

Newsletter



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14th March 2025

Assembly themes: Next week – Feelings & St. Patrick. Following week - Hope

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Masked Singer night! Our performers were amazing and everyone was impressed with the fantastic singing, costumes and enthusiasm of both performers and the audience! The PTFA really appreciated everyone's help tidying up at the end of the evening too. All of the funds raised will be going towards the cost of the new kiln.

We were equally impressed with the efforts everyone went to for World Book Day – the children (and staff!) looked brilliant! We started assembly with a parade of all the classes and had lots of fun guessing the different characters. Thank you for your hard work in making the costumes.

Please read on to find out more about the events and activities the children have been taking part in!



National Maths Challenge

We are really proud of all of the children who took part in the National Maths Challenge. This is an event where children compete at school level first and the highest scorers are then entered into the national event. Four of our children made it through to the final round - Jophiel, Seb (bronze award) Ayaad (silver award) and George RO (gold award). George also scored perfect marks – one of only a small number of children across the country! Thank you very much to Mrs Broad for organising our entry into the competition!



School Visits

The children have enjoyed a number of visits out linked to the topics they have been learning about. We have received some fantastic feedback regarding their behaviour – from the venues visited, as well as the staff and parents who have accompanied the trips.

Last week, Year 5 went to St. Albans Cathedral as part of their work on the Anglo Saxons. The children really enjoyed seeing first hand evidence and also the cooking workshop. I was very relieved to hear that they made some really tasty things and not turnip soup!

This week, Year 1 went to the RAF museum. They had a fantastic time learning more about their flight topic and were amazed by the size of the aeroplanes which they saw close up. Year 3 visited Hertford Museum in connection with their work on Ancient Egypt. They particularly enjoyed the workshop and the opportunity to see historical artefacts close up. However, the staff noted the workshop leader has been more encouraging of the children's ideas in the past, so we will address this with the museum.

Thank you to staff and parents for looking after our children so well and making these trips possible, and for the contributions you make, which enables the trips to go ahead.



Hertfordshire Dance Festival

Our Dance team gave two amazing performances at Herts Dance Festival at the Alban Arena yesterday. The children have been an absolute joy to work with. Every Friday, after school, since January, they have worked with Mrs Martin, Miss Grainger and me to choreograph, rehearse and perfect a routine to 'Another Day of Sun'. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to perform on stage at a theatre, and we were very proud of them – they were fabulous! Thank you very much to Mrs Martin, Miss Grainger and our families, for all of their support.



Royal Albert Hall Hertfordshire Schools Gala

Last week, Mrs Foster and I took the choir to the Eric Morecambe Hall in Harpenden for a mass rehearsal for the forthcoming Royal Albert Hall Gala evening, which is now only a week away! It was lovely to listen to the schools from all over Hertfordshire singing together. Thank you very much to Jo Eames and Kayt White for helping us with transport.



Handball Tournament

The Y5 Handball team represented the school beautifully at the Stevenage Sporting Futures event – this is just part of a longer email I received from the organiser: 'They conducted themselves wonderfully in every single game'. Narrowly missing a place in the final, the team won bronze medals. Thank you to Mrs Mason and Rachael Smith for taking the children and giving them so much encouragement throughout the day.



High Energy Drinks

We are aware that some children have been buying Monster, Red Bull and other high energy drinks from local shops. We respect that it is parental choice whether the children have these or not, but wanted you to be aware that this is happening. These are not recommended to children due to the physical effects these can have, mainly related to the caffeine content. Risks identified are increased blood pressure, sleep disturbances headaches and stomach aches. For this reason, many chains will not sell the drinks to under 16s – over 18 for Prime Energy.



Outdoor stage

A number of parents have commented on the beautiful new stage put up in the woodland area, for the children to perform on. We are really grateful to Mr Loughman for completing this project over half term – the children are really enjoying using it!



PTFA News

The next PTFA event will be Mothering Sunday shopping on Friday 28th March. There will be a range of plants available for the children to purchase at a cost of £3.00. Money can be brought in and given into the class teacher in a named envelope. Children can shop as a family.



On Thursday 3rd April, there will be a PTFA disco, from 5.30 to 7.00 p.m. Entry is £3.00 – in advance on Arbor (from Monday 24th March) or on the door. There will also be some refreshments on sale. All children who come to the school are able to attend.



Codicote History Society

The Codicote History Society are collecting wartime memories from local families and would love some contributions from children talking to their families about what happened to them. They don't need to be Codicote memories and they don't need to be military either - home front, evacuees, day-to-day life during wartime, wartime in other countries. Please see the poster below for more information.

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

Yours sincerely,
Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Codicote History Day

Saturday 26th April



Calling All Young Artists!

We invite you to create a poster showcasing your family's memories of World War II!

Did your grandparents or great-grandparents share stories about the war? Do you have old photos, letters, or family tales about life during that time? Turn them into a colourful, creative poster to display at History Day. Your artwork can include:

- Family stories from the war, wherever they lived
- Photos or drawings of relatives who served or lived through it
- Symbols, quotes, or historical moments that connect to your family's history

Let's keep these memories alive for future generations!

Bring your poster (A3/A2) to school office by April 4th. **We can't wait to see your creations!**



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INFORMATION EVENT

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

10am	The Impact of Undiagnosed Mental Health Illness/Disorders 7 Signposting to Tools to Help all Ages	Poets-In
10:30am	Understanding OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder)	SPACE Herts
11:30am	Social Media and Sleep	MHST Mental Health Support Team
12pm	Digital Wellbeing	PHASE
12:15pm	The Neurodiversity Support Hub Advice Line	ADD-Vance
1:15pm	Support Groups	Angels Support Group
1:40pm	Emotionally Based School Avoidance EBSA	NESSie

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The Icknield Centre, Letchworth
Thursday, 27 March 2025
9:30am to 3pm

Refreshments provided



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Book your place via the website

PROFESSIONALS WELCOME TO ATTEND