

Newsletter



Newsletter 2

September 18th 2020

Assembly Themes: Next week: Harvest and Thankfulness Week after: Commitment

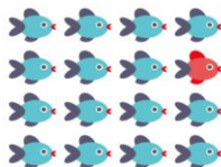
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another fantastic fortnight, with the children continuing to amaze and delight us with their outstanding behaviour, excellent attitude and commitment towards doing their best – we are so impressed with them! All around the school, they are busy, hard working, cheerful and positive and doing beautiful work. Thank you for all you have done to support their return – we could not have asked for more – the result is happy, harmonious children enjoying learning and playing together again and equally happy and harmonious staff!



Winners!

We were delighted to receive an email informing us that having participated in the Herts Virtual School Games and been the Overall County winners in Tennis, Cricket and Year 5/6 Sports Day, we have won £150 worth of vouchers to use for new equipment! Mel and I have already been pouring over the catalogues to choose some fun things to buy! I am hugely grateful to Mel for all the work she did during lockdown to support everyone's fitness and skills, and for organising all the events for children to access remotely. Thank you too, for your encouragement in keeping the children fit. We have also noticed a record number of children able to ride bikes, scoot around with confidence and going out running and walking with their parents.



Leaders

Year 6 are providing excellent leadership in the school – albeit at a distance – and we have now elected House Captains, Head Librarians and School Council members for the year. These are as follows:

House Captains 2020	Mimram	Lodge	Bury	St. Giles
Captains	Lottie & Eve	Sid & Myla	Luke & Bethany	James & Julia
Vice Captain	Lily	Olivia	Darcy	Brooke

School Council	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Myka & Ben	Aine & Ruaridh	Bobby & Sophie	Emma & Bradley	Spencer & Mia	William and Riley	Lewis & Bethany

Head Librarians:	Isabel and Oliver
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Jeans for Genes

Thank you very much for participating in Jeans for Genes day. We have supported this charity over a number of years, due to families in our community whose lives this touches. All funds raised will be sent to the appeal.



Panto

We were very sad to hear that the Pantomime has been postponed to next year. We are planning to provide an alternative morning of entertainment for the children ...



Harvest Festival Service

We will be marking Harvest this year via an 'In House' celebration. This will be themed around the Bishop of St. Albans' appeal called Creating a Buzz in Nepal. This project is to enable people to rebuild their lives and work following the devastating earthquakes of 2015, by providing them with the equipment needed to develop their own honey industry. Anyone wishing to donate to this charity may do so online:

https://www.tearfund.org/give/creating_a_buzz_in_nepal or by bringing a small amount of money in a labelled envelope. The collection will be very low key, given the financial challenges many people are currently facing.



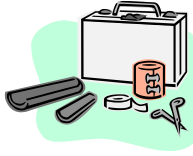
COVID Update

Hopefully, you found the document sent home earlier in the week helpful in knowing what action to take when your child is unwell at the moment. You may be aware of class and school closures in the local area. If we were to have a situation in school where a child or adult had a positive test result, the DFE and Public Health England regulations would be followed. At present, this would result in the class being sent home to isolate for 14 days, with work provided. As a matter of courtesy, we would let the parents of other children in the school know, although this is not a requirement.

The arrangements in place are working well for the children. Breaktimes and lunchtimes are staggered, to limit the areas around the school to individual classes, and each class has a member of staff assigned to them. I am really grateful to our teachers and TAs who are doing a significant number of extra break duties with their classes to maintain this separation. Our lunchtime staff are also doing additional hours to enable the classes to maintain apart.

Thank you for being so vigilant about sending the children in with their water bottles (and pencil cases for Years 1-6). This is really helpful in ensuring children to not share personal items. The children have access to their water bottles throughout the day and they are able to be re-filled from the taps in the classroom – all cold water taps are on the mains circuit. If they do forget their water bottles, we will ensure they have a recyclable cup to use.

As ever, if you have any queries about arrangements, processes, procedures or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.



Allergies, Asthma, Medical Conditions and Epi-pens

Thank you to everyone who has returned the forms to us. If you haven't yet, but your child has any of the conditions listed above, please let us know so that we can circulate the information to relevant staff and keep your child safe.

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

Yours sincerely,
Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Allergies, Asthma, Medical Conditions and Epi-pens

Child's Name:

My child has:

- **An epi-pen**
- **Inhaler**
- **Asthma**
- **Medical condition**
- **Allergy**

(please tick and provide details as appropriate)

I give permission for their photograph and allergy details to be included in a poster displayed in relevant locations around the school – e.g. classrooms and dining room

Signed:

Date:

Please return this form to the school office