

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all the kindness, support and positive comments you have shared with us this week, with regard to our OFSTED inspection – they really have meant so much to us. We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you in the future. I am able to say at this point, that you can feel particularly proud of your children – their beautiful behaviour, manners, thought for others and independence skills were praised by all of the inspection team and really shone through.

Although it has been a particularly busy start to the term, things have started really well and we have lots of lovely events and activities to look forward to. I have included the dates again, at the foot of the newsletter, for your convenience.



Mrs Mansell

Mrs Mansell Day was a wonderful celebration of her skills, talents and contribution to the school. She would like to thank you for all of the lovely gifts, cards and messages – she has used her vouchers to buy an iPad.



Sports News

Huge congratulations to our Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket team, who represented the school perfectly in the Stevenage Sporting Futures Competition yesterday. Thank you very much to Mr Massey for organising the team and taking them to the event, and to Mrs Gentle for accompanying them.

Secondly, I have to give an apology – I am really sorry that I missed Elsa and Chiara off the list of Cross Country runners in the last newsletter. Both of them did brilliantly and gave their all – I hadn't forgotten watching them at the event – I blame my sometimes dodgy word processing skills! I have re-posted the correct version of the newsletter on the website.



The Masked Singer

We are all looking forward to the next PTFA event – The Masked Singer – which will take place on Saturday 8th March. Doors open at 6:30 p.m - tickets available now: £6.00 for adults and £4.00 for children available via Arbor and the School Office. There will be a licensed bar which will also be selling soft drinks.

Thank you very much to everyone who has contacted me to let me know they will be entering - we cannot wait to see who is behind the mask! Children and adults performing need to prepare one song to sing, and make up 5 clues to help us to guess who it is. The clues need to be sent into me using my direct email address head@codicote.herts.sch.uk. Performers need to have a track ready to perform to – this can be a

YouTube track (please email me the link), on a memory stick or emailed to me as an audio track. .If anyone needs help with their costume, please do not hesitate to get in touch as soon as possible.

The evening will be divided into sections so that performers will be able to spend some time enjoying the evening. There will be a secret space to get into costumes, and performers will not need to buy an entry ticket. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us – we hope you come along to enjoy the show and support the work of the PTFA!

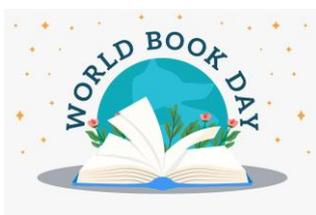


Breakfast Club and 326 Club

Thank you so much for bearing with us as we introduce the new system for booking and paying for wrap around care on Arbor. The aim is to make it much easier for parents to track bookings and payments to make things much clearer and easier. We will make any tweaks necessary to enable this to happen.

Please be reassured that regular bookings will continue; for those who have not yet done so, please could we ask you to add these to Arbor for the rest of the term/academic year, so that those children who always attend on particular days will be able to do so. Balances for sessions attended should be settled by the end of that half term, so that by the end of the Academic Year, all balances have been paid. You are able to make payments whenever suits your family (daily/weekly/monthly/termly) directly on Arbor, or using Tax-Free Childcare/Childcare Vouchers, or paying by cash/cheque to the office.

The benefits of the new system is that if all of the spaces are booked, and a call needs to be made to the office, this alerts us to the fact that we need to call on additional staff earlier, to ensure we have the ratios needed for the children. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either Emma McKenzie, or the School Office.



World Book Day reminder

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March. Children may come to school dressed as a book character – these outfits can be as simple, or as elaborate as you wish!

On Thursday 6th March, we are delighted to be welcoming back the author Su Murley, who will be visiting KS 2. She will be ready to answer quick fire questions, so we will be encouraging the children to ‘Challenge our Author’. Thank you to Su for her generous support.



Water Bottles

We are really pleased that the children are so good at remembering their water bottles and keeping them topped up. To preserve the children’s teeth, as they drink from them throughout the day, they need to be filled with water and not squash or fizzy drinks. There have been some issues with Stanley cups leaking in the children’s bags, and metal straws being used. These need to be replaced with flexible ones, as the metal straws have been recognised as a health risk if a child should fall or trip whilst drinking from them. Thank you for your support.



Year 6 Cake Sale

Year 6 will be selling cakes after school today, to raise funds towards their end of year activities on the bottom playground, under the trees. There are lots of delicious things on offer!



Forthcoming activities

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead:

Next week:

- Wednesday - The choir will be going to Harpenden for a rehearsal for the Royal Albert Hall concert.
- Thursday - Year 5 are going to St. Albans Cathedral.

The following week:

- Wednesday - Year 1 are visiting the RAF Museum in Hendon.
- Thursday - Year 3 are visiting Hertford Museum and the Dance Team will be performing at the Hertfordshire Dance Festival at the matinee and evening performances!

We are all looking forward to hearing about these events when the children return.

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

Yours sincerely,
Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Spring Term 2025

Date	Time	Event	People involved
5.3.25	12.30 – 2.30pm	RAH rehearsal	Children & Staff
5.3.25 – 11.3.25	TBC	Book Fair	Everyone!
6.3.25	All Day	Year 5 to St. Albans	Children & Staff
7.3.25	All day	World Book Day	Children & Staff
8.3.25	TBC	PTFA Family Night	Everyone!
11.3.25	7.00pm	Governors Meeting	Governors
12.3.25	All day	Year 1 to RAF museum	Children & Staff
13.3.25	All day	Herts Dance Festival Year 3 to Hertford Museum	Children & Staff
23.3.25	p.m.	Royal Albert Hall Schools' Gala concert	Children, Parents & Staff
28.3.25	a.m.	Mothers' Day Shopping	PTFA
3.4.25	a.m.	Talent Show	Children & Staff
3.4.25	5.30 – 7pm	PTFA Disco	PTFA & Children
4.4.25	a.m.	Easter Service at St. Giles	Children & Staff
4.4.25	2.15pm	Term Ends	Everyone!

Summer Term 2025

Date	Time	Event	People involved
22.4.25	8.50am	Term Starts	Everyone!
1.5.25	9.30am	May Day Assembly	Children, Families & Staff
1.5.25	7.00pm	Governors' Meeting	Governors
5.5.25	All Day	Bank Holiday	Everyone!
6.5.25 – 7.5.25	All Day	Year 5 trip to Tolmers	Children & Staff
8.5.25	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Children, Volunteer parents & Staff
9.5.25	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Children, Volunteer parents & Staff
12.5.25 – 15.5.25	a.m	SATS week	Children & Staff
20.5.25	All day	Year 6 to Harry Potter	Children & Staff
26.5.25 – 30.5.25 Half Term			
2.6.25	All Day	Year 4 Tables check – 2 week window opens	Children & Staff
5.6.25	8.30am & 9.15am	PTFA Big Breakfast & Sponsored Walk	Everyone!
6.6.25	All Day	INSET Day	Everyone!
9.6.25	All Day	Year 1 phonics screening check week.	Children & Staff
16.6.25 – 20.6.25	All Day	Year 6 to IOW	Children & Staff
23.6.25 – 27.6.25	All Day	STEM Week	Children & Staff
24.6.25	7.00pm	Governors' Meeting	Children & Staff
25.6.25	All Day	Year 2 to Shepreth Animal Park	Children & Staff
28.6.25	6.30pm	Summer Do!	Everyone!
3.7.25	3.30 – 6.00pm	Open Evening	Everyone!
10.7.25	TBC	Moving up day	Children & Staff
16.7.25	9.30am	EYFS Sports Day	Children, Families & Staff
18.7.25	All day	Funky Hair Day - PTFA	Children & Staff

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19.7.25	12.30pm	Village Day	Everyone!
21.7.25	9.30am & 1.30pm	Sports Day	Children, Families & Staff
22.7.25	10.00am	Leavers' Service	Children, Year 6 families & Staff
22.7.25	1.45pm	Term Ends	Everyone!
23.7.25	All Day	INSET day	Everyone!