

# Hatfield Heath Primary School Weekly Bulletin

10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Message from Mrs Gelston – Concerns about Parking



Following a number of complaints again regarding parking before and after school I spent this morning observing this problem for myself. Whilst standing at the front of the school I noticed a number of cars parking up on the pavement on the main road between the village hall entrance and Broomfield Road. This really worried me as a number of times large lorries were having to brake suddenly to avoid the parked cars jutting out into the road. It is only a matter of time before an accident occurs as a result of the parking on this stretch of road.

I was also concerned about how difficult it must be for anyone pulling out of Broomfield Road or the village hall car park as it would be almost impossible to see oncoming traffic.

There is plenty of space to park along Pond Lane, in the car park next to the church and in the car park further along by the shops – there is no need to park in a dangerous position on the main road and take the risk of an accident.

**Please also remember that no-one should be mounting the pavement in front of the school to drop children off – the yellow zig-zag markings are clear for all to see and should be adhered to.**

## Deputy Headteacher Appointment

Following interviews last week, parents will be pleased to hear that Governors appointed Mrs Michelle Collier to the currently vacant Deputy Headteacher role in school. Mrs Collier will begin her new role in September, combining this with part-time class teacher responsibilities. I'm sure parents will join me in congratulating Mrs Collier on her well-deserved promotion.

## Guitar Lesson Spaces

As a result of our upcoming Year 6 leavers, there will be spaces for guitar lessons in school. Please contact the school office if your child is interested in learning to play the guitar.



## Year 3 and Year 4 Performance Poetry Event

Parents of children in Years 3 and 4 should have received a letter about the Performance Poetry event being held in two weeks' time at 6.00pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and 2.30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This event has been designed for children to share the work they have completing on poetry and is an opportunity for parents and other family members to see the children perform. Each performance should last approximately 30 – 40 minutes.

Please ensure the slip on the letter is returned so that we can plan for correct numbers at each of the performances and ensure we have enough chairs available. Thank you.

## Nature Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Gardens of Easton Lodge

The well-known local naturalist Jono Forgham will lead bug hunts, bird walks and other nature activities suitable for all ages at the Gardens of Easton Lodge on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The Gardens' beekeepers will showcase the work of our honey bees. Essex Bat Group, Uttlesford Badger Group, Essex Wildlife Trust and the RSPB will be on hand to talk to visitors about the wildlife in the area. There will also be a plant stall, and visitors can enjoy spring cheer from the Thaxted Morris dancers. The Gardens are open from 11.30am to 5pm, with last entry at 4pm. Entrance fee is £4.50 for adults and there's free entry for children under 16. Hot and cold drinks, bacon and cheese rolls and homemade cakes will be available; and there will also be a children's nature trail and craft activities.

### Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 SATs testing begins in school
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May & Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Mosaic Workshop working with Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	6.30pm - Year 3 & 4 Performance Poetry Event for Parents/ Carers
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	2.15pm – Year 3 & 4 Performance Poetry Event for Parents/ Carers
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET Day – No pupils in school
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 visit to the Cambridge Botanical Gardens The Book Trust Pyjamarama Day
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	PFA Summer Fayre
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PFA Father's Day Secret Presents Room
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30pm - Year 5 & 6 Play for Parents/ Carers
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30pm - Year 5 & 6 Play for Parents/ Carers
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 5 visit to Layer Marney Tower
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 visit to Barleylands Farm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day for Whole School – more information about this will come
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 visit to Southend Sealife Centre
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	1.30pm - Year 6 Leavers Graduation Assembly
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term