



Mary Exton News



Summer Term Newsletter 1

3rd May 2019

Dear All,

We hope you all had a good Easter break and have finally eaten all the Easter eggs!

Thank you to all who came to support the Easter Eggstravaganza at the end of the term and to all those who helped to organize and run the event. Thank you to Lauren White for pulling the event together and working tirelessly to make the event such a success. The Easter Egg Hunt was a sight to behold with adults and children running everywhere but there were plenty of laughs and giggles!

As ever, we have a busy term ahead of us before we reach the end of the academic year. The diary dates will be updated each month, but please keep an eye on the website and the weekly emails for any changes that may be made.

Uniform

Please be reminded of the uniform requirements for the Summer term. A copy is attached for you. Whilst we may be at the start of the Summer Term, we will inevitably experience variable weather. Please make sure that your child is suitably dressed and with Sun hats and sunscreen applied when necessary. We now sell Mary Exton Caps, which are available from the School Office.

Reception Screening

As you will be aware Reception pupils will have a screening to have their height and weight measured, and their distance vision and hearing checked. These will take place on 8th and 22nd May. If your child has not had these completed in their previous school and you are concerned please contact the Area School nurse on 0300 123 7572. Parents and carers are informed of the results. Any results which may have an effect on your child's education (hearing or vision) will be shared with their class teacher.

PSHE Day #2 - Save the date 11th June.

As you are aware our PSHE Day focusing for NSPCC on Well-being that was held on 25th March this year was a huge success. Following on from the pupil voice gained on that day we have now introduced "Me Time" for 30 minutes at the end of the day on Friday. It will be run as a trial for this half term. "Me Time" will form part of the PSHE curriculum and provides every child with the opportunity to take part in different well-being activities at the end of each week to enable them time for personal reflection about their week. The children also have the option to visit "The Hub" during "Me Time" which is where children can come and chat with an adult if they have any worries or concerns or even if they just want a chat. "The Hub" is also open at various points during the week at lunchtimes. After half term further pupil voice will be taken to decide on the future of both "Me Time" and the "The Hub".

The second part of the PSHE Day will be on **Tuesday 11th June**. On this day, all parents, carers, grandparents are invited to join us in the morning from 9am to share playground games with the children that you played as a child. So thinking caps on! Adults who have games to share will be given an area of the playground / field to use and the children will be able to move between the activities (finer details will be agreed when we know

how many people are able to come and support the event). Anyone who is able to help will be asked to sign up in advance, so please book out the morning of 11th June and further details of how to book will be out soon.

This will also be a fundraising event. We are asking all children to start collecting coins / spare change that they find down the side of the sofa etc to bring in on the day. They will then have the opportunity to try the different playground games and make a coin donation in line with how much they enjoyed it.

Fair in the Square – Saturday 11th May

Thank you all very much for the donations today towards the Fair in the Square. We hope you will be able to join us to support the long running event in the town centre. If you are able to offer time to run the stall at any point, please could you let your PTA Class rep know.

Superhero Day

Thank you to all of our pupils for supporting the fundraiser last Friday for Seraph! We raised just over £200.

Battery recycling boxes

We now have a Battery recycling box at Reception, if you have unwanted/used batteries please feel free to drop them in the box by the School Office.

Red Box Project

Our School have joined the Red Box Project which is a community project set up to tackle period poverty and provide period products to any young person who needs them. The box contains everything from discreet bags, new spare knickers and a range of different products. We will inform the pupils of this service next week.

Cello Lessons

Unfortunately we have no further news on Mrs Dobson's return after her shoulder operation. Lessons regarding last terms payments will be send home today.

School Dinner Money

Just a reminder to KS2 Parents, for School Dinner payments the School Gateway will remain open until Tuesday 7th May.

School Catering Assistant Vacancy

Herts Catering Ltd has a vacancy for School Catering Assistant at our School. This is a part time position (2 hours per day, Monday to Friday) if you are interested in this position please visit the Herts Catering Ltd website (<https://vacancies.hcl.co.uk>) for more information.

SEND Update

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the SEND coffee morning on Monday. There was plenty of time for informal chats but we also managed to discuss transition arrangements and the draft transitions policy was shared. If you were unable to attend and would also like to have your say about the contents of the transition policy, please do pop into the school office for a copy. It was fed back that the new booking process for APDR meetings was good but would be better if the dates were added to the diary dates so please do look out for the end of year APDR review dates that will be published shortly for July. It was requested that these meetings be longer and be an opportunity to speak with your child's new class teacher as well where possible. Some parents also asked whether a paid for Summer School could be run in school during the Summer holidays to allow children to continue with some fun Maths and English activities during the break. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, the school is unable to provide such a facility. However a number of teachers have expressed the interest in private tutoring during the Summer holidays. We are unable to provide a list of the teachers interested however please do speak to your child's class teacher if you would be interested as if they are not offering this they will be able to tell you who is.

Finally, a little reminder that if you would like to be part of the SEN parents network please do collect an information form from the school office.

2nd STEM Returners programme for returning Electrical Engineers with BT in Hertfordshire

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! After the unprecedented success of the first programme where 100% of returners were offered permanent roles, we are currently sourcing candidates for the 2nd BT 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in June 2019 in Hertfordshire. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com. More information on the programme is also available here: <https://www.stemreturners.com/2019/03/22/bt-engineering-services-running-second-electrical-engineering-returners-programme-overwhelming-success-first/>

PTA

The PTA would like to thank GKL Mortgage Brokers for agreeing to sponsor our activities this year. Parents can also raise an additional £50 for the PTA if using GKL's services. More information can be found in the GKL flyer which will be coming home in book bags soon.

Angharad Paterson

Headteacher

W/B		Gold Book	W/B		Gold Book
23 rd April 2019	Rec:	Charlie C & Toby C	29 th April 2019	Rec:	Veda V & Krish P
	Year 1:	Jaxon L & Nancy C		Year 1:	Ziya O & Noah B
	Year 2:	Ivy K & Oliver S		Year 2:	Finn H & Bella-Rose SC
	Year 3:	Bryony H & Ollie B		Year 3:	Livvy B & Emily H
	Year 4:	Charlotte R & Matilda K		Year 4:	Joey I & Molly P
	Year 5:	Abigail T & Lauren C		Year 5:	Emelyn A & Tom W
	Year 6:	Hattie R & Jack T		Year 6:	Maya S & William T