

## NEWSLETTER

### Assembly

2TS held their class assembly on the Great Fire of London which was informative as well as fun. Children acted out different scenes from that fateful night and read out some of their own diary entries, imagining they were actually there! At the end of the assembly, they performed a polished dance routine to Katie Perry's Firework song. They demonstrated how much they have learnt about this topic and how much they enjoyed it!

### Clubs for Children in Year 1 to 6

**Clubs are due to start on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January and not the 19<sup>th</sup> January. Apologies for any inconvenience. Letters saying what club your child has will come home with them next week.**

**Thank you.**

### Contact Details

If you have changed your telephone number or address and haven't informed the office can you please let them know.

We have sent a couple of text messages out this week if you didn't receive one then your mobile number may be incorrect on Parentmail; we can amend this if you let us know. Thank you.

### Lego

If you have any unwanted LEGO or DUPLO LEGO can you please donate it to the school? We will use this resource for our Lego Therapy. Thank you.

### Problem Solving Skills

To encourage your involvement in developing children's problem solving skills, we will be sending home a letter with our 'problem for the half-term'. These problems are fun to do and will create a healthy competition as well as challenge for all our budding mathematicians. There are different ones for children in Early Years, KS1 and KS2. And here is the one for parents:

If three cats catch three rats in three minutes, how long does it take four hundred cats to catch hundred rats?

Look out for the answer in our next newsletter where the first parent/ carer to leave the correct answer in an envelope addressed to Mrs Soyel will get a mention.

### Nursery Bubble Workshop

Nursery have been developing their exploring and investigation skills this week in a special 'Bubble' workshop. They investigated what happens when they blow hard or soft, far away and close up creating bubbles with household objects and bubble painting. The children explored creating bubbles with different triangles, squares and stars observing what would happen.

A special thank you to everyone involved the children had a fabulous time.

## Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January from 8.45am**. This is open to **parents and carers of children in Year 2**. As well as an opportunity for an informal chat we will be talking about universal free school meals and how you can support us in claiming for Pupil Premium if you are eligible. The year two team will be sharing how you can support your child's learning. If you are attending please come through the main reception.

## Headlice

**Headlice:-** We have had several cases of headlice reported in school already 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 or the school office for a £1.

## Foundation Stage Reminders

Can all children in Reception and Nursery please bring in wellington boots and spare clothes. The children access the Early Years Curriculum both indoors and outdoors. We also engage in Forest School activities - your child may miss out on these opportunities if not fully equipped.

All children in Reception need to bring in their P.E kits - can you please check they have clothing for indoors and outdoors as well as the correct footwear.

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2JG with 97.7% attendance and in KS2 3MN with 100%.... WELL DONE 2JG and 3MN.

Group - Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	97.7
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	97
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	95.3
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	95
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	93.5
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	93.2

Group - KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	100
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	97.9
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	97.4
Year 4 - June Boother/Donna Lees	100	96.9
Year 3 - Lisa Mulvihill	100	95
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	95
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	94.1
Year 5 - Katie Newell	100	90.8

## Message from Public Health England on Meningitis C Vaccine

Rates of Meningococcal Disease are highest in children under 5 although all ages can be affected. The disease peaks in children under one with a second peak in cases in young people aged between 15 and 19. Most cases occur in the winter months.

### When is Meningitis C vaccine given?

Men C vaccination is a routine part of the childhood vaccination programme and is given at

- 3 months
- 12 months
- 13 to 15 years

The two doses of vaccine given in the first year ensure babies develop good immunity to protect them through their early years. Giving a booster at 13 to 15 years extends a child's protection into early adulthood.

Meningitis C vaccine has an excellent safety record

For a free symptoms card or mobile app please go to [www.meningitisapp.co.uk](http://www.meningitisapp.co.uk).

## 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](http://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.

## Speedstacking Champions!

On Tuesday our Year 4 Speedstacking squad competed in the Sports Partnership Cluster Tournament. Our pupils competed in 3,3,3 and 3,6,3 relay races with points being awarded for the fastest times. Our squad were fantastic winning 5 out of 6 races which resulted in us winning the tournament and progressing through to the Partnership Finals.

## PE Kits

There have been a number of children who are coming into school with inappropriate attire for PE. Woollen jumpers, below the knee length coats, boots, school shoes and ballet shoes are not permitted for PE. Pupils may wear a jumper or sports jacket- school coats are not appropriate. Please ensure your child has correct PE kit for every lesson. Failure to have correct PE kit will result in your child being unable to participate within the lesson. Girls who wear tights must have a spare pair of socks, hair must be tied back and jewellery removed or taped. If your child is unable to participate in the lesson due to illness or injury then a letter must be provided prior to the lesson.

PE Kit: Black shorts, white t-shirt and trainers. In the winter months pupils may bring a plain tracksuit to wear over the top of their kit (tracksuit trousers, hoodie, jumper)

## Autumn/Spring Term Dates

22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 2 trip to Aldenham Country Park
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 6AP to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Holocaust Memorial @ Bushey Academy
28 <sup>th</sup> January	3.15-6pm Chess Tournament @ Mount Grace
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Finance & Personnel Governors Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Full Governors Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Bug Buster Day
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Parents Meeting - Coffee Morning
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6YS to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Cycle Training
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Author - Katy Morgan @ Hertswood (Year 6 girls)
5 <sup>th</sup> February	School Disco - 1.15pm to 2.45pm - FSU - 4pm to 5.30pm Year 1, 2 & 3 - 6pm to 7.30pm Year 4, 5 & 6
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6AP to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Nursery Admissions open for September 2015 places
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6YS to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-Term
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings 12.30pm to 4pm
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.10pm to 6pm
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultation Meetings 5pm to 8pm
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6AP to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 6 parents receive Secondary Place Allocations from Admissions
4 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Base Trip to the Radlett Centre to see Room on the Broom
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 to the Chiltern Open Air Museum
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6YS to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop

13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6AP to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
17 <sup>th</sup> March	MAD Science in
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 to visit Paradise Wildlife Park
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Setpoint 'Lighting it Up workshop'
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Chess Tournament at Mount Grace
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Governor Visit Day
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Evening 6-7pm
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery Admissions for September 2015 close
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Setpoint 'Light & Dark Workshop'
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governors Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Science Technology Event at Woodlands
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Singing Sherlock Performance at The Ark Theatre 7.30pm to 9pm
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 trip to Roman Verulamium
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Finishes for Easter Holidays at 2pm

## Class Assemblies

	9.15am	9.45am
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	3MN	2JG
30 <sup>th</sup> January	5DP	1YN
6 <sup>th</sup> February	6AP	1KW
27 <sup>th</sup> February	6YS	Reception - SD
6 <sup>th</sup> March	5KN	Reception - KG
13 <sup>th</sup> March	4EF	Nursery
20 <sup>th</sup> March	4JB	-
27 <sup>th</sup> March	3LM	-

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