

Newsletter



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**Assembly themes: Week after half term – Pentecost and The Trinity
Following week – Wisdom & Common Sense**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another term has flown by – I cannot believe we are already at half term! We are very proud of the children, and all they have achieved, and the way they have represented the school. We have received a lot of compliments regarding the children dancing at Hatfield House, and also following the Year 6 trip to Harry Potter Studios. They are a credit to you, as well as the school.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you at the many events which will be taking place after the holiday.



Sad News

After 12 happy years living at Codicote School, our lovely rabbit Barnaby has gone to bunny heaven. Mrs Ogle and I can still remember the day we brought him home; he has been the perfect school pet – gentle and calm – and has been looked after with wonderful love and care by the Year 6 children, under the guidance of Mrs Ogle. Thanks to this, Barnaby was the oldest rabbit on the vet's books. We have lovely memories of Barnaby and he will be greatly missed by us all.



Ducks

As some of you may know, we have some beautiful little ducklings which have hatched in Year 2; we plan to keep some of these to add to our flock and will also be developing their area over the coming weeks. We have a regular supply of free range eggs – if you would like some, just ask at the office!



Village Day – 19th July

We are really looking forward to Village Day this year, which is on the theme of computer games. As well as taking part in the Parade, we will also be performing Country and Maypole dances. Please let us know if your child will be taking part by returning the slip at the foot of the newsletter, or by [messaging school](#) by Monday 1st July. Thank you in advance.

The Village Day Props Club has been working hard to get things ready for Village Day. If your child would like to take part in the Parade, please could you send in a named red, blue, orange, pink or yellow t-shirt which will be cut and painted? If you do not have one, of course the children can still take part and we will find an alternative.



Maths Marvels!

Huge congratulations to our Year 4 Maths Team - Sofia, Ryan, Oliver and Leo – who triumphed in the Herts Maths Challenge, finishing in 2nd place! This event is open to schools across the country and abroad, so for our team to finish as runners up is a testament to their hard work, team skills and commitment! Thank you very much to Mrs Broad – our Maths Team Coach and number 1 supporter!



Time for Tee!

Well done too, to the ten children from Year 4 who attended the Golf Tournament at the Stevenage Golf and Conference centre on Tuesday. Accompanied by Mr Massey, the children enjoyed a really successful event, and whilst there were no holes in one, the children represented the school beautifully!



Ultimate Frisbee

The Year 5 children who took part in the Ultimate Frisbee championships this week also proved to be superstars! Trained by Mr Pyle, the team were extremely successful and performed at the highest level throughout the event. Medals were awarded for sporting characteristics, rather than the highest scorers, and we were delighted to be given silver medals for the excellent values shown by the children. Congratulations to the team, and their coach.



Sponsored Walk and Big Breakfast! Thursday 5th June

Our annual sponsored walk with a PTFA Big Breakfast will be taking place on Thursday 5th June. Bacon rolls, pastries, tea, coffee and hot chocolate will be on sale from 8.30 a.m. 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 10.15 a.m. Look out for Sponsor forms in book bags – families can fill out one per family if this is easiest. We hope you can join us!



PTFA Meeting

The next PTFA meeting, to plan the Summer Do, will take place on Tuesday 3rd June at 7.00 p.m. in the Staff Room. All parents and friends welcome, we would love to see you!



Internet Safety Meeting for Parents and Carers

We enjoyed a really informative and useful series of workshops for the children, delivered by Childnet on the theme of safe use of social media. Thank you to Mrs Pyle for organising the day for us. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the information session after school – as always, we would welcome feedback regarding the content and also the timing of the session. There are links to resources for parents here: [Help & advice | Childnet](#)



Walking to School

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in Walk to School week. It is lovely to see so many people walking/wheeling to school and I appreciate it is a great opportunity to take dogs for a walk at the same time. I have been made aware of some children who feel anxious around dogs; please could people be sensitive to this when tying dogs near school, so that there are not too many in the same location at once and school entry points are clear.

A number of the older children are walking to and from school together regularly, in preparation for independent travel to secondary school. The safest route for many of them includes crossing on St. Albans Road, by the footpath. At present, this is proving to be a challenge, as a number of cars are parking on the yellow lines, which prohibit parking between certain times. This means the children are having to step into the road to see if it is clear to cross making it more of a challenge for them. I would rather that this was addressed by the drivers themselves to ensure the safety of our children. Please be considerate when parking around the school area – even if it means you have to walk further and are a little bit late for collection.

However, if it becomes necessary, this is the link to the website regarding parking enforcement in North Herts: [Dangerous or inconsiderate parking | North Herts Council](#) There is also the option of using Fix my Street: [Report Illegal Parking / mySociety](#)

Thank you for your commitment in keeping our children safe and happy on their journeys to and from school.

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



Sunday 1st June: Cafe Church continues a series based on the Parables of Jesus - the theme is 'LOST AND FOUND'. All are welcome. Coffee and delicious fresh pastries are on sale in the PMH from 10 am. The chat pauses at 10:30 to focus on the theme of the day with songs, videos, games, craft and prayers. Bring the family or come alone - there is something for everyone at Cafe Church!

Summer Term 2025

Date	Time	Event	Who
2.6.25	3.30	IOW Parents' meeting - Atrium	Year 6 parents & staff
2.6.25	All Day	Year 4 Times Table check week starts	Children & Staff
3.6.25	9.00 – 12.00	Y4 & 5 Athletics practice session	Children & Staff
3.6.25	7.00 p.m.	PTFA meeting	Parents & Staff
5.6.25	8.30 & 9.15	PTFA Big Breakfast & Sponsored Walk	Children, Staff & Parents
5.6.25	All Day	Year 6 Cricket	
6.6.25	All Day	INSET day – school closed to children	Staff
9.6.25	a.m.	Year 1 Phonics Screening begins	Children & Staff
10.6.25	All Day	Y4 to Hertfordshire Zoo	Children & Staff
13.6.25	p.m.	Traveling Theatre Company visit	Children & Staff
16.6.25- 20.6.25	All Day	Year 6 to IOW	Children & Staff
17.6.25	9.00 – 3.00	Year 4 & 5 Athletics	Children & Staff
23.6.25	All Day	STEM week	Children & Staff
25.6.25	All Day	Year 2 to Shepreth	Children & Staff
25.6.25	3.00 - 5.30	Year 6 Netball Festival	Children & Staff
28.6.25	6.30 – 9.00	Summer Do!	Everyone!
30.6.25	9.15 a.m.	Piano Assembly	Piano students & families
1.7.25	10.45 a.m.	Country & Maypole Dancers performing at Poynders Meadow	Maypole & Country Dancers & Staff
2.7.25	3.00 – 5.00	Year 4 Rounders	Children & Staff
3.7.25	3.30 – 6.00	Open Evening	Children, Staff & Parents
8.7.25	2.00 – 5.00	Year 6 Rounders	Children & Staff
10.7.25	TBC	Moving Up Day – Year 6 out	Children & Staff
15.7.25	All Day	RE Day	Children & Staff
16.7.25	9.15	Early Years Sports Day	Children, Staff & Parents
18.7.25	All Day	Funky Hair Day	Children & PTFA
19.7.25	TBC	Village Day	Children, Staff & Parents
21.7.25	9.30	KS1 Sports Day	Children, Staff & Parents
21.7.25	1.30	KS2 Sports Day	Children, Staff & Parents
22.7.25	10.00	Leavers' Service	Children, Staff & Parents
22.7.25	1.10	Courtyard Farewell to Year 6	Children, Staff & Parents
22.7.25	1.45	Term Ends	Everyone
23.7.25	All Day	INSET day – School Closed	Everyone

Village day Parade and Dancing

My child:

Class:

Would like to take part in the parade:

(Years 4-6) Will be taking part in Maypole/Country dancing:

Signed:

Date: