

# Newsletter



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10<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term has continued to go well, and it has been lovely to see some sunshine at last! The children have been very happy to be able to play on the grass again – it has been two years since they were last able to be on the field!

Next week, the Year 6 children will be doing KS2 SATS – they have worked really hard and we all wish them all the success they deserve.



## Year 5

Our Year 5 children had a fantastic time at Tolmers Activity Centre this week, and enjoyed the beautiful weather, taking part in a wide range of outdoor activities. These included: Climbing, Archery, Water Wall, Team Challenges, Den Building, Games and a Camp Fire sing-a-long, including marshmallow toasting. Whilst I was very sad not to be able to go this year, it was lovely to hear how well everyone did, and what a pleasure the children were to be with.

I am really grateful to the staff who accompanied the trip, to make it possible: Mrs Gloyn, Miss Doran, Mrs Mason and Mrs Ogle – who stayed overnight with the children, and to Mrs Brett-Lavelle, Mrs Crunden and Miss Whitbread who drove over to spend the days and evening at Tolmers.



## Maypole Dancing

Thank you very much to everyone who came to watch the children dancing at the recent May Day Assembly. It was lovely to watch the children performing, and then dancing with the younger children in the school.

This week, they have been performing at Hatfield House Living Crafts Fair. This is a particularly big event for the children, as we are the only school who dance there. I have been really impressed with the children's dancing, behaviour and team work – they have been amazing! Thank you very much to all of our families who have helped with transport and all round encouragement. A huge thank you too, to Mrs Eaton, who decorated the maypole crown for us so beautifully. Despite all of the other demands on her time, she worked her magic for both May Day Assembly and Living Crafts.



## PTFA Film Night

The next PTFA even is Children's Film Night, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 6-7.45pm. Tickets cost £3.00 – you can pay on School Gateway or bring money into school next week. Refreshments are included in the price, but please can children bring their own water bottle, filled with water or squash, to support our commitment towards re-

cycling? The films being shown will be announced next week. All children who attend the school are able to come along, provided they are able to sustain concentration long enough to watch a film.



### **Sponsored Walk – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

The children will be bringing home Sponsored Walk forms next week. After a couple of years being constrained to the playground, we are able to use all of the school grounds again! The morning will start with a PTFA Big Breakfast, at 8.30 a.m., followed by the Sponsored Walk. All children will be taking part, irrespective of whether they have managed to get any sponsors. You are most welcome to stay and cheer the children on!

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, in the staffroom at 7.00 p.m. All parents and carers welcome.



### **Year 2 Plant Sales and Wool Donation**

Y2 will be hosting a series of plant sales over the next few weeks to raise money for Water Aid. This week, we will have potted runner bean and sunflower seedlings available for sale on Thursday and Friday after school outside the Y2 classroom. Each week Y2 will have different and varying numbers of plants available.

We would also welcome donations of wool in shades of blue, green, red, pink, purple, white and grey for a Y2 Art project. These can be brought into the office or given to your child's teacher.



### **New Vicar**

I am delighted to share the news with you that Rev. Christie Gilfeather will be our new vicar at St. Giles Church. We had the pleasure of sharing our Christmas Carol service with her, and are really excited that she will be a part of our school community, when she takes up her post in July.

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

Yours sincerely,

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