

Mrs Fenner & the staff would like to wish all our families a very Happy Easter.



We return to school immediately after the Easter Weekend on Tuesday 23 April.

## Media and Marketing Working Party

Are you creative? Do you have any of the following skills?

- An eye for design?
- ICT or social media skills?
- Printing or publishing experience?
- Knowledge of marketing?

**Pirton School  
needs  
your  
help!**

If so, Pirton School needs your help!

We are creating a voluntary Marketing Team and would love to have your skills, enthusiasm and input. Please contact Mrs Perry ([andrea.perry@pirton.herts.sch.uk](mailto:andrea.perry@pirton.herts.sch.uk)) or Mrs Lorna Sexton ([lorna.sexton@pirton.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lorna.sexton@pirton.herts.sch.uk)) in the first instance. We look forward to receiving your call!

## Community Help

We would also be really pleased to hear from anyone in the Pirton community who would like to volunteer to help out in school. This may be reading with the children, helping out with Gardening Club, or do you have a particular skill that you can offer? Parents, grandparents, Pirton residents – we would love to hear from you! All volunteers would need to undertake a safeguarding DBS check – but this is really straight forward and only takes about 10 minutes. Please contact Mrs Fenner or the School Office if you are able to help.

## Open Gardens Programme Design competition

This year's theme for Pirton Open Gardens is anything to do with Pirton and/or scarecrows!! Entries should be made on A4 portrait paper and be as colourful as possible. No glitter or attachments as these cannot be copied. Entries should be handed to the School Office before the May half term holiday.

The Open Gardens committee will award a prize to the winning entry.



## 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 Tuesday 30 April
<b>Robins</b>	3pm Wednesday 1 May
<b>Swifts</b>	3pm Thursday 2 May
<b>Kestrels</b>	3pm Friday 3 May
<b>Owls</b>	3pm Monday 29 April

## Herts Catering – Kestrels Invite to join us for a School Dinner

Swifts parents were the first to join their children for a school dinner. It was a great success! Next in turn is Kestrels class. If you have a child in Kestrels class and would like to join them to enjoy a roast beef dinner or vegetarian option on Wednesday 8 May, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter. Meals cost £3.35 per adult.

A big thank you to our Catering Team, Mrs Hilary Pearce and Mrs Caron Smith, for their continuing help.

## Lunchtime Supervisors (MSAs)

School lunchtimes are supported by a team of supervisors (Midday Supervisory Assistants). 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 cover the cost of any DBS checks and/or training.

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



## Working It Out Together

Our next Working It Out Together meeting will focus on curriculum and will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm in the Discovery Zone. Please complete the reply slip to let us know whether you will be attending. Parent input is very much appreciated.



## Bags2School Collection

The next Bags2School collection will take place on Thursday 25 April.

Bags can be placed under the main school entrance porch. Unfortunately we are unable to store bags prior to the collection morning.

Blue collection bags have been sent home. Black bin liners can also be used if additional bags are needed.

With the warmer days commencing this is a great time to sort out your wardrobes!

## Owls trip to the Tower of London

Owls spent an enjoyable day at the Tower of London last Friday as part of their Crime & Punishment topic.

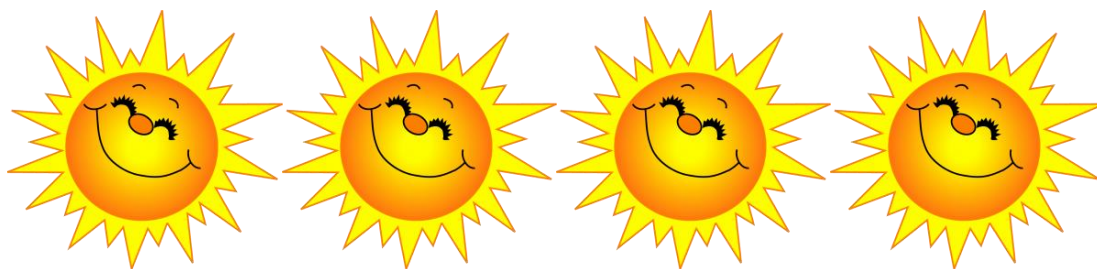


## Warm Weather and Sunshine

We are currently enjoying some nice warm weather and we hope it continues after the Easter holidays! 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 hayfever 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!

## 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.

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



## Return of Reading Books

A lot of our reading books have gone missing! Can we please ask parents and pupils to have good look at home to see if there are any school books which have been forgotten. If these can be returned as soon as possible we can the review what books we might need to replace.



## Hertfordshire Road Safety Team

The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership and Active and Safer Travel Team are running a campaign about the importance of wearing your seatbelt.



## Term Dates 2019-2020

### Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2 September - Friday 20 December 2019

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2019

**INSET Day: Monday 2 September 2019**

**OCCASIONAL Day: Friday 29 November 2019**

### Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 January – Friday 3 April 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February 2020

**INSET Day: Monday 6 January 2020**

### Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 20 April – Tuesday 21 July 2020

Half Term: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2020

**Bank Holiday: Monday 4 May 2020**

**INSET Day: Friday 22 May 2020**

**INSET Day: Monday 20 July 2020**

**INSET Day: Tuesday 21 July 2020**

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**Working It Out Together – Curriculum**

I confirm that I / we are able to attend the Curriculum Working It Out Together session on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Name(s): .....

Signed

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**Kestrels – Parent Invitation to School Dinner – Wednesday 8th May**

I confirm that I / we would like to participate in the Kestrels School Dinner on Wednesday 8th May at 12 noon.

I enclose payment of £3.35 per adult.

Name(s): .....

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Signed

## Spring Term Dates 2019

Wednesday 3 April	Year 3 & 4 Performance – 2pm
Thursday 4 April	Year 3 & 4 Performance – 6.30pm
Friday 5 April	Class 1 Assembly End of term

## Summer Term Dates 2019

Tuesday 23 April	First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 24 April	Class 1 swimming starts
Thursday 25 April	Bags2School collection
Monday 29 April	Owls Class Information Meeting – 3.00pm
Tuesday 30 April	Wrens Class Information Meeting – 3.00pm
Wednesday 1 May	Robins Class Information Meeting – 3.00pm Netball Rally
Thursday 2 May	Swifts Class Information Meeting – 3.00pm
Friday 3 May	Kestrels Class Information Meeting – 3.00pm
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 8 May	Kestrels Parents invited to School Lunch - 12 noon
Saturday 11 May	Fair In The Square
Monday 13 to Friday 17 May	Year 6 SATS Week
Thursday 16 May	Working it out Together – Curriculum – 2pm
Friday 24 May	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 27 to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term holiday – school closed
Saturday 8 June	Pirtonfest
Monday 10 to Friday 14 June	Year 1 Phonics Testing
Thursday 13 June	Rural Athletics – <b>change of date</b>
Friday 14 June	Class photographs
Monday 24 to Friday 28 June	Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight - <b>change of date</b>
Monday 8 to Friday 12 July	Transition Week
Monday 8 July	Year 5 & 6 Performance 2pm
Tuesday 9 July	Year 5 & 6 Performance 6.30pm
Wednesday 10 July	Sports Afternoon
Thursday 11 July	Secondary Transfer Day (to be confirmed)
Friday 12 July	Reports to Parents
Monday 15 July	Open Session for Parents re Reports – 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 17 July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 24 July	Leavers' Assembly – 9am End of term

# Term Dates 2018-2019

## 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**