

Newsletter



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you were all able to enjoy the long weekend, and catch some of the sunshine. It has been another busy fortnight for the children, with lots to enjoy and celebrate. The Year 4 Maths Team competed in the first round of the County Maths Challenge and won a place in the final! We will keep everything crossed for them! Next week, Year 6 will be completing their SATs – the children have worked really hard and I wish them luck in achieving the results they deserve. The week after, they will be heading off to the Harry Potter Studios; I am sure they will have a great time!



Dancing!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the May Day Maypole and Country Dancing assembly. This is an annual celebration, which has been happening at Codicote School since the school started in 1857. It is lovely to see the children continuing this tradition. I was very impressed with the dancers, and also with all of the children who joined in at the end.

Yesterday, the children danced beautifully at Hatfield House Living Crafts – I received a number of compliments from members of the public – not just about their dancing, but also about their excellent behaviour, general enthusiasm and happiness. Some people said they visit every year, and their highlight is the dancing. I was extremely proud of all of the children. We were very lucky with the weather too; please keep your fingers crossed for today. A huge thank you to Mrs Eaton for decorating the maypole crown so beautifully – it looked spectacular for both events, and to the families who helped with transport and gave us so much encouragement.



Y5 Tolmers Visit

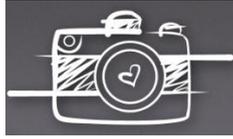
We had a fantastic trip away with our Year 5 class at Tolmers this week on an action packed two days. We were kept busy with raft building, rock climbing, water wars, pedal car racing, dash and grab (a bit like human hungry hippos), shelter building and archery, and even managed to fit in games, a camp fire and some marshmallow toasting.

The children were amazing – they gave everything a go, got on beautifully together and were one of the most organised, enthusiastic and harmonious groups we have taken away – it was a pleasure to spend time with them. Thank you very much to Mrs Gloyn, Mrs Mason and Mrs Tillson for all their hard work in making the trip run so smoothly and be so much fun for us all.



Internet Safety Meeting for Parents and Carers

We will be hosting an Internet Safety meeting, run by Childnet, for parents and carers on Thursday 22nd May, from 3.30 – 4.30 p.m., with care provided for younger children. During the day, they will be delivering various internet safety workshops to the children.



Class and Team Photos

Nicola Sanders will be returning to school on Wednesday 21st May to take class and team photos. Children required for team photos will be advised earlier in the week. Photos will be available for purchase a couple of weeks later – we will be in touch when these are ready.



Sport

Congratulations to our Year 4 tennis team who won silver medals at the Stevenage Tennis Tournament. We were very impressed with their hard work and positive attitude. Thank you very much to Mrs White for taking our team.

We were also very impressed with the Year 6 children who represented the school at the Stevenage Sporting Futures Hockey Tournament this week. With a various last minute team changes, the children worked brilliantly as a team and powered through their matches, finishing with bronze medals. We are grateful to Miss Doran for coaching the team for this event.

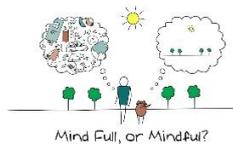
We have Athletics, Frisbee, Golf and Rowing coming up over the next fortnight and look forward to sharing the results of these with you.



Transport – Bishops Hatfield Girls School

Thank you to one of our parents who has made us aware that there is a possibility that there could be a pick up and drop off point in Codicote for children attending Bishops Hatfield School. Currently as you may be aware, REG'S coach service provides a pick-up from Welwyn Civic Centre, which is the closet stop for anyone based in Codicote. At present, there are only 3 full time passengers – if this number increased to 5, they can review the route and see if an amendment is viable for our village to be added as a direct stop.

If anyone is interested in this service they need to send an email to: admin@regscoaches.co.uk or can call REG'S directly for further advice on 01438822000, referencing route R44 and asking if their name can be added to the list of requests for Codicote to be a future coach stop.



Codicote Motors – Thank you!

A big thank you to Codicote Motors for sponsoring some great little books supporting children's emotional and mental wellbeing. These have been produced in conjunction with the Police Community Club and are really child friendly and engaging. They also come with a range of downloadable resources. These are aimed at specific year groups and have been distributed accordingly. We really appreciate the generosity of Codicote Motors.

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

Yours sincerely,
Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER