

NEWSLETTER

Parking Promise

We launched our Parking Promise Initiative last Friday to encourage parents to park safely and considerately. We had support from local Police Community Support Officers, Parking Control Officers and also Local Authority Road Safety Officer before school at both entrances to the school. The children had a special assembly looking at how we can keep everyone safe. I know parking can be a real issue around the school at drop off and pick up times, particularly as places to park are limited. The more considerate our parking is then the safer our children will be. Taking time to park just a little further away can really help congestion around the school at these peak times. Thank you to all of the parents that have already signed up to the Parking Promise!

**Christmas**

The Christmas productions are well underway. Foundation stage and Keystage 1 have been working very hard on their productions and the dress rehearsals are fast approaching.

Keystage 2 will be holding a Carol Concert after school on Thursday next week. Please come and join us in the hall starting at 3.15pm. It might be a tight squeeze, but hopefully we will all get in! This will mean that normal pickup time will be delayed until 3.45pm. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our celebrations next week.

Assembly

On Friday 12th Class 3CM gave a fantastic assembly, showing off all they have learnt this term. Highlights included a new scene from *The Twits* by Roald Dahl that the children had written themselves and also some fascinating facts about Stone Age life. Well done 3CM

End of Term

Next Friday is the last day of the school term ... school will close at 2pm.

Year 3 Stone Age Day

On Wednesday this week Year Three were treated to a surprise visit from Pre-historic Britain. A single man made the trip and was happy to teach the children all about how Stone Age people first came to this country. He went on to lead the children in some exciting activities, such as finding out how people from the Stone Age killed a mammoth! The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was a great experience.

Christmas Truce

Our Girls and Boys Football teams uniting to commemorate the 1914 Christmas Truce. The iconic Christmas match, during which soldiers put down their weapons, is being marked a century on across the footballing community. To find out more visit our school website or www.thefa.com .

Lost Property

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

Any items unclaimed on Wednesday will be on display outside the office and can be taken for a small donation to school. All items not claimed by the 19th December will be given to charity.

School Meal Charges for the Spring Term

The meal charges for the Spring Term are:

Cost per day for Nursery Children	£2.05
Costing for Junior Children	
Cost per day	£2.15
Per Week	£10.75
First Half of the Spring Term (29 days)	£62.35
Whole of the Spring Term (58 days)	£124.70
Fun-day Friday for the Whole Term	£23.65

Please use your wisePAY account to pay for dinner money. If you have lost your user name and password please speak to the school office. Thank you.

Emergency Closure Plan in the Event of Severe Weather Conditions

Our aim is to stay open However in the event of severe weather conditions we always follow the Hertfordshire County Council guidelines. The decision to close is taken by the Headteacher based on the local conditions, an assessment of the risk, staffing issues, transport issues and County guidance.

If a decision is taken to close the school we will follow the County's notification process and this information will be posted on their website at www.hertsdirect.org. HCC will also inform the following radio station:-

BBC 3 Counties on 103.8 FM

A Parentmail text message will be sent informing parents of the closure. It is vital, therefore, that we have up to date telephone numbers. If you have changed your telephone number, please ensure that this information is given to the school's Admin Team. Information about reopening the school will be communicated in exactly the same way.

Message for all Nursery Parents

Primary admissions are now open for you to apply for your child to go into reception in September 2015.

Children born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 need to register for a Primary School place for next September. Apply online before the 15th January 2015 at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions.

If you would like to look around the school please contact the school office to make an appointment. If you need any help with your application please talk to Mrs Scott or a member of the office team. **The closing date for applications is 15th January 2015.**

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2TS with 91% attendance and in KS2 6YS with 95.2%.... WELL DONE 2TS and 6YS.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	91
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	89.6
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	88.7
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	86.8
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	86.7
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	83.5

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	95.2
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	93.3
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	90.6
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	90
Year 4 - June Boothe/Donna Lees	100	88.8
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	88.3
Year 5 - Joe Suckling	100	85.4
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	80.4

Autumn Term Dates

16 th December	Nursery & Reception Production at 10am
16 th December	Year 1 & 2 Performance at 1.30pm
17 th December	Nursery & Reception Production at 2pm
17 th December	Christmas Dinner
17 th December	Year 1 & 2 Performance at 6.30pm
18 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at 3.15pm
19 th December	School Finishes for the Christmas Holidays at 2pm

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