

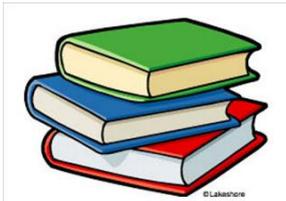
Fair in the Square – Saturday 11 May

We are taking part in Fair in the Square in Hitchin on Saturday 11 May when a group of Pirton and Hexton children will be singing – their performance is booked for 10.40am.

We will also be doing a little bit of fundraising and are asking our families to donate any unwanted books so that we can sell them at the Fair. Any donations of books should be handed in to the school office by Thursday 9 May.

More information about this event is being sent out in a separate letter.

Please come along and enjoy the activities and stalls at the Fair.



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) or Mrs Lorna Sexton (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. **The closing date for entries has been brought forward to Tuesday 7 May – immediately after the Bank Holiday weekend.**

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.

Wrens	3pm Tuesday 30 April
Robins	3pm Wednesday 1 May
Swifts	3pm Thursday 2 May
Kestrels	3pm Friday 3 May
Owls	3pm Monday 29 April

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

Kestrels parents are invited to join their children for a school dinner. 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.

Try a Musical Instrument

Mrs Partridge kindly runs our orchestra for pupils who are learning to play a musical instrument. In order to give other children the opportunity to try an instrument (piano, recorder, flute) she is opening up the last orchestra session before half term to anyone who would like to come along to try out one of these instruments. The session takes place after school on Monday 20 May between 3.15 and 4pm.

Please complete the slip below if your child would like to attend.



Working It Out Together

Our next Working It Out Together meeting will focus on curriculum and will take place on Thursday 16th 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.



Summer Fair Programme Design

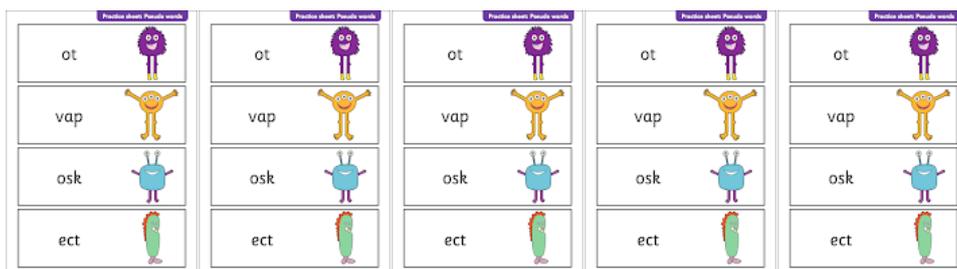
The Summer Fair Committee have asked our pupils to design their programme cover. The Fair takes place on Saturday 13 July at Pirton Recreation Ground. Designs should be in bright colours and portrait orientation based on anything to do with the Summer Fair – activities, food, stall, games, etc. Please hand designs to the school office before the May half term holiday. Prizes for the winning entries!

Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Trip – Parents Meeting

A meeting for parents of pupils taking part in the Isle of Wight residential visit has been arranged for Monday 10 June at 3.45pm at Pirton School. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, discuss individual needs and complete medical forms. Parents of Hexton children going on the trip will join us for this meeting.

Phonics Screening - Parent Information Evening (Year 1 & Year 2 retakes)

We have arranged an information evening for parents of pupils in Year 1 who will be taking their Phonics Screening test in June. The meeting is also open to parents of children in Year 2 who will be retaking the test. Please come along and find out more about the test and ways in which you can help your child at home. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 14 May at 6.30pm in Owls classroom. Please complete the slip below to let us know whether you will be attending.



Summer Term Sports Clubs and Activities

A separate letter is being sent home with details of clubs and activities taking place this term. To sign up for the clubs, please return the forms to the school office.

Curriculum Maps and Timetables

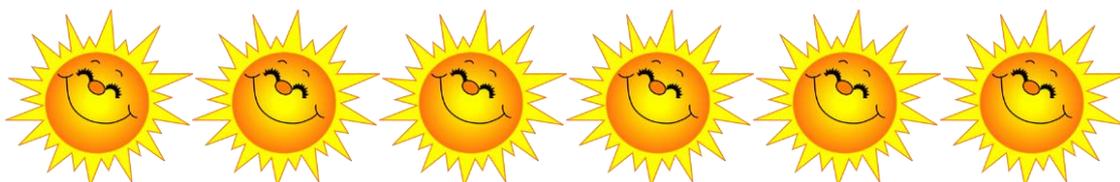
Curriculum maps and timetables for the Summer Term have been distributed. This information enables parents to see what we will be teaching this term and how the days will be structured. The timetable also allows you to see when the children will need additional equipment in school such as their PE kits. On the reverse of the Curriculum Map there are ideas of how parents can support their children's learning at home which we hope you will find useful.

Warm Weather and Sunshine

The Summer term usually brings some nice warm weather and last year was exceptionally hot. 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.

May's value is **Quality** which includes doing our best for ourselves and for others. 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.



Inset Day

A reminder that Friday 24 May is an Inset Day and school will be closed for pupils. After the May half term holiday, we return to school on Monday 3 June.

Staff CPD (Continual Professional Development)

During the Spring Term 2019 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.

Exceptional Needs Funding
Maths/English/Science subject leader cluster meetings
Strategic Leadership - Growth Mindset
Speech Language & Communication Needs
Maths - Age-Related Expectations in Year 6
Feedback: What Works & Why
School Business Manager Briefing
Asbestos Awareness
Observation, Assessment & Planning in EYFS
Paediatric First Aid
Year 2 Moderation
Designated Senior Person Level 2 Safeguarding Refresher
Year 1 Phonics & Spelling - Planning & Assessment
Head's Seminar
Specific Learning Difficulties Assessments
Accelerating progress in English at Key Stage 1
Phase 2-4 Phonics
Assessment for Learning Primary Science
Supporting Children with Autism & Communication Needs
Maths Mastery
Year 5/6 Moderation
Head's Update
Multiplication Tables Check
Purple Mash Computing Update
Budget Preparation Workshop
Sex & Relationships Education - New Statutory Curriculum
Level 2 Mental Health Leads training
SEND Briefing
Head's Forum
Year 1 Moderation
National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders
National Professional Qualification for Headteachers
New Headteacher Induction training

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Try a Musical Instrument – Monday 20 May

My child would like to attend the Orchestra session on Monday 20 May to try out an instrument. I

Name of child:

Signed

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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 16th 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

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Phonics Screening – Year 1 (and Year 2 retakes) Parent Information Meeting

I confirm that I / we are able to attend the Phonics Screening Information Meeting on Tuesday 14 May at 6pm.

Name(s):

Signed

Summer Term Dates 2019

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, Hitchin
Monday 13 to Friday 17 May	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 14 May	Phonics Screening Parent Information Meeting - 6pm
Wednesday 15 May	Year 5 & 6 Fruit Workshop
Thursday 16 May	Working it out Together – Curriculum – 2pm
Monday 20 May	Try a Musical Instrument – 3.15pm
Wednesday 22 May	Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 Fruit Workshop
Friday 24 May	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 27 to Friday 31 st May	Half Term holiday – school closed
Saturday 8 June	Pirtonfest
Monday 10 June	Year 6 Isle of Wight Parent Meeting – 3.45pm
Monday 10 to Friday 14 June	Year 1 Phonics Testing
Thursday 13 June	Rural Athletics – change of date
Friday 14 June	Class photographs
Monday 24 to Friday 28 June	Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight - change of date
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 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