

Newsletter



Newsletter 16

1st May 2026

**Assembly themes: Next week – Actions speak louder than words
Following week – Friendship & Loyalty**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the summer term and have managed to pack a lot into a short space of time already. The children have been enjoying the warmer weather and opportunities to play on the field. We have had lots of lovely feedback from children as well as parents regarding School Grounds Day – the amount achieved was amazing! We are continuing to work hard to upgrade the grounds, including the replacement of the fencing along the path as well as replacing the top safety surface under the climbing frame. This was left in a rather tatty state as a result of the building work, so it is lovely to see the improvement.

As you will be aware, the PTFA are fundraising for a new Trim Trail for the school field – the School Council have agreed the design they would like and are really looking forward to the day when it can be installed. It will be able to be used by children in both KS1 and KS2. Any support you can give to our forthcoming events will be greatly appreciated by the children!



May Day Assembly – Tuesday 5th May

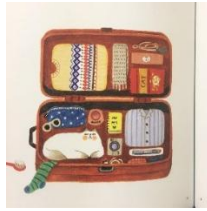
Everyone is welcome to join us for the May Day assembly on Tuesday 5th May, at 9.15 a.m. The Maypole and Country Dancing teams will be performing some of their favourite dances and there may even be the opportunity for the audience to join in some of the dancing! We hope to be dancing outside on the KS1 playground but will be in the hall if wet.



Maypole Dancing At Hatfield House

The Maypole Dancing Team will be performing at the Hatfield House Living Crafts Exhibition next Thursday and Friday afternoons at approximately 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Thank you to everyone who has returned the permission slips – I will be sorting out the transport arrangements over the weekend and will send letters home on Tuesday. The children may bring a small amount of money if they wish as they will have some time to look around the tents. Please keep your fingers crossed for sunshine!

Two years ago, I made a number of new maypole skirts and 'neckerchiefs' to replace those which have been lost so that all of the children have outfits to wear. Unfortunately, a number of these have not been made their way back to school, so we don't have enough complete sets for the children. If you have any at home, please could these be returned as soon as possible – we would be so grateful!



Year 5 Residential Trip

It was a real pleasure to take Year 5 away to Tolmers Activity Centre last week. The children embraced every opportunity and were endlessly cheerful, polite and helpful – a joy to be with. They excelled in all of the activities which included wall climbing, archery, peddle cars, shelter building, raft building, water wars and human hungry hippos. We even managed to fit in games, camp fire song and marshmallow toasting!

As always, I am extremely grateful to the generosity of the staff who gave their own time to make the trip both possible and a great success: Mrs Gloyn and Mrs Tillson who stayed with us (giving up valuable sleep!) and Mrs Ogle, Mrs Mason and Mrs Crunden who drove out to Tolmers for the day.



Dogs on the school site

A number of families own dogs and find the walk to school is a good opportunity to give them some exercise. To ensure the safety of all children, including those with allergies, dogs are not permitted on the school site, at any time, unless they are assistance dogs or puppies being carried. Thank you for your support.



SATS Week

From 11th – 14th May, Year 6 will be completing the National SATS tests, so there will be a particularly prompt start to each school day in order to fit the tests in. The children have worked really hard throughout their time with us and I am sure they will achieve all the success they deserve.



PTFA Film Night – Friday 15th May

The PTFA will be holding a Children's Film Night on Friday 15th May, from 6:00 -7.45 p.m. There will be three age-appropriate films to choose from – details will be sent out nearer the time. All children who attend the school are welcome to come along, provided they can maintain concentration for the length of the film. Snacks are included in the price of £3.50 per child.

As part of our commitment to sustainability, children are asked to bring their water bottles with them, which can be re-filled as needed. Mobile phones may not be brought by children – if anyone needs to contact their adult, I will be happy to do so using the school phones. Entry is payable on Arbor by 3pm on Friday 15th May or cash on the door.



Donations for Ukraine

We have previously supported aid donations for people affected by the war in Ukraine. This time we are supporting Felsted Aid who will be leaving the UK in early June. They would like donations of:

- Food (long-life, cans)
- Toiletries
- Ladies' sanitary products
- Medical items, including medicines in their original packaging with at least six months before expiry
- Baby and maternity items

Due to ongoing power cuts, they are also collecting lighting and power items, including lamps, torches, power banks, candles, and solar lanterns.

All donations should be brought into school by Tuesday 19th May. Thank you for your continued kindness and support.

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



St Giles Church

Cafe Church - Sunday 3rd May 10am in PMH

There is always a warm welcome, delicious pastries and good coffee at Cafe Church in PMH on the first Sunday of the month from 10am. The May theme is LOVE IN ACTION. Expect music, a video clip, craft, discussion, a short talk and prayers on the theme. All are very welcome.



Supertonic's super success

We would like to congratulate our former Codicote School pupils – Charlie, Lewis and George – in the band *Supertonic's* who successfully won a Battle of the Bands competition to win recording studio time. They have recorded tracks which you can now listen to on Spotify – link below. We wish them every success in the future!

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