

Newsletter



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Assembly themes: Next week: Actions speak louder than words Week after: Lent

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are only a week away from the half term holidays! The children have all been working hard and have produced work to be proud of. Hopefully you will have been able to book convenient times for Parent Teacher Consultations next week and will be able to share it with us – I look forward to seeing you. If you would like to speak to me about any issue, please do not hesitate to find me on the day – I can usually be found making or carrying tea and coffee around the school, or book a time to see me via the School Office. The only time I will not be available is on Thursday morning, when I will be in the hall with the children.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing half term break.



Art Day

We had a fantastic time on Art Day, focussing on the work of local artist, Cathy Smale, who is based in Hitchin. The day started with the children learning more about her work and identifying the style, colours and techniques used. Next, each class chose a different media to use and re-created the picture chosen for the day. In the afternoon, there was a range of different activities throughout the school, all based on different aspects and features of her paintings. I will put a sheet together to share some of the work, which will be displayed around the school. You are most welcome to look around next week!

Thank you very much to Miss Grainger for organising the day, to our parent helpers who came in to help and to our staff for all the extra preparation they did before, during and after.



Maths Challenge

Well done to our Year 5 Maths Challenge Team who represented the school at an area Maths Team competition. James, Lily, Suki and Julia had to grapple with some very tricky problem solving activities. They tried their hardest and showed real determination and tenacity, as well as exemplary behaviour. Thank you to the children, and to Mrs Abrahams for organising this event and taking the children.



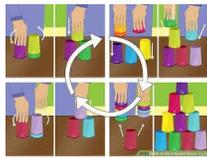
Choir Assembly

To avoid clashing with the Dance Festival, the Choir Assembly will now take place on Monday 30th March, at 9.15. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



Cross Country Running

Last Saturday morning, a team of Cross Country runners took part in the toughest run of the year – the Hertfordshire Schools' Cross Country Running meet. This took place in St. Albans. It is a very challenging course, with a high number of runners, as every school in Hertfordshire – state and private, is able to enter a team. Our children: William L, Seb and Thomas from Year 6 and Lewis, Alex, Olivia and Lottie from Year 5 were amazing! All of them completed the course, with smiles on their faces, and Mel and I were really proud of their efforts and attitude. The boys all finished in the top half of the runners, with William finishing in 12th place overall! I really appreciate the tremendous support we had from our parents, and the hard work of the wonderful Mel, who has trained the team.



Speed stacking!

Huge congratulations to our fantastic Year 4 Speed Stackers who came in overall first place following the Stevenage Sporting Futures tournament. They will now be able to compete in the Herts Youth Games! Everyone did well, with the first, second and third places in the Girls' event going to Hazel, Phoebe and Maddie respectively. The two girls' teams won both relays, with the boys winning silver, and in the mixed relay, we won gold and bronze medals. Thank you very much to Mel who has been training the children with great dedication at break times, and to Mel and Mrs Mesher for taking the team to the tournament.



Textile Recycling 9th March!

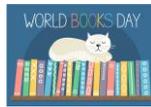
In partnership with the School Eco Team, the PTFA have organised a Textile Re-cycling collection for Monday 9th March. In addition to the textiles being re-used, the PTFA will also receive money, according to the weight of the bags collected. Items which can be included are: adult and children's clothing, hats, shoes, belts, handbags, and household textiles including sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers, curtains and towels and NON logo school uniform. All items must be clean and dry and supplied in your own bags.

Bags can be brought into school first thing on Monday morning, ready for collection. Alternatively, if this is not convenient, we can accept bags on Friday 6th. Thank you in advance for your support!



Swimming Success!

It is always a pleasure to hear about our children's achievements outside school. William L, in Year 6 was crowned the overall county champion in his age group at the Herts ASA Swimming County Championships. Winning six gold medals, one silver and one bronze, he also broke three all time records! We know how hard William trains and how dedicated he is to the sport, so it is lovely to see this is reflected in these achievements.



Book Character Day

To give you advanced warning – Book Character Day – when children and staff can dress up as one of their favourite characters is on Friday 6th March. Costumes can be very simple – there are lots of ordinary characters in books!



Mud Kitchen

Nursery and Reception would be really grateful for any old unwanted cooking utensils which could be used for their mud kitchen. Don't worry – they won't serve you up the results of their 'cooking'!



Community news

Codicote Tennis Club are relaunching their junior tennis sessions. The sessions will start after February half term and will run on Wednesdays from 5pm until 6:30pm. They are open to children from Year 1 up. The sessions are free but we would ask that if your child becomes a regular attendee they become a member of the club (£15 per annum). If you are interested and/or require any info please contact Edel on [07939507721](tel:07939507721)

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

Yours sincerely,
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