

Newsletter



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9th February, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term seems to be rushing by, and I cannot believe we are nearly at half term! I look forward to seeing you at the Parent Teacher Consultations next week. I will be available on both evenings, and can be found in the office. The children's work from Art Day is currently being put up in the dining room and library. Hopefully, you will have the opportunity to admire it – it is amazing! The corridor is looking less beautiful, as we have been getting it ready to be re-painted over the forthcoming holiday.

As this will be the last newsletter before half term, I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable break, and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 26th February.



Breakfast Club

Our long awaited breakfast club is proving to be popular and the children seem to be really enjoying their early morning start at school. We do still have spaces available, so if you are interested in your child attending, please do not hesitate to contact us. Further details are available on the school website.



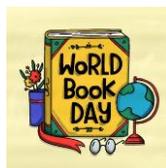
PTFA Events

The next PTFA event will be 'Boozy Bingo' on Saturday 2nd March – more information will be sent out via Schoolcomms, following the PTFA meeting next Monday.



Mothering Sunday Shopping

On Friday 8th March, we will be holding the annual Mothering Sunday Shopping morning, where children can buy a gift for their parent. If you are able to help at this event, we would love to have you with us. Please let the office know.



World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book day; children (and staff) are invited to come into school in costume. These can be very simple – many books have 'ordinary' characters in them – so please do not go to lots of trouble making elaborate costumes, unless, of course, this is something you enjoy doing.



E-Safety Day

We held a very successful e-safety day on Tuesday, with all of the children showing great interest in the topics covered. They also could talk about the things they can do to stay safe online and many said their parents have set up parental controls on their internet system.

A couple of things came up which we thought would be helpful to draw your attention to. A number of children shared that they regularly play games online, with other people, who they do not know in real life. Some of these games, such as Roblox, have parental safety settings to limit or prevent this, but many children were not aware of this feature. Fortnite, Minecraft and social media platforms can be great for socialising but also allow children to interact with strangers who may be other children or adults.

A relatively high number of children use Snapchat but were not aware that people could see exactly where they were – even down to place in a building – unless they had turned this feature off. Snapchat's age requirement is 13 years old. Users aged 13-17 have additional privacy settings but age verification relies on the age children have used to make an account.

If you have any concerns regarding e-safety, or there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, and they will be able to point you in the direction of the person most able to help.



Cross Country Running

Congratulations to our fantastic Cross country running team: Albert, Alex, Daniel, James, Seb and Sephora, who represented the school last Saturday at the Hertfordshire Schools Cross Country Running Championships – held in Bushey. This is a huge event including hundreds of runners. The children did brilliantly and all made it round a very challenging course. Special mentions go to Sephora – 15th, Seb – 19th and James R – 29th in their respective races!

Mrs Mason, Miss Doran and I were really proud of all of the children. Thank you to Mrs Mason and Miss Doran for training the children, and to our fantastic parents for all of their support and encouragement – as well as for driving their children to Bushey on a Saturday morning!



Speech and Language

This year, we have focussed some of our staff training on children's speech and language development, considering ways in which we can further develop the children's skills and confidence across all areas of the curriculum and school life. We came across this website, which has a range of resources and activities to support speech development, which may also be of interest to parents: [Ages and stages - Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives](#)

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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Recommend a friend to Emme Sharps' Popdance Kids Camp and get £5 off your next camp booking when they book and give us your name

VOUCHER £5 OFF

Baby and Toddler Group: There is a Baby and Toddler Group at the St. Giles Parish Centre on Bury Lane every Thursday from 1:15 – 2:45pm. Further information is below.

Baby & Toddler Group
By Codicote Pre-school

Every Thursday 1:15 - 2:45pm
At St Giles Parish Centre

£4 per child (50p per extra child)
(£3 per session when half term is paid in advance)

Up to school age
With priority for under 2s & siblings

Starting Thursday 16th November