

# Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good half term, and that your plans were not affected by the storm. We were very relieved to see everything still standing at school after the weekend, including the mobiles! We have a number of events planned for this half term, and look forward to being able to share more events in person with you as the weeks progress.



## Forest schools

A huge thank you to the amazing team of parents and grandparents who came into school to clear the corner of the field which we want to develop into an area for our Forest Schools work. They did an incredible job, as the pictures below show. I am also delighted to inform you that we have been successful in getting a £500 locality grant for this project. In addition, as part of the School Expansion, we will be given a variety of plants and trees to encourage biodiversity in the school grounds. We will keep you updated as the work progresses.



## Sporting Success

Our Cross Country runners took part in probably the most challenging event of the school year – the Hertfordshire Schools Cross Country Running Competition. Including: Elvis, Hazel, Lylah, Max, Oliver BL, Orlaigh, Poppy C, Riley and Tristan, the teams did brilliantly. All of them made it round the course successfully, despite the fact that a number of them had been ill prior to the event. We were delighted to see Elvis and Hazel finish 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively, out of hundreds of runners, qualifying them for the National Cross Country Running finals. We really appreciate the fantastic positive support and encouragement from the parents for all of our children. A huge thank you to Mel – our coach – for training the children and running alongside Tristan who was determined to finish the course with a badly injured foot!

Our Junior footballers also had a great result at the Rural Schools' Football Tournament, with one team finishing as overall winners, and the other, in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Mrs Broad –coach – was really impressed with the children's team work and support and encouragement for each other. We are very proud of all of the players.



### **Art Day**

Thank you very much to Miss Grainger for organising another extremely successful Art Day. This year we focussed on The Last Supper by Leonardo Da Vinci. The day started with Miss Grainger introducing the picture and artist to the children. They then had the opportunity to create their own versions– the results were brilliant, from the youngest to oldest children. In the afternoon, each class did different activities linked with the picture. We ended the afternoon, with everyone in the hall, with the staff posing, for the children to draw! Some of us were better at keeping still than others! As the work is completed and displayed around the school, I will add photos to the website, and make a montage of pictures from the day, for the children.



### **Nursery Admissions.**

The Nursery form is now 'live' on our website. If your child is 4 between 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023, you are able to apply for a place to start in September 2022. We have 30 nursery places available, organised into five morning sessions, providing 15 hours of free nursery education. Applications need to be in by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, and offers will be sent out on 31<sup>st</sup> March. If you have any difficulties making your application, please do not hesitate to contact us. The link to the page on the website with further details is here:

<https://codicote.herts.sch.uk/school-office/admissions/>



### **Motion, Potions and Commotions**

We are holding a STEM week, starting on 21<sup>st</sup> March, with the theme: Motion, Potions and Commotions. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The whole school will be focussing on a range of different challenges and activities linked to these subjects. If you would like to be involved in the week – either sharing your experience if you work in an associated job, or as a helper, we would love to have you – just let the school office know.



### **School Expansion**

Plans are continuing to progress with regard to the new building. It is likely we will need to re-position the mobiles, as they are currently very close to the building line, so we are looking at the options which will work best for the children. We should shortly find out which contractors have been awarded the contract. We are also considering where additional temporary parking may be made available once the building work starts. As things progress, we will keep you updated.

### **Parking Restriction Proposals**

We were as surprised as some of our residents to receive a letter this morning about parking restrictions proposed for Heath Lane, Hill Road and Meadow Way. This has not been discussed at any of the meetings attended by Mr Browne and me. The suggestions are:

- No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines) junction protection restrictions
- 'Limited Waiting' restrictions (single yellow lines) (Monday- Friday 8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.)
- School Keep Clear restriction (8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Monday – Friday during Tern time only outside School gates
- Advisory 20 mph signage 8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. .

I think we would all agree that a 20mph speed restriction and School Keep Clear signs outside the school gate would be helpful in keeping everyone safe; people may have different views on the other measures suggested.

Our understanding is that the proposals are as a result of concerns raised by people during the planning application process, regarding the safety of cars parking during drop off and collection times. If you have any points you would like to make, either in support or against the proposals, or with alternative suggestions, the email address to contact is:

[Informalconsultationdm@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Informalconsultationdm@hertfordshire.gov.uk) and the reference is: DM/3032/21



### **Book Week**

Next week is National Book Week, and on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. Costumes do not need to be elaborate! We will also be holding a book swap: your child is welcome to bring a book they have finished reading, and select another to take home. Books can be brought in and exchanged from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, at breaktime.



### **School Photos**

It is School Photo Day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, so extra hair brushing may be required. If you would like younger siblings, who do not attend school yet, to be included in a family photo, please come to the office at the start of the day and we will be happy to arrange this.

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

Liz Pollard  
HEADTEACHER



### **Community News**

Codicote Rainbows have a small number of places available after Easter for girls who are 5 and rising 5. We meet at the JCC Sports Hall On Wednesdays 4.45pm to 5.45pm during term time. Please contact Brown Owl on 820751 to discuss and/or book a place for your daughter.