



DIARY DATES

May 2019

Mon 20th – Fri 24th
Walk to School Week

Mon 20th
Nursery trip to St Albans Abbey

Tues 21st
Game On EYFS, Y1

Wed 22nd
Y1 Trip to College Lake
Game On Y2

Thurs 23rd
School closed to children – European Elections

Fri 24th
Y2 Trip Affinity Water

Mon 27th – Fri 31st
Half Term

June 2019

Tues 4th
Y2 Victoria children to visit school

Thurs 6th
Mr Miller PE coaching EYFS
Rabbits Class
Assembly

Fri 7th
Y2 children to meet Thomas Coram Staff

Wed 12th
Y2 Group to 'Science made Simple' at Greenway

20th May 2019

Summer Term

This half term has just flown by! There have been so many activities, events and celebrations. Firstly I would like to thank you for your patience on the local election ballot day and may I take this opportunity to remind you that **school will be closed Thursday 23rd May** for The European Elections.

The Spring Fair

What a fun packed, animal themed, family day out we all had this Saturday at the Spring Fair. With games, a bouncy castle, a tombola, arts and crafts, a BBQ and bar plus much more.



I had been delighted to announce the winner of the Spring Fair Cover Design Competition in assembly. There were many fantastic entries and it was incredibly difficult to choose a winner. In the end, I felt that Lucy from Badgers had drawn an especially charming picture featuring a giraffe and a rainbow.

The Y1 country dancing was a huge success at the Fair, as was

the Y2 choir who sang beautifully. I found it difficult picking the winning entries amongst the fantastic animal junk modelling entries. However, I did enjoy sampling some of the delicious cakes that were baked for the Fair!

Everyone worked so hard to make the day a great success and we are grateful for all the support shown by so many. Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the day with us. We will let you know how much was raised in due course.

Herts Catering Limited Award winners



We are thrilled to win The Herts County Catering Team Award for our area. Shelley, Fay and Elio attended a ceremony at Ashridge House on Friday evening where they were presented with a trophy and certificate.

We have a great catering team at school and feel that this recognition is well deserved. They work hard cooking and serving delicious, nutritious food to the children and staff every day.



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

'A smile costs nothing, but gives so much. It takes but a moment but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever'.

Author Unknown

Osborne Construction Design Competition Winners



We welcomed back to school Osbourne Construction to announce the winners of their drawing competition. A winning entry was chosen from each class and we look forward to seeing them up on their website.

Hedgehogs Assembly

On Thursday 2nd May the Hedgehogs presented a delightful assembly on the subject of trees and the importance of looking after nature. Hedgehog parents watched, along with the rest of the school. The children recited poems, sang songs and acted out an amusing yet touching story. Everyone enjoyed it and the children and teachers were very proud of what they achieved.

Other Assembly dates

6th June – Rabbits

26th June – Owls

27th June – Guitar

28th June – Squirrels

4th July – Voles

17th July Foxes

18th July – Badgers

Wellbeing in Action

We continue to encourage Wellbeing in Action and healthy living within the school. Movement especially has proven benefits, those include:

- developing motor skills
- improving cognitive development
- contributing to a healthy weight
- enhancing bone and muscular development
- supporting learning of social skills.

Continuing the theme of movement, we hope you got the chance to watch the Country Dancing at The Spring Fair. The children had been busy practicing their routines at school.

'Dance can have a powerful effect on people's lives and we want to see the physical, emotional, mental and social benefits of dance extended to as many children as possible. Dance makes an enormous contribution to our physical, social and creative health and wellbeing'.

Arts Council UK

Other ways we have been keeping active at school are with Mr Keegan, who came and delivered another one of his Karate workshops with the whole school taking turns. Also planned we have Mr Miller, Game On and Yoga Workshops.

Wellbeing Healthy Snack

A suggestion for a healthy snack - grilled tin pineapple. Simply place the tinned pineapple chunks under the grill and there you have them. They taste delicious!





Class Trips

Today, the Nursery have been on their trip to St Albans Cathedral. Later in the week we have the Y1 trip to College Lake and the Y2 trip to Affinity Water. We are excited to hear all about their adventures!



Reminders

The children are permitted to wear summer school uniform now. Please pack their sun hats and apply sun tan lotion before school if a sunny day is forecast.

You are reminded that only one keyring is allowed to be attached to your child's book bag.

If your child uses an inhaler in school, please check that it is in date.

Do not let your children play or walk along the wall in the car park outside the front of the school before and after school. The wall is high and they may fall.

Your co-operation on all of the above is appreciated.

Breakfast Club

We are taking bookings for next half term for the Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am until 8.30am Mon – Fri before school. The children are offered a healthy breakfast and take part in fun activities. Please pay via WisePay. Contact the office if you would like a place for your child. The club costs £6 per session.

Job Vacancy

We are looking for a person to join our team of lunchtime supervisors (MSAs), to work every weekday between 11.30 and 1.00pm. For more information, please email the school admin@swinggate.herts.sch.uk or phone 01442 863913.

Dates for your diary:

Go Green, Clean Air Day (20th June)

Games Day at Thomas Coram and Family Picnic at Swing Gate (9th July, reserve 10th July)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy half term. Enjoy the holiday and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 3rd June.

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