

# Newsletter



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26<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term has continued really well, after a great start, and it has been a pleasure to give out a number of Gold Headteacher awards for fantastic work and excellent behaviour. This week, our highlight has been Art Day – the children’s work has been amazing and we can’t wait to display it around the school. Hopefully, you will have an opportunity to see it at the Parent Teacher consultations on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February; details on booking appointments will be coming out soon.



## PTFA Events

Thank you for supporting our PTFA Big Breakfast both to our customers and helpers. It was a very cold morning, and I really appreciated everyone’s hard work and enthusiasm! Thank you to our former chair of the PTFA – Colin Argent, who also helped out on the barbecue, alongside Charlie, our current chair.

All of the money raised by the PTFA goes toward providing ‘extras’ for the children. This includes subsidising the cost of trips and visits, to enable them to go ahead, as well as items such as the climbing frames and mini bus. We are currently saving toward new play equipment for the school field. The next PTFA meeting will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.00 p.m. and the next PTFA event will be ‘Boozy Bingo’ on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.



## Hitchin Partnership Secondary Transition Conference

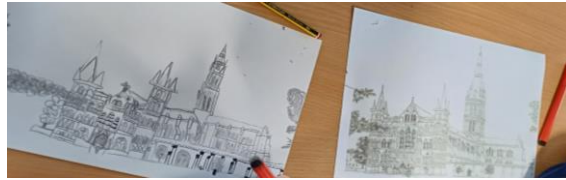
After eating our bacon rolls, Hattie, Albert and I headed off to the Priory School last Friday, to attend a Secondary Transition Conference. This included children from Years 6 and 7, representing their schools, to share information about the transition from Primary to Secondary School. Firstly, the Year 7s gave presentations about key aspects of the school day and organisation, including top tips for success, with an opportunity for questions. Then, after a refreshment break (with excellent biscuits!), the Year 6 children were able to meet with the secondary school pupils to find out more, and ask any questions they had been given by their classmates before they came.

Back at school, the children then fed back about their morning. It was a really interesting and enjoyable morning, and I was very proud of the way Hattie and Albert represented our school with impeccable behaviour.



## Nursery Admissions

The Nursery Admissions form goes live on 31<sup>st</sup> January; here is the link: [Codicote C of E Primary School » Admissions](#) If your child will have their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, you are able to apply for a place in our nursery. If you would like to come and visit, you would be most welcome to arrange a date, via the School Office.



### Art Day



We all look forward to Art Day, and this year certainly lived up to our very high expectations! The artist we studied was Stephen Wiltshire. Stephen Wiltshire is an amazing cityscape artist, known for drawing intricate global skylines. Honoured as a Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to art, his artworks grace museums worldwide. When he was three he was diagnosed with autism. At just five, he began drawing lifelike, accurate impressions of cities, skylines and street scenes after having only observed them briefly. At only eight years old, the UK Prime Minister owned one of his pieces. Stephen's mantra is 'Do the best you can and never stop' which was the message of the day!

The children took part in a wide range of activities related to the day, producing some stunning work. I will post pictures of the day on the school website. Miss Grainger – Art Coordinator, sent an email to Stephen to tell him about the work we were doing, and was delighted to get an email back, from his sister, who runs his account, saying that he was away at the moment, but would be in touch when he returned!



A huge thank you to Miss Grainger, for organising the day, to the staff for planning lovely activities for the children, and to our helpers on the day.



### School visits and outings

To help with planning finances, these are the class trips which have been booked for the rest of the school year, so far, for which there will be a cost to parents/carers.

| Date              | Trip   |
|-------------------|--|
| 29.2.24           | Year 5 to St. Albans                         |
| 13.3.24           | Year 1 to RAF Museum, Hendon                 |
| 14.3.24           | Year 3 to Hertford Museum                    |
| 25.3.24           | Year 4 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo             |
| 07.5.24 – 08.5.24 | Year 5 residential trip to Tolmers Camp      |
| 22.5.24           | Year 2 trip to the Gunpowder Mills           |
| 23.5.24           | Year 6 visit to Harry Potter World           |
| 17.6.24 – 21.6.24 | Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight |
| Summer term       | Year 2 swimming                              |



### Cross Country Running

Good luck to our running team, who will be taking part in the Hertfordshire Schools Cross Country Running Championships on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February! We will let you know how they get on...



### **Internet Safety Day**

Internet safety is a thread which runs throughout the computing curriculum to equip the children with the information they need to stay safe online. There is also a national e-safety day every year, and on 6<sup>th</sup> February, we will be focussing on different aspects, relevant to the age of the children.

If you ever need any advice regarding e-safety, such as setting parental controls, Mr Browne would be very happy to help. Following the day, we will also signpost helpful websites for children and parents. There is also a link to guidance for parents on our website, on the 'Useful Websites' page: [Codicote C of E Primary School » Useful Websites](#)



### **Packed Lunches**

At Codicote, we have always respected parents' right to choose the food they wish their child to eat at lunchtime, and will continue to do so. The only food group we do not allow is nuts, as there are children in the school with severe nut allergies, and it is important that we do all we can to keep them safe.

Recently a number of children have had lots of sweets in their lunchboxes, and we wanted to make you aware, in case this was a choice they had made, and not yours. For anyone seeking some inspiration for lunchboxes, there are some great ideas on this website: [Lunchbox Ideas for Kids - Nutritionist Resource \(nutritionist-resource.org.uk\)](#) We are always happy to help with any queries regarding food.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard  
HEADTEACHER



## Community News

**Popdance Camp:** Popdance returns to Codicote School in February Half Term

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