

Newsletter



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26th April, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you enjoyed a relaxing Easter. The term has started well, and in addition to our ducks returning to school after their holiday with Miss Grainger, on Wednesday, our first duckling of the year was hatched! It has been lovely to hear how well the children have returned to school, and to hear about their achievements over the past two weeks. Yesterday, the Year 5 children took part in a Rugby Festival and won the award for having the most self- belief; the organisers also praised the children for being the politest children there. Last week, the Senior Boys' Football team won their football match, continuing a very successful season.

On the staff front, we now have a record breaker amongst our midst – over the holidays, Miss Clark's Hula Hooping troupe broke 6 world records! We are very proud of everyone!

Thank you for your kind messages and good wishes regarding my recent knee operation. It has been very strange not being in school every day - the last time I had any time away from school was when I broke my ankle on a school trip in 2008! I have been very grateful for the technology which has enabled me to take an assembly and join Dance Club remotely, and to the staff who have been very diligent in keeping me up to speed with everything. My recovery is going well and I look forward when I can be back in school again. In the meantime, I know that all of the staff are committed to helping you with any queries or concerns.



New Playground & Grounds

I am delighted to share the news with you that the MUGA – Multi Use Games Area - behind the new building was re-surfaced over the holidays and has been marked for netball, basketball and football. New goals will be installed soon. The new field has grown really well and we are expecting to be able to use it for PE by half term. We are also able to use the existing field – although there is still further work to be done here – so all sports activities this term will be able to take place on the school site, which is great news for everyone! I really appreciate the efforts of staff, who made sure we could continue clubs off site, and to parents and carers for their flexibility in dropping and collecting children from different locations.



Car Park info

The electronic gates are due to be refurbished shortly and will then be operational again, and closed from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. The school car park is only for staff parking. However, it may be also be used by parents and carers dropping children at Breakfast Club, and collecting from 326. If you have any mobility issues – either temporary or permanent, please let the School Office know and they will be pleased to arrange for you to park on the school site.



Breakfast Club

Please can all children attending Breakfast Club be accompanied to the 326 door by parents/carers? We have recently had some children dropped off in the car park or playground where they have been spotted by staff, and taken round to the club. Thank you for your assistance.



May Day Assembly

The Maypole and Country Dancers will be giving a display of some of the dances they have been learning on Wednesday 1st May at 9.30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!



Class Assemblies

You are most welcome to join us for Class Assemblies, where the children share what they have been learning about with the rest of the school. We start at 9.05 a.m. – you are welcome to come into the hall to take a seat after dropping your children off.

Date	Class	Date	Class
2.5.24	Year 3	6.6.24	Year 4
9.5.24	Year 2	13.6.24	Year 6
16.5.24	Year 5G	20.6.24	Year 1W
23.5.24	Year 5D	27.6.24	Year 6
		4.7.24	Musical Performance Club



Clubs

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Maypole & Country Dancing – Years 4-6	Newspaper Club – <i>Until half term</i> KS2
Tuesday	Ukulele Club – Year 4	
Wednesday	Musical Performance Club – Years 4-6	Forest School Years 1 & 2 – <i>(children are organised into groups as numbers for each session are limited)</i> Athletics Club Years 4, 5 & 6*
Thursday	Mindfulness Years 5 & 6 **Tennis - Years 1 & 2	Rounders Club Years 5 & 6 – <i>Starting after half term</i>
Friday		Dance Club Years 4-6 <i>Last session: 28th June</i>

**Next week only, Athletics Club will be on Tuesday 30th April, due to other events taking place in school.*

***small cost - clubs run by external provider. All other clubs are free, as they are run by school staff*

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

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Summer Term 2024

Date	Time	Event	People involved
15.4.24	8.50	Term Starts	Everyone
16.4.24	p.m.	Year 6 Sports workshop	Year 6
23.4.24	p.m.	Year 6 Sports workshop	Year 6
29.4.24	3.30 – 4.30	Year 4 Maths Challenge	Year 4 team & Staff
30.4.24	p.m.	Year 6 Sports workshop	Year 6
1.5.24	9.30	May Day Assembly	Children, Staff & Families
2.5.24	3.45 – 5.45	Year 5 & 6 Hockey Competition	Team selected from 5 & 6
2.5.24	7.00	Governors' Meeting	Governors
6.5.24	All Day	Bank Holiday	Everyone
7.5.24 – 8.5.24	All Day	Year 5 trip to Tolmers	Children & Staff
8.5.24	p.m.	Reception & Year 1 dental survey	Children & Staff
9.5.24	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Maypole dancers, staff & volunteer parents
10.5.24	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Maypole dancers, staff & volunteer parents
14.5.24	10 – 2.30	Year 4 Mini tennis	Year 4 tennis team
13.5.24 – 16.5.24	a.m	SATS week	Year 6
17.5.24	All Day	Football Tournament	Selected team
17.5.24	6-8 p.m	PTFA children's film night	PTFA & Children
20.5.24	1.30 – 3	Year 6 rowing	Year 6
22.5.24	All Day	Year 2 visit to Gunpowder Mills	Children, Staff and volunteers
23.5.24	1-3	Year 5 Ultimate Frisbee	Year 5 team
23.5.24	All Day	Harry Potter Visit	Year 6
27.5.24 – 31.5.24	Half Term		
3.6.24	All Day	Year 4 Tables check – 2 week window opens	Children & Staff
4.6.24	a.m.	Athletics Practice Session - Ridlins	Athletics team
5.6.24	3.45 – 5.45	Year 4 Golf	Selected team from Year 4
6.6.24	8.30 & 9.15	PTFA Big Breakfast & Sponsored Walk	Children, Staff & Families
6.6.24	10-3	Year 5/6 mixed Cricket	Selected team from Years 5 & 6
7.6.24	All Day	INSET Day – holiday for children	Staff
10.6.24	All Day	Year 1 phonics screening check week	Children & Staff
13.6.24	9-3	Athletics 4/5/6 Competition	Athletics team
17.6.24 – 21.6.24	All Day	Year 6 to IOW	Year 6 children & Staff
18.6.24	7.00	Governors' Meeting	Governors
24.6.24 – 28.6.24	All Day	STEM week	Children, Staff and volunteers
25.6.24	2.30 – 6	Netball Festival	Netball team
26.6.24	All Day	House of Maths visit	Children & Staff

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28.6.24	9-12	Years 2-6 Rural Schools Athletics	Athletics team
29.6.24	6.30	PTFA Summer Do!	Everyone!
2.7.24	2-5	Year 5/6 Rounders	Selected team from Years 5 & 6
3.7.24	3-5	Year 3/4 Rounders	Selected team from Years 3 & 4
5.7.24	p.m.	Visiting Theatre Company performing The BFG	Children & Staff
9.7.24	4.30 – 6.30	Open Evening	Everyone!
11.7.24		Moving up day – Year 6 to new schools	Children & Staff
19.7.24	9.15	Early Years Sports Day	Nursery & Reception Children, Staff & Families
20.7.24	TBC	Village Day	Everyone
22.7.24	9.30	KS1 Sports Day	Children, Staff & Families
22.7.24	1.30	KS2 Sports Day	Children, Staff & Families
23.7.24	9.45	Leavers' Service at St. Giles Church	Children, Staff & Year 6 Parents
23.7.24	1.10	Courtyard Farewell to Year 6	Everyone
23.7.24	1.45	Term Ends	Everyone



Community News



Tennis Coaching at Codicote Tennis Club

Codicote Tennis Club offer group coaching for juniors on Friday afternoons. In a group you will be with people who are of a similar age and/or ability. The classes are aimed at developing the appropriate skills of the players in the group whilst being social and fun. Link to book <https://overandin.com/tennis/group-coaching/codicote/>



Brownies

Calling on all girls between 7 and 10 - Spaces available at Codicote Brownies.

Brownies meet in the village every Wednesday 6:00 - 7:30. Our meetings are varied from crafts, games, orienteering and more. We've recently run a museum takeover, visited an observatory to see Jupiter and the moon through the big telescopes and done activities for Green football weekend. In the upcoming term we are planning on visiting Stevenage Stem Centre, a circus workshop, golfing and plenty of crafts and fun activities.

We also have a brownie holiday planned in September which always goes down a storm.

If your daughter is interested please contact Anna Corbett (Robin) at codicotebrownies@gmail.com or on 07854257900



St.Giles Café Church

Cafe Church is church, but with a more contemporary, relaxed feel. The Cafe at PMH opens at 10am selling hot drinks and delicious pastries. There will be activities for the children to try, short videos, singing and a brief talk on the theme of the day: 'THE POWER OF HOPE'. All are welcome.



Half Term Camp

Pop Dance will be running a holiday club on the theme of The Greatest Showman during May Half term, on Wednesday 29th May, from 9.30 – 3.30 p.m. Leaflet with all details, below.

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

May Half -Term
Song and Dance Camp

Wednesday 29th May
9.30-3.30pm

Codicote Primary School
Meadow Way, Codicote
SG4 8YL

Boys & Girls 4-12 Yrs

£25
Per Child

Sibling Discount!

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★ SING
★ ACT
★ CRAFTS
★ GAMES

Inspired by the film 'The Greatest Showman'.
Your child will learn dances to songs from the film!

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