

## NEWSLETTER

We had a fantastic turn out for Parent Consultations this week. Thank you for all of the parents who were able to attend. If you were unable to attend then please see your child's class teacher to make a mutually convenient appointment to discuss your child's progress. Thank you for your continuing support – it is important that we work closely together to provide the very best education for your child.

**SAFETY**

Can I remind parents to ensure that children are supervised as they walk through the staff car park. We have a number of children delivered by taxi in the morning so there are cars entering and exiting the car park in the morning. Please help us to keep all of the children safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Assembly**

This half term year 1's topic has been Roald Dahl. This morning 1PC took us on a journey through the magical world of Roald Dahl in their assembly to show us some of the work they have done linked to the different stories they have read. This included descriptions of characters such as Grandma from George's Marvellous Medicine and models of The Enormous Crocodile. The children also showed us the sweets they had designed to be made in Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and the dreams they had created for the BFG to deliver.'

**Homework Club for KS2 Children**

Just a reminder for parents and carers that there is a Homework Club every Monday between 12-12.30pm. It is important that children complete their homework by the due date. Please encourage them to complete their homework at home. However if they need extra support with their homework, staff are available to help at Homework Club. All the resources they need are also available.

**Holidays During Term Time**

Holidays in term time have a direct impact on children's learning. Children can miss vital parts of the curriculum which may not be covered again until the following year. This can have a negative impact on their confidence in the classroom and create gaps in learning.

As a school we would encourage parents to arrange holidays out of term time. Absence in term time will only be authorised after an interview with the headteacher. All requests will be dealt with on an individual basis looking at reason for absence and previous attendance record. I am sure you will agree that good attendance is vital to ensure children make as much progress as possible.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support.

**Nursery Admissions for September 2014**

Admissions will open for you to apply for your child to go into Nursery on Monday.

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 can register for a Nursery School place for next September. The deadline for applications is 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014. If you would like to look around the school please contact the school office to make an appointment.

For further information log on to [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)

For those of you who do not have internet access you are very welcome to use a computer in the school. If you would like any help please ask any member of the school office. **The closing date for applications is 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014.**

**Message from Community Action Hertsmeare Activities for Half-Term**

Date/Time	Activity	Cost	Contact
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 5.30pm until 6.30pm	Youth Club Drop In	FREE	Emma 07565 533 874 Keely 07565 537 552
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 11 am until 1 pm	Play rangers (farriers)	FREE	Emma 07565 533 874 Keely 07565 537 552
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2pm until 4pm	Play rangers (Ripon Park)	FREE	Emma 07565 533 874 Keely 07565 537 552
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 10am until 4 pm	Invention Course *BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL*	£5 Per Family	TO BOOK Sue or Maureen 01442 234 600
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 10 am until 4 pm	Paper Arts and Crafts *BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL*	£5 Per Family	TO BOOK Sue or Maureen 01442 234 600
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 5 pm until 6pm	Mad Science Workshop *BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL*	£1 per child	TO BOOK Emma 07565 533 874 Keely 07565 537 552
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 9am until 3pm	Science Museum Trip *MUST BRING A PACKED LUNCH* *BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL*	£5 per adult Children FREE	TO BOOK Emma 07565 533 874 Keely 07565 537 552 *LIMITED SPACES*

For any queries regarding any of the above or any queries regarding events at Farriers Way Community Centre Please Contact  
Emma 07565 533 874 or Keely 07565 537 552

## Sports Partnership Gymnastics Finals

On Tuesday our 3/4 Gymnastics Team competed in the Sports Partnership Finals. They had to perform a floor routine which included a range of rolls, jumps, arabesques and cartwheels. As well as the floor routine they had to perform a springboard and vault routine. All members of the team performed incredibly well and scored extremely high marks. The high quality performance was noted by the judges with our team scoring 9.5s and perfect 10s. They won the tournament and have progressed through to the County Finals. Well done to everyone who competed.

## We want Books!

Do you or any of your friends or family have any children's books at home which you no longer use?

We are trying to expand our fiction and non-fiction libraries and would be very pleased to receive donations of good quality books. We are in particular looking for fiction (story) books for our older children – those suitable for children aged 9+ - and information books suitable for children aged 5 to 11. All books must be in very good condition please.

If you are able to donate any books, please bring them into the office making clear that they are donations for the library, for the attention of Mrs. Harris.

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is R-JT with 98.3% attendance and in KS2 5MM with 97.4%.... WELL DONE R-JT and 3MN.

Group – Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	98.3
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	97.6
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	97.3
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	94
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	92.6
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper/Heather Woodward	100	92.6

Group – KS2	Possible	% Attend
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	97.4
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	97.1
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	96.4
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	96.1
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	95.7
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	95.4
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	94.1
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	88.8

## Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

If you shop at Sainsburys please accept the Active Kids Vouchers they are handing out and bring them into school.

## Lost Property

We have a large collection of lost property .... please come and reclaim any lost items from outside the medical room.

## Class Assemblies

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am	2JG
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am	Reception - GC
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March at 9.15am	1YN
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am	Nursery

## Spring Term Dates

Nursery Admissions Open for September 2014	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Half-Term	17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Assessment Week	w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Secondary Places Offered for Year 6 Children	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Year 1 Trip to the Roald Dahl Museum	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Swimming Gala	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Non-School Uniform for Red Nose Day	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Gala Concert at the Royal Albert Hall	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Science Week	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Chess Match @ Samuel Ryder	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Governor Day	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Science Evening	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Nursery Admissions Close	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Year 4 - Egyptian Day	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Full Governing Body Meeting	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
KS1/2 Base Trip to Dinosaur Safari Adventure Golf	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Girls Football Tournament	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Finish at 2pm for the Easter Holidays	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April

Jon Hood  
**Headteacher**