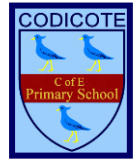


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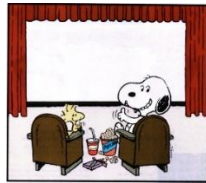
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15th May 2026

Assembly themes: Next week – Pentecost
Following week – Freedom & Choices

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy fortnight and have managed to pack in lots of fun and learning. It seems amazing that half term is only a week away! In the meantime, there are still lots of things to look forward to.



Tonight! PTFA Film Night

The PTFA are hosting a Children's Film Night tonight from 6:00 - 7.45 p.m. The films on show are: *Lilo & Stitch*, *If* and *Swapped*! 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 – please can children bring their own water bottles? Mobile phones may not be brought to this event. All proceeds will go toward the trim trail for the children to play on in the field.



Bring Your Bear to School Day

The School Council has organised a 'Bring your Bear to School' Day on Friday 22nd May. Bears are invited to join their owners for a day of quality education and fun. To fit everyone in, bears need to be small enough to fit into a typical-sized carrier bag – other animals which are favourites are also welcome – we are a fully inclusive school.

There will be lots of bear-based activities before and during the day, including:

- Best Dressed Bear competition
- Design your own Superhero Bear
- Bear Jokes (suitable for school!)
- Bear themed assembly & quiz!
- Bear songs sing-along
- Picnic to end the day (with buns – obviously)



PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting, to plan the rest of the events for this year, will take place on Tuesday 2nd June at 7pm in the Staffroom. We hope you can make it.



Maypole Dancing at Hatfield House

I could not have been prouder of our Maypole Dancers, who gave four fantastic performances at Hatfield House Living Crafts last week. They danced beautifully and were really well organised and helpful. We received lots of compliments on the children's dancing and it was wonderful to receive a letter from a lady from Hemel Hempstead, who kindly took the time to write to say how much she enjoyed watching them.

A huge thank you to Mrs Eaton who spent her bank holiday decorating the maypole crown so beautifully – shown above. Thank you to the staff who accompanied us – Mr Loughman, Mrs Tillson and Mrs Eaton, and to our parents and grandparents who also helped with transport and all-round support.

I am very grateful to the numbers of people who have returned the costumes already – beautifully washed and ironed; please could the rest be returned by Half Term, so that they can be sorted in time for our next events? Thank you in advance.



SATS Week

Well done to Year 6 for powering through SATs week with a positive, sensible, hardworking attitude. They appeared to take everything in their stride and have now got lots of fun things ahead before the end of term!

Thank you to all the staff for their help - including Mrs Abrahams and Mrs Day who came in to support the children.



Year 6 Leavers fundraising

Next week, Year 6 will be fundraising for their Leavers' activities. From Tuesday - Friday, children can take a guess at the number of sweets in the jar – the winner will receive the pot of sweets, which will be given to their grown up. Entries are £1 a go.

They will also be holding an ice-pop sale on the playground after school on Friday 22nd May – cash preferred.



PTFA Big Breakfast and Sponsored Walk – Thursday 4th June

On Thursday 4th June, the PTFA will be starting the day with a Big Breakfast. Bacon rolls, pastries, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and squash will be on sale from 8:30am. There will be registration as usual, then the children will go outside for the sponsored walk. Parents and carers are very welcome to stay and watch the children and cheer them on. We expect to finish at approximately 10:15am. Forms will be going out next week for the children to take home.



Jungle Book

On Friday 12th June, in the afternoon, there will be a musical production of The Jungle Book for the children. This is being funded by the school, so we will not be requesting any contributions from parents and carers.



Walking, cycling and scooting

Next week, we will be joining in with the Hertfordshire Schools Walk to week and encourage everyone to walk, cycle and scoot their way (or part of their way) to school. Bikes and scooters need to be wheeled on school grounds for everyone's benefit. All children who cycle to school are expected to wear cycle helmets; the research available shows that they make a considerable difference to the safety of the children. We are planning on installing more bike and scooter parking pods, due to high level of demand.



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



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