

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to be back in school full time this week, and to be able to be part of the everyday life of the school again. I am really grateful to all of the staff who have stepped into a range of different roles as and when needed with their usual generosity of spirit. Outside, you may have noticed how fantastic all of the planters are looking; we are extremely grateful to Mr Martin, and Mrs Martin senior (his mother), for all of their hard work in planting and caring for all of the outside growing areas.

It has been a busy week; Year 2 managed to dodge the atrocious weather and spend a busy day at the nature reserve at The Gunpowder Mills. Huge thanks go to the parents who accompanied us – it started as probably the wettest May trip we have ever been on! Yesterday, Year 6 had a fascinating visit to the Harry Potter Studios; we are very grateful to Greenside School for kindly lending us their minibus, which significantly reduced the cost of the trip.

The children have had another very success half term, filled with adventures and many moments to feel proud of. I am sure they are now looking forward to the half term break ahead. I hope you all have a good holiday, and look forward to the children returning on Monday 3rd June, at 8.50 a.m.



Football Tournament

Congratulations to both of our Junior Football Teams who took part in the Stevenage Tournament last week. All of the children played really well and showed great team spirit and commitment. I am delighted to report that the A team finished with silver medals! Thank you to Mrs Broad – the Junior Football Team Coach – for all of the time she has committed to the team.



School Uniform

After many harmonious years with Wovina as our School Uniform supplier, we have decided to move to a local company – The Uniform Monkeys. This is for a number of reasons, but mainly to make the uniform available more quickly, easily and cheaply. Uniform Monkeys have a shop in Letchworth and items are also available to order on line: Delivery is free for orders over £30 and for collections from the store.

All of the items are now cheaper, apart from the PE top, which is 20p more! There is a slight anomaly with regard to the cost of the polo shirts. In order to match the navy to the sweatshirt colour, it has been necessary to use a different supplier from the rest of the uniform. Therefore, the navy polo shirt is more expensive than the sky blue one, although both are now cheaper.

As previously, items in the school colours can also be purchased from supermarkets and other outlets, and there is always a stock of good quality used items which we are keen to give free to families as part of our commitment to recycling. Please can parents note that **navy** skirts and pinafore dresses should be worn - only trousers or shorts can be grey. Should you have any queries regarding school uniform, please do not

hesitate to contact the School Office. The Uniform Monkeys website can be accessed via this link: [Codicote Primary Archives - TheUniformMonkeys](#)



Walk to School Week: 3rd - 6th June 2024

The week after Half Term, we will be holding Walk to School Week, when we encourage everyone to walk or wheel some, or all, of their journey to school. We hope that the weather will be good!



Thank you very much for your support of Film Night and to everyone who helped out with this event. Thanks to the money we have raised over the past few years, we are delighted to share the news that we are now able to proceed with the Sensory Garden project! We hope to have this completed in time for the Summer Do. The School Council have been involved in the planning throughout and the children are very much looking forward to enjoying this new area.



Big Breakfast and Sponsored Walk – Thursday 6th June

We hope you will be able to join us for the Big Breakfast on Thursday 6th June, and stay to cheer on the children on their annual sponsored walk. This year the course will be much more interesting, as well as challenging, as we can use all of the grounds again. The main gate will be locked for the children's safety. Bacon rolls, pastries and a range of hot and cold drinks will be on sale from 8:30am.



Raffle

The children will be bringing home raffle tickets after half term; the raffle will be drawn at the Summer Do, with prizes set aside for winners unable to attend. If you have any unwanted items which would be suitable for prizes, we would be delighted to receive them.



Summer Do!

The Summer Do! will be taking place on Saturday 29th June, from 6.30 p.m. until late. This is a lovely event for all of the family, with a barbecue (food included in the price), a licensed bar and live entertainment. This year, the popular group – The Acoustic Mice - will be performing, as well as the school Musical Performance and Dance Clubs. Tickets cost £15 for adults and £7 for children, and are available from the School Office and via the School Gateway.



Year 6 & Year 2 fundraising

After school today, it will be a bit like Hitchin Market! Year 6 will be holding a Toy and Ice Lolly sale, and Year 2 will be selling more of the plants they have grown. The proceeds of the Year 6 sale will go towards the funding of their end of year activities and money raised by Year 2 will go towards Water Aid.



Follow Campaign

Over the past year, I have been involved developing a campaign called FOLLOW, alongside other Early Years professionals. This is an initiative which includes a range of ideas and strategies which parents and carers can use with their children to help develop speech, language and communication skills at home. It is based on everyday activities with fun ideas and suggestions, and is linked to books and other resources which are available at no cost. It includes a linktr.ee so parents and carers can access information on speech and language development and further activities to support speech, language and communication development all in one place. Although it is aimed at younger children, there are links to a range of different resources which may be helpful to parents of older children too. For more information, please follow the link below – we hope you enjoy using it! <https://linktr.ee/EYFOLLOW>



INSET Day

On Friday 7th June, the school will be closed to pupils for the last INSET day of the school year. We hope you are able to make the most of the long weekend.

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 23rd June: Family Fun Run

As part of the Triathlon for Defending William Against Duchenne, there will be a family fun run at the John Clements Sports and Social Club. Come along for 10am to register – the run should start at 11am.

For further information, please contact Vikki Francis via the information on the poster.