

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The half term has flown by and we have had a very busy and successful time. All the children have been working hard and enjoying their time together, and at last, the sun has started shining! We are continuing to consider which aspects of school life we can introduce again. Year 3 swimming has started and Year 6 are practising a production for the end of term – which we are all excited about. We are expecting to start some outdoor clubs up again after half term. However, our main focus is doing all we can to make sure school is safe for everyone and open every day, so any decision made is referenced against local and national data.

I know a lot of you have been looking forward to a break over half term, and however you plan to spend your time, I hope you all enjoy a relaxing break.



## Year Five Maths Challenge

Huge congratulations to our Year 5 Maths Team who have represented the school in the County Maths Challenge. This competition is open to all Year 5 classes in Hertfordshire, and we were delighted to make it through to the final with just 19 other schools. Although we didn't win, our children showed true determination, dedication and a cheerful, positive attitude. We could not have asked for more from the fab four – William, Fionn, Lucas and Hazel – they were amazing! Thank you very much to Mrs Abrahams – our team coach, for giving up her own time to enable us to participate in the competition.



We have really enjoyed seeing the wide variety of hairstyles children have been sporting over the past year, and know that the children have had fun trying something different out. Lots of children have taken the opportunity to grow their hair too - please could any hair longer than collar length be tied back, to ensure that the children are safe when doing PE and when on the outdoor apparatus? This also helps to reduce the spread of head lice. Thank you for your support and help with this.



## Road Safety

As you will be aware from previous newsletters, the children have benefitted from different road safety workshops and Year 6 have been developing their cycling skills doing the bikeability programme. We also did a travel to school survey on Monday, and were really pleased to see a significant increase in the number of children now walking to school, compared with previous years. We do know that this is not an option for some families but have also seen a rise in the number of children parking and striding.

We have been really impressed with the way the children's scooting and cycling skills have progressed since the first lock down, and their excellent physical skills have been noted in the assessments we make. Now, we need to support the children in applying their safety skills in real life contexts. We have had a few parents contact us saying there have been some 'near misses' around the village, where the children's confidence has led to them taking a few risks when out and about. Also, they became used to a very low volume of traffic during the first lock down, and haven't necessarily adjusted to road conditions changing. I will remind the children of ways of keeping themselves safe in assembly, and if you could remind them to practise their road safety skills over half term, we can hopefully make a difference.

As adults we also teach our children road safety by example when we are using the roads, whether on foot or in vehicles. Please show them how to be safe on the way to and from school by exercising caution and awareness of others.

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

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