



Mary Exton News



Summer Term Newsletter 3

8th June 2018

Dear All,

Staffing Update

We appreciate at this time of year everyone is eager to know who will be teaching in which year groups in September. This information will be shared with you as soon as the Leadership Team have finalised the details.

This week we welcome back Mrs Choudhury following her maternity leave. Until the end of term, she will be working across the year groups and will be class based from September.

Sadly, at the end of term we will be saying good-bye to Mrs Paine, who tendered her resignation during half-term. Mrs Paine has been part of the Mary Exton team for many years and we wish her all the very best as she moves to work with the Hertfordshire Music Service.

This week we have also welcomed two new members of staff: Mrs Sarah Standing has joined the Office Team and will be working during the afternoons as an Administration Assistant and Mr Peter Woolston will be supporting Mary Exton as Site Manager for the remainder of the school term.

I am sure you will all make Mrs Choudhury, Mrs Standing and Mr Woolston welcome!

Crossing Survey

A number of parents have expressed their concern in relation to road safety at the bottom of Wymondley Road. A petition has been set up by one of our parents with the aim of gaining an additional crossing created in order to ensure the safety of our families travelling to school. Please take a few minutes to complete this using the link below:

<https://cmis.hertsdirect.org/hertfordshire/Petitions/tabid/140/ID/209/New-crossing-for-Wymondley-Road-Hitchin.aspx>

Thank you for Sports Day

Congratulations to Kipling as the winners of this year's Sports Day! Despite a cold morning, everyone had great fun and enjoyed supporting one another. Thank you all for coming and a special thank you to Miss Krishman for organising the morning.

Stranger Danger

We have had reports of two members of the public who have been seen hanging around the main entrance of the school during drop off and pick up times. This has been reported to the police. We felt that this information should be shared with yourselves so that you can be vigilant. Should your child usually walk home alone, but would prefer them to be collected, please contact the School Office.

Dinner Money Letters

You should all now have received your dinner money letters. Please can you ensure these are paid via the School Gateway if at all possible, and in a timely manner.

Gaining Gold!

We have been awarded the Gold Standard for Early Years Education. The award recognises the high quality provision in our Reception Class. Achievement of the Gold Standard has involved a year-long project where both the children and parents have benefitted from parent information sessions on phonics, maths and writing to help support the child at home, fun child and parent workshops for writing and maths, as well as extensive regeneration of our outdoor classroom. The new, vibrant outdoor classroom further encourages the active and personalised approach to Early Years education that we encourage as a school. We would like to especially thank the children, parents and the EYFS team for all their enthusiasm and hard work in obtaining this award. Well done everyone!

Diary Dates

Over the past month, there have been concerns raised that parents have not been given dates and times of events far enough in advance. We are endeavouring to ensure that dates are shared with you at the earliest opportunity and ask that you check the diary dates which are sent out with each Newsletter. Please bear with us as the website is being updated.

Y1 Phonics

Next week sees the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test. Thank you to those who came along to the Phonics Screening Meeting this week. Should you have any further questions, please speak to Miss Graddon. Mrs Choudhury will be supporting within the Year 1 class whilst Miss Graddon carries out the screening itself.

PTA Meeting

This week's PTA meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday 12th June in the Mill Stream Pub at 7:30pm. Please do attend if you are able to. During the meeting the up-coming summer events will be planned.

PTA – Non-Uniform Day – Friday 6th July

The children are invited to attend school on Friday 6th July wearing non-uniform. In return the children are being asked for a "sweet cup" donation. The children will be provided with a cup and a lid that can be decorated and filled with sweets. These will be sold at the PTA Summer Event.

Angharad Paterson

Headteacher

W/B		Gold Book	W/B		Gold Book
14 th May 2018	Reception:	Tamanda and Jaxon	21 st May 2018	Reception:	Dominic and Alex
	Year 1:	Ella and Finn		Year 1:	Emma and Annabel
	Year 2:	May and Mallory		Year 2:	All for SATs week
	Year 3:	Jordan and Noah		Year 3:	Anjli and Cole
	Year 4:	Yahya and Cameron		Year 4:	Anouk and Keira
	Year 5:	Kaira and Lauren		Year 5:	Leila and Jack D
	Year 6:	All for SATs week		Year 6:	Lottie and Oscar

4th June 2018	Reception:	Coby and Jaxon
	Year 1:	Ivy and Benjie
	Year 2:	Oren and Orlaith
	Year 3:	Ele'Na, Honey and Niah
	Year 4:	Yahya and Enris
	Year 5:	Michael and Reuben
	Year 6:	Residential Week