



Newsletter



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Assembly themes: Next week – Easter | After Half Term – Joy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Time always flies when you are enjoying yourself, and that has certainly been the case this term – I cannot believe we are only a week away from the Easter Holidays. We still have lots to look forward to - see below!

Thank you very much for your very kind comments following our OFSTED report, your words and support mean a lot to us all, and for your support throughout the term. We hope you have a relaxing Easter break and look forward to another happy and busy term ahead!



Governors – Thank you Bob!



We are extremely grateful to Bob Kay, who has given outstanding service to the school over a number of years, and is now stepping down from his role as Co-opted Governor. Bob started as a Parent Governor and then continued to work for the governing body after his boys moved onto secondary school. He has been a tremendous asset to the school, bringing his depth of experience of the building industry to support us in driving several building projects forward – including the staffroom extension, courtyard library conversion and the school expansion.

One of his early successes was solving the problem of the huge puddle – which was more like a lake-outside Year 1 when it rained. This was much celebrated by parents and staff, although the children were not quite so thrilled by its demise! Bob's knowledge, eye for detail and understanding of how the industry works has been invaluable, and we have really benefitted from his guidance and ability to think creatively around any problem or issue. He has also been very good at giving us the precise words to use when we have needed to challenge the building processes. We look forward to hearing news of Bob, Catherine (stalwart of the PTFA) and their sons, Oliver and Harry, in the future.



The week ahead...

We have been so excited to see the chicks hatching in Nursery this week and are hoping that we have some more in the days ahead. Next week, the following things will be happening:

- Monday: The Herts Dance Festival group and Royal Albert Hall Choir will be sharing their performances with the rest of the school
- Tuesday: We will be hearing about the work which has been undertaken to rotavate and re-sow the wild meadow at the bottom of the field
- Wednesday: The Year 4 Speed Stacking team will be representing Stevenage in the County Finals
- Thursday: Return of the eagerly anticipated Talent Show, followed by the PTFA disco (5.30 – 7pm)
- Friday: St. Giles Easter Service (please come to school as usual at 8:50am), before finishing school at 2.15pm



Royal Albert Hall Hertfordshire Schools Gala

Last Sunday, our School Choir members from Years 5 & 6 performed at the Royal Albert Hall. It was a fantastic occasion and our children were wonderful! Throughout the afternoon rehearsal and during the evening performance, they concentrated really well to ensure they were note perfect and joined in at exactly the right time. They were an absolute pleasure to be with, and both Mrs Foster and I were exceptionally proud of them.

I am really grateful to Mrs Foster for teaching the songs to the children in her own time and for performing with them on stage. Also, thank you very much to Jen Martin for coordinating all of the admin for us, and to the families who came along to support the children and shared this amazing experience with them. As one child said, "That was a once in a lifetime experience!"



Addams Family

15 children from Year 6, Mr Browne and I enjoyed a fantastic production of *The Addams Family* at Hitchin Girls School last week. It was lovely to see the team work which had gone into the production, and also to see some of our former pupils there, who came to say hello. As ever, our children were beautifully behaved and a pleasure to take out of school.



PTFA News

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTFA Mothering Sunday Shopping morning today and for all of the helpers who made things go so smoothly.



PTFA Disco Thursday 3rd April 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. Hope to see you there!



Y5 Tolmers Visit

There will be a meeting regarding the forthcoming trip to Tolmers for Year 5 on Wednesday 23rd April, at 3.30 p.m. in the Year 5 classroom. Mrs Gloyn and I will be able to share relevant information and answer any queries you may have. We are both really looking forward to seeing you there.



May Day Assembly – Thursday 1st May

There will be a May Day Assembly at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 1st May. Maypole and Country dancers will be performing and there will be an opportunity for some audience participation! All parents are welcome to attend – we plan to be outside but will be in the hall if it is raining.

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



Cafe Church in April is all about ENDURANCE. The cafe at PMH opens from 10am selling delicious pastries and hot drinks. There will be craft activities and the usual mix of singing, talking, thinking, videos and prayers linked to the theme. All are welcome.

Holy Week

ST GILES CODICOTE
Easter

 **Palm Sunday 13th April**
9:30am Holy Communion

 **Maundy Thursday 17th April**
6:30pm Service of Music and Readings

 **Good Friday 18th April**
10am Service on The Green

 **Easter Sunday 20th April**
6am Sunrise Service
9:30am All Age Communion



EASTER CAMP

TUES 8TH & WED 9TH APRIL - WICKED THE MUSICAL
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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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