



Mary Exton News



Autumn Term

Newsletter 2

1st October 2018

Dear All,

British Values Week

Last week was British Values week in school and the theme was “Democracy in Action”. It was a very busy and action packed week for all involved. The children enjoyed creating persuasive speeches and posters as well as working as a whole school to create a fabulous piece of art work of the Union Jack flag. The children’s writing will be displayed around the school for the rest of the half term so do look out for it at parents evening. On Thursday and Friday all children were involved in the democratic election of their school council representatives and for the first time the Year 6 children who wished to be considered for a School Council Leader position of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, were invited to present their persuasive speeches in front of the whole school during assembly on Friday. The children from Years 1 to 6 then voted for their preferred candidate. On Friday afternoon the election results were announced and we are pleased to welcome the following children on to the school council this year:

School Council Leaders	Freya, Leila, Matthew & Siam
Year 1 Class Representatives	Coby & Lucy
Year 2 Class Representatives	Amelia & Billy
Year 3 Class Representatives	Evie & Teddy W
Year 4 Class Representatives	Mattia & Zeta
Year 5 Class Representatives	Arianna & Enris
Year 6 Class Representatives	Alex & Lauren

As a special addition to the end of British Values Week the children very much enjoyed taking part in the MacMillan Coffee Morning. Thank you very much for all the kind cake donations and to everyone who sent their child with a monetary donation. We are very pleased to announce that we raised a grand total of £196.50

Due to the large quantity of generous cake donations there were a number left over after all the children and grown-ups had selected their break time treat. These were packed up into two hampers and were donated to Benslow Nursing Home and Milford Lodge Care Home in Hitchin. Both care homes were very grateful for the donations towards their own MacMillan events.

Assessment Evening – Phonics (Reception & Year 1) and SATS (Years 2 and 6)

On Wednesday we are holding our Assessment evening – please see the letter emailed on Friday. You do not have to sign up to attend – please come along on Wednesday if you are able to. Information from the evening will be available on the school website next week.

Parents Evening

Last week the online booking system opened for our Parents Evenings which take place next week. Please log on to book your appointment. Should you have any queries, then please contact the school office. As with last Autumn, we will be holding our book sponsorship event alongside parents evening. If you would like to sponsor a book for the school library, please bring along some money. Books will range from £3.00 to £10.00. Thank you in advance.

Staffing News

I am pleased to announce that Mr Peter Woolston has been appointed as our permanent Site Manager, and he will also be joining the Admin team. As mentioned in July, we have a change in email address for the school

office. For any day to day queries, including attendance, school dinners, uniform, trips and any changes to pick up arrangements, please use office@maryexton.herts.sch.uk as this is the address that Mrs Standing and Mr Woolston will be accessing on a daily basis.

PTA AGM

Thank you to those who attended the AGM last week – it was lovely to see you all. As per our email at the end of the week, unfortunately we were unable to appoint a Chairperson or Treasurer. Please take a look at the Parent Mail from last week and if you are able to help or offer any time, please do not hesitate to give us a call to discuss any of the positions.

New Uniform & Badges

Following on from the popularity of the new iron on badges, we have now had our second delivery. Please order by using the order form which can be found in the main entrance of school. Once we have received an order we will process as soon as we are able to, usually on a Wednesday.

Diary Dates & Website

Diary Dates will be sent out with each newsletter and are also being added to the school website. Currently the website is up to date for diary dates until Spring 2019, and I will shortly update for the remainder of the academic year.

Easyfundraising

As we approach the time of year where there is a great deal of online shopping taking place, please think of us and help Mary Exton raise free funds today by shopping online via easyfundraising.org.uk. Different retailers donate a different percentage, and so far we have raised over £500 by using Easyfundraising. It's simple to use and doesn't cost you a penny! Please use the link below.



Reading Books

Over the summer we have had an audit of our reading books. For consistency we have adopted the colour book banding system which is used by the majority of schools and educational book publishers. This means we have dispensed with the old animal banding system. Teachers will match children to the relevant colour band of book based on their previous animal band.

Lost Property

Lost Property is now located in the main entrance should you need to check for any mis-placed items. We will also be placing items on a table near the main entrance on a regular basis for you to check.

Hitchin's Big Green Litter Pick

Please find attached a flyer for the biggest litter pick that Hitchin has ever had. If you are free on 21st October between 10 and 12pm go along and join the teams to help clean up Hitchin. You may even find a prize. If you and your children do join the event please encourage them to tell their class teacher so that they can share in Key Stage assembly that week.

Angharad Paterson

Headteacher

W/B		Gold Book	W/B		Gold Book
10 th September 2018	Year 1: Year 2: Year 3: Year 4: Year 5: Year 6:	Noah & Joshua Lola & Billy Isla & Ryan Ishan & Ava Enris & Ellie-Mae Kaira & Matthew	17 th September 2018	Year 1: Year 2: Year 3: Year 4: Year 5: Year 6:	Dominic & Coby Atreya & Tilda Mallory & Ewan Mattia & Rose Rory & James Jack & Maya