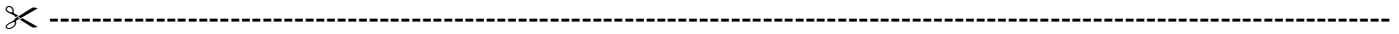
Multi SportsTournament

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 2nd May 6pm**

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

Name of Child: Year:

Name(s) of parent(s) attending: _____

Signed:

Term Dates 2017-2018

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

Term Dates 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3rd September - Friday 21st December 2018
Half Term: Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November 2018
INSET Day: Monday 3rd September, Tuesday 4th September, Wednesday 5th September
OCCASIONAL Day: Friday 30th November 2018

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January – Friday 5th April 2019
Half Term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019
INSET Day: Monday 7th January 2019

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April – Wednesday 24th July 2019
Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019
Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019
INSET Day: Friday 24th May 2019

Summer Term Dates 2018

Monday 23 rd April	Owls Parent Information 3pm
Tuesday 24 th April	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am Kestrels Parent Information 3pm
Wednesday 25 th April	Y6 Maths Workshop Robins Parent Information 3pm Wildcats Girls Football commences 5pm-6pm
Thursday 26 th April	Swifts Parent Information 3pm
Friday 27 th April	Wrens and Robins – visit from Hitchin Library Wrens Parent Information 3pm
Saturday 28 th April	Netball Rally
Sunday 29 th April	PSA Sponsored Walk – 2.30pm at School
Tuesday 1 st May	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am
Wednesday 2 nd May	Year 1 Phonics Test info evening for parents 6pm
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 8 th May	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am Year 3 / 4 Mini Tennis Challenge
Wednesday 9 th May	Working It Out Together – school reports – 2pm
Monday 14 th to Friday 18 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 15 th May	Parent 2 Parent meeting 9.15am
Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th May	Walk to School 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
Thursday 21 st June	Day with Robo science workshops – all classes
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th June	Year 6 Residential Visit to Isle of Wight
Wednesday 4 th July	Key Stage 2 Performance 2pm and 6.30 pm
Thursday 5 th July	Year 6 Crucial Crew 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