



Don't forget Pirtonfest this coming Saturday, 8 June on the School Field.
Gates open at 12 noon.

The Pirton's Got Talent event was a huge success last year.
An entry form for this year's competition is attached to this newsletter. Please note the
deadline for entries is 9am on Thursday.

Measles

An outbreak of measles is an increasing risk for schools in Hertfordshire. The Director of Public Health has issued a letter which contains advice about measles for school and parents. The letter can be found on the following link and is also attached to this newsletter.

<http://www.thegrid.org.uk/info/welfare/nhs/index.shtml#measles>



School Playground and Toys

A reminder that the play equipment on the school playground and field are for use during the school day and should not be used by pupils or siblings before and after school. Thank you for your support.

We would also ask that children do not bring toys, footballs or sporting equipment from home into school – treasured possessions can easily be lost or misplaced which can be very upsetting. Match Attax and other similar cards should also be left at home.

Young Voices 2020

We have previously (2011, 2016 and 2018) taken part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena in London and there is an opportunity to do so again next year (2020). Lots of preparation and rehearsing of songs takes place prior to the event and confirmation of numbers and parent ticket sales need to be booked in advance of the event in February.

We would like to find out how much interest there is from pupils before we confirm our involvement. The concert will take place on the evening of Tuesday 4 February 2020 and pupils taking part will need to commit to attending choir rehearsals some of which will take place during the lunch hour and some after school. Pupils who will be in Years 4, 5 and 6 when we return to school in September will be eligible to take part.

The cost of the trip will be in the region of £30 per pupil and parent tickets for the concert will cost around £25 per person. Pupils will be transported to the event by coach but parents will need to make their own travel arrangements.

In order to help us decide whether to take part in Young Voices 2020, we would ask eligible pupils to complete the reply slip at the end of this newsletter. We are asking for a £10 deposit as a means of commitment towards taking part in the trip. If we decide not to go ahead, the deposit will of course be returned. If your child commits to the trip and then subsequently drops out, the full cost of the trip will need to be paid.

This is a fantastic event and a great opportunity to sing in a massed school choir at a famous venue but it is also a costly trip. We trust that you will appreciate why we need to seek a firm commitment prior to confirming our involvement.

The logo for The O2 arena, featuring the word 'The' in a blue serif font, a large blue 'O' with a subscript '2', and the word 'arena' in a blue sans-serif font.

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

Robins parents are invited to join their children for a school dinner. If you have a child in Robins class and would like to join them to enjoy a roast beef dinner or vegetarian option on Wednesday 26 June, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter. Meals cost £3.50 per adult.

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

Waste Free Lunches and Snacks – A message from School Council

“School Council have agreed to run a competition during the first week of July commencing Monday 1st July.

We want to reduce the amount of plastic that Pirton School uses by having a week where we try to have waste free lunches and snacks. This means that we don't bring one-use plastic bags, waterbottles or yoghurt pots to school for lunch or breaktime. Instead, we will try to bring in reusable waterbottles, pots and bags so that we can help the environment.

As School Council, we have noticed that there is a lot of plastic around school and we want to change that! We want to help the animals of the land and sea (whale, dolphin, turtle and fish). We don't want animals or fish to die because of us even if it is hard to do.”

From Pirton School Council



Warm Weather and Sunshine

The Summer Term usually brings some hot and sunny weather. There is a limited amount of shade on our school field when the children are playing and working outside. To ensure that pupils remain well protected from the sun, please **apply sun cream before they come 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.

Water bottles

During hot weather it is essential that children drink plenty of water throughout the school day to help their concentration and to prevent them becoming dehydrated. Please ensure that pupils have water bottles in school which can be topped up during 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!

Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Trip – Parents Meeting

A reminder that the meeting for parents of pupils taking part in the Isle of Wight residential visit will take place on 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.

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.

June's value is **Generosity** which includes supporting Pirton School Council's chosen charities for this year – Unicef, Cancer Research UK and Hitchin Homeless Centre.

Each month we have a different focus and we would encourage you to discuss these changing values with your children.



Generosity

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Robins – Parent Invitation to School Dinner – Wednesday 26 June

I confirm that I / we would like to participate in the Robins School Dinner on Wednesday 26 June at 12 noon.

I enclose payment of £3.50 per adult.

Name(s):

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Signed

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Young Voices 2020

Childs' Name:

I confirm that my child would like to take part in the Young Voices 2020 concert. I understand that there is a commitment to attending choir practices at lunchtimes and after school in advance of the concert.

I enclose a deposit of £10 as a commitment towards taking part.

Signed

Summer Term Dates 2019

Saturday 8 June	Pirtonfest
Sunday 9 June	Pirton Open Gardens – School allotments open
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
Friday 14 June	Class photographs
Friday 21 June	Ultm8 Warrior Day
Monday 24 to Friday 28 June	Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
Wednesday 26 June	Robins Parent lunch
Monday 1 July	Olympic Athlete visit
Tuesday 2 July	Hitchin Festival – School Music Concert
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
Friday 12 July	Reports to Parents
Monday 15 July	Open Session for Parents re Reports – 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 17 July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Thursday 18 July	Year 6 Crucial Crew
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