

NEWSLETTER

Open Evening – Annual Reports – Monday 14th July 6-7.00pm

On Monday the 14th July we will be holding our Open Evening when you can come to school and see your child's work from the year. Each classroom will have a range of the children's work on display including their Big Writing Books. Writing has been a big push this year and we are really proud of the progress the children have made. You will be able to meet your child's new class teacher and have a look around their new classroom.

Your child's annual report will also be available on the evening. If you are unable to attend your child will receive their report on the Tuesday

Final Assembly of the Year

We will be holding a final assembly on the last day before the summer holidays – Friday the 18th of July. At this assembly we will say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and also give out final certificates for the year. Parents of children in year 6 are warmly invited to attend our final assembly. The assembly will start at 9.00am.

KS1/KS2 Base Trip

On Tuesday the KS1 and KS2 bases went to visit Pizza Express, Radlett. The children got the chance to make their own Pizza. First they squished the ball of dough into a flat round shape. Then they made the crusts of the pizza by pressing the dough with their flat fingers. After that it was time to spread the tomato paste over the dough by patting the pan. Finally the cheese was sprinkled all over. When we got back to school we tucked into our pizza. They were soooooo tasty! Thank you pizza expresss.



Staff Leavers

Unfortunately this is the time of year when we have to say goodbye to children and staff who are leaving.

Kate Moyse who has worked at the school for 6 years will be leaving to take up deputy headship in a larger school closer to home. She has supported many children and families through her role as SENCo at the school.

Jo Thomson who has worked at the school for 6 years will be leaving the school to work at a school closer to her new home. Jo became part of the senior leadership of the school two years ago and has transformed Reception.

Heather Woodward has worked at the school for the past 6 years and is currently working part time. She will be leaving at the end of the term to spend more time with her little boy.

Moira McCarthy has worked at the school for 3 years and will be leading to broaden her experience.

Grace Colhoun has worked at the school for 2 years will be leaving to work in the private sector.

Sharon Goldstone has worked at the school for 6 years as a specialist SEN teacher. She has helped many children in her time at the school, she is leaving to take on further study.

Maria Hughes has worked at the school for 5 years as a TA and is leaving to take up a role closer to her new home.

I would like to thank all the staff who are leaving for their hard work and dedication and wish them well in their new ventures.

Vacancies

MSA (5hrs/wk)

Due to the government's universal free school meal initiative we need to recruit additional lunchtime staff. The role entails supporting children in the dining room and also outside with their play.

If you can spare an hour at lunchtime please come and speak to the office.

Gentle Reminder

Please can I ask that pre-school children are kept off the emergency exit stairs outside the year 6 classrooms. These stairs do pose a risk to children particularly if they fall. We have put up signs, however children are still climbing them putting themselves at risk. Please can all parents ensure that they know where their children are at all times.

Music Lessons

Please let the office know if your child would like to learn to play the Trumpet or Guitar as we have spaces. These lessons are available for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The current cost per term is £66.00.

Headlice

Headlice:- We have had several cases of headlice reported in school this term. Can I please remind you that it is vitally important to check your child's hair regularly. If your child has headlice then it is important to; not only treat their hair, but also everyone else in the immediate family. The best method of controlling and eradicating headlice is to apply conditioner to your child's hair and comb with a special headlice comb. These are available cheaply from local chemists.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I would like to thank the vast majority of parents for ensuring that their children are always in school with the correct uniform. Children must have the appropriate coloured school uniform – bottle green jumper/gingham dress/white polo-shirt with black or grey trousers/skirt. Children are only allowed to wear black school shoes or black trainers. Multicoloured socks, tights, footwear, jumpers etc. are not school uniform. We trust you will support us with making the whole school look smart in school colours.

Just to remind you that our logoed school uniform can be purchased from Stevensons; they have a shop in St Albans that you can visit, try clothes on and purchase at the same time, or follow the link on our website, or ring them on 01727 853262 / 814350 where they are happy to post items out to you (this will incur a postage charge). They accept cash and credit/debit cards in payment, they do not accept cheques.

Sports Presentation Evening

Key stage 2 Sports Presentation Evening is taking place on Wednesday 16th July 2014 from 5pm to 6.30pm. Pupils who qualify to attend Sports Presentation Evening will receive an invitation letter on Monday. Further information will be detailed in the invitation letter.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2TS with 98.5% attendance and in KS2 5MM with 100%.... WELL DONE 2TS and 5MM.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	98.5
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper/Heather Woodward	100	97.7
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	96.4
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	94.8
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	91.3
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	90.7

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	100
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	99
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	98.2
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	96.3
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	93.6
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	93.2
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	91.7
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	87.5

Summer Term Dates

14 th July	Year 5 Taster Day at Hertswood
14 th July	Open Evening – Reports to go out
16 th July	Sports Presentation Evening
18 th July	End of Term 2pm Finish

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