

Netball Tournament

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who took part in a Netball Tournament last Saturday morning at Whitehill School in Hitchin. It was a very cold morning but our team weathered the winter temperature and enjoyed the tournament. Thank you to Miss McDonald for organising the event and accompanying the team.



Online Safety News

The Summer edition of Herts for Learning's Online Safety News is attached to this newsletter. Although some of the information is aimed at older children, it may be useful for families with older siblings. Please feel free to pass the information on to friends and family who may also find the content useful.

Online Safety News

Working It Out Together

Our first session of Working It Out Together is taking place this coming 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.



Medicines

A reminder that all medicines in school should be handed to the school office to be kept securely. Forms are available should parents wish school staff to administer medication during the school day.

This requirement includes hayfever tablets, cough sweets, painkillers, nasal sprays, as well as prescribed medication.

Please help us to ensure that we keep all our children safe by adhering to our policy. Many thanks.

Lost Property

We have recently disposed of three bin liners of unclaimed and unnamed lost property. Only ten items out of many more were able to be returned to their owners because they were named.

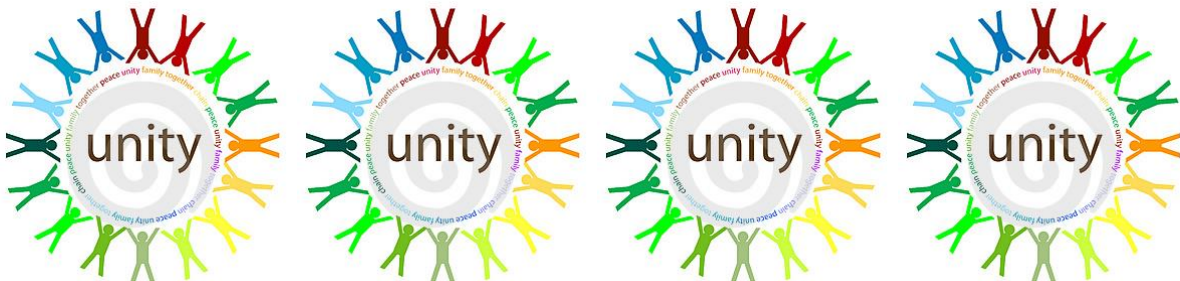
Please make sure uniform and personal items are clearly labelled or named so that they can be easily identified. Marker pens fade with washing so please check every now and then to make sure labels are still visible.

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.

May's value is UNITY. Each month we will have a different focus so watch out for the notice on the entrance door and please discuss these changing values with your children



HAND News

The April edition of HAND News has now been published and is available at the following web address: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews. This is a free online newsletter to support parents and carers of children with additional needs. The newsletter includes news of free courses, inclusive activities and support groups.



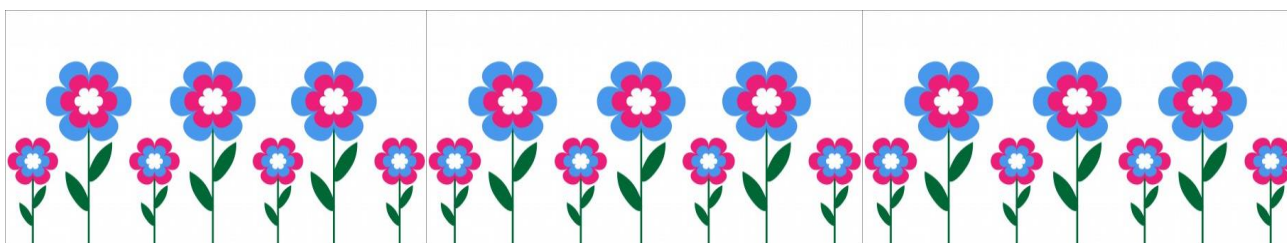
Summer Fair – Programme Cover Design competition

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.

Gardening Club and Allotments

We are busy working on the allotments and trying to get them ready for this year's Pirton Open Gardens. Most of our classes have been working to prepare the ground for planting.

If anyone has any spare bedding plants or seeds that they are willing to donate to school we would be really pleased to receive them. Please speak to Mr Dawson who is coordinating the planting or hand to the school office.



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 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