

Newsletter



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6th May, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing Bank Holiday. The term is going very well and we are delighted with the children's hardworking attitude and behaviour. Next week, the Year 6 children will be completing the SATS assessments and we wish them the best of luck and the success they deserve.



Welcome

Next week, we expect the first of our children from Ukraine to join us; the children are looking forward to welcoming Bohdan to Year 1. I am sure everyone will quickly make him, and his family, feel part of our school community.



Dancing

We were all impressed with the children's dancing skills at the May Day Assembly. The Sword, Maypole and Country Dancers all gave great performances, despite a few technical hitches with the sound system! We bought a PA CD player to solve the problem and took it to the Hatfield Living Crafts Exhibition, where it packed up after playing just three tracks! Team Codicote came to the rescue, driving ANOTHER CD system over, and the children went on to give a wonderful display of dancing. Despite the technical challenges, it was lovely to be back there again!

Thank you very much to Mrs Eaton for decorating the crown so beautifully. We are also very grateful to our parent and grandparent helpers, our staff and, of course the children, for such great team work. This afternoon we are at Hatfield House to dance again – please can you keep your fingers crossed for the music to work?!



School Expansion

This week, the cookery room has been cleared out and redecorated in order to turn it into a stock and reprographics room. The current stock cupboard will become additional toilets during the summer holidays, and we are creating a new cooking area by Year 6, where the Art area was previously. This will also be a kitchen area for use by 326, so that we can meet the needs of all families now, and in the future, for wraparound care.



Jubilee Day 26th May, 2022

We have some great activities planned for the Jubilee Celebration Day on Thursday 26th May; the School Council members have exceeded themselves in helping us to plan this, and we have been able to include lots of their ideas.

We will be starting the day with a celebration assembly, followed by workshops led by the school staff. Favourite bears – dressed for the occasion – are welcome to be brought in, as long as they are not too large. After lunch, the children can change into home clothes, on the theme of red, white, blue, purple, kings, queens, princes or princesses. This should give enough choices for things already in their wardrobes!

In the afternoon, there will be a sing-a-long, scavenger hunt and dancing. At the end of the school day, we will be having a tea party on the Year 1 and 2 playground; Nursery children are invited to come back to school to join us for this at 2.30.

We will also be holding a Children's Bake Off competition on the day, with the cakes shared with the children at the end of the day. A list of ingredients should be included so that we can ensure children with allergies are kept safe.

I am sure everyone will have a wonderful time with lovely memories for the future!



Eco Team News

Thank you for your support with the Year 2, Year 3 and Eco Team Bake Sale. We raised the impressive total of £150 which we are going to donate to the following:

- **Water Aid**
Mali is one of the poorest and hottest countries in the world. Scorching heat and unreliable rains make life very tough for many families. What little water exists is under great demand: for people to use at home, for their crops and animals, and for businesses. The work of the charity brings clean water and good hygiene to a health centre serving communities in Mali. With clean water, decent sanitation and good hygiene, communities will be able to stay healthy, break free from poverty and thrive. Thanks to donations, construction work is underway for 16 new water points.
- **The WWF**
We are adopting a tiger, a dolphin and an owl.

Thank you for helping us to make a difference!

Miss Grainger, Year Two, Three and Eco Team.



PTFA

Children's Film Night

Children's Film Night takes place next Friday 13th May, from 6-8 pm. Tickets are available in advance via the School Gateway at a cost of £3.00, including refreshments. As part of our eco commitment, please can children bring their own water bottles or re-usable containers? As the event is outside school hours, these can contain squash or juice!

Children from all year groups are welcome to attend, as long as they are able to maintain concentration long enough to watch a film.



Coin Collection

The class coin collections are continuing to grow! Thank you very much for sending your coppers in!



PTFA Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th June, at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents welcome – why not drop in and find out more? We would really value your help.

Other PTFA events this term:

- 25th June: Summer do! Live music & barbecue 6.30 – 10 p.m.
- 29th June: Big breakfast & Sponsored Walk 8.30 – 10 a.m.



M S Charity Bear

Phoebe in Year 6 is raising money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Children are invited to pay £1 to guess the name of the bear. The person who guesses correctly will win the bear. All proceeds will be going to the charity. Children can visit Phoebe in Year 6, or come into the school office, if they would like to enter.

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

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER