



5th October 2018

DIARY DATES

October 2018

- Mon 8th Oct
Animal Visit Year 1
- Tues 9th Oct
15.40 -18.00
Parents Evening
- Thurs 11th Oct
PE coaching
- Thurs 11th Oct
18:00 – 20:00
Parents Evening
- Fri 12th Oct
15:05 – 17:15
FoSG Film Night
- Mon 15th Oct
Traffic Survey
- Mon 22nd Oct
Voles Class train trip
- Tues 23rd Oct
PE Workshop KS1
- Wed 24th Oct
PE Workshop EYFS
- Thurs 25th Oct
Owls and Squirrels
class train trip
- Thurs 25th Oct
FoSG Christmas Card
deadline
- Fri 26th October
INSET Day
- Mon 29th Oct
Half term
- Mon 5th Nov
Return to school

Harvest Assembly

Yesterday we held our Harvest Festival. The day was appropriately autumnal and the walk to the church enjoyable. The singing, art work and contributions by the children were fantastic. I would like to thank *you* for your attendance, it was wonderful to see so many of you there and hearing your voices raised in song. The children responded very well to David, the minister from Northchurch and we were very fortunate to have him led the service. Thank you also for your kind donations to DENS.



Gardening

We have received donations of plants for the school. The children took great delight in bedding the new plants and getting muddy in the process. Thank you to the parents that donated plants to the school.



Shared Reading

Last week we opened our doors in the Foundation Stage Unit for shared reading. This was across all three Foundation Stage Classes and provided an opportunity for Parents, Grandparents and Carers to come in and read to the children. Keep a lookout on the website or in the class window for the date of the next reading sessions.



Attend and Achieve

The proud winners of the Attend and Achieve cup for September are **Squirrels Class** with an attendance of 98.7 %

- Foxes with 98.4 %
- Badgers with 98.0 %
- Hedgehogs with 97.8 %
- Rabbits with 97.6 %
- Owls with 97.4 %
- Voles with 94.9 %.

Marketing

The marketing team has very been busy. You may have already noticed the new banners and this new format for the newsletter. They have produced a new A-Z prospectus ready for the open mornings which start next week. They have put up flyers and posters around the town. Well done, and thank you.



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

'Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.'

Anon

Lunch Box Challenge

Last term Year 2 went on a class trip to visit Affinity Water. They set the school a challenge to produce zero waste for landfill during lunch time. We are proud to announce that we were one of four schools to produce zero waste and we were presented with an award last week.



Living Eggs

Year 1 children were excited and very fortunate to be able to observe real chicks hatching from their eggs for the last two weeks. This is the 'Super Starter' for the Amazing Animals theme.

All children in school were given an opportunity to visit and observe the chicks.



Data Collection Sheets, Consent Forms and Flu Vaccination forms

If you have not already do so, please take the time to complete these forms and return them to the school office urgently. This is important as we need to make sure that we have the correct information on our records. In line with the Government policy, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', we need a minimum of two contacts for each child.

Traffic Survey

There will be a traffic survey on Monday 15th October. There will be representatives from Herts County wearing High Vis jackets near the school. Please be aware of them and park responsibly.

Open days

We will be hosting a number of open days shortly for prospective Reception Swing Gate children. The dates are:-
Wednesday 10th October,
Tuesday 23rd October,
Friday 9th November,
Monday 26th November,
Wednesday 12th December and
Thursday 10th January.

Please contact the school office if you want to visit the school or you think someone might be interested in joining our Swing Gate Family.

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