

Newsletter



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4th July, 2025

Assembly themes: Next week – Winning & Losing Following week – Endings and beginnings

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are so close to the end of term – the year seems to have flown by! Last week, we enjoyed STEM week (details below) and Year 2 enjoyed a great trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park. This week, the Maypole and Country Dancing teams went to Poynders Meadow to dance for the residents and their friends. Despite the hot weather, the children did brilliantly, and we were really proud of them. A group of Year 6 children also visited Hitchin Girls School to watch their Gym and Dance Display. It was very impressive and we were delighted to see some of our former pupils performing too.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Open Evening yesterday; I hope you enjoyed visiting the different classrooms and teachers, alongside the school pets, and managed to sample the school meals! We still have lots more things to fit in before the end of term; I have included a table further down the newsletter as a quick reference guide. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further details.



Summer Do

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the Summer Do to make it such a success. Particular thanks to:

- The amazing Charlie – our PTFA Chair – Robert, and Keith for running the bar
- All of the staff, parents and former parents who worked tirelessly before, during and after the event
- David Brett-Lavelle who cooked the food to perfection - his children are now at Secondary School
- Darren Murley for running the Treasure Hunt – his children have now finished university!
- The fabulous Disney Princesses, who gave their time free (one is a former pupil – who knew princesses attended Codicote School?)
- Codicote Farm Butchery who provided the meat for us at cost
- Raffle prize donators

All of the money raised will go towards the trim trail the children would like to have installed on the field – the School Council have been consulting with their classes and have their eye on some super exciting things...



STEM Week

A huge thank you to everyone involved in STEM week – the children had a brilliant time and learnt so much! We welcomed parents – Mrs Allum, Mrs Evans and Mr Bradford – who work in STEM areas, our secondary school colleagues from The Priory, Monks Walk and Hitchin Girls School, and former pupil Thomas Gloyn. They led workshops and gave talks and presentations. We are also grateful to our ever resourceful teachers, who planned a variety of exciting learning experiences, and to Mrs Foster and Mrs Broad for organising the week.

We have been particularly impressed with the paper bag puppets which look amazing, the Maths Challenge trail, and the rockets, which whizzed across the hall at high speed! All of the children contributed to a graph of their favourite subject at school – PE was a clear winner, followed by Maths and Art. It would be interesting

to do the same activity in a different year to see if the results are similar. We are already thinking of ideas for next year – if this is something you would like to be part of, or have any ideas, we would love to hear from you.



Sport

We are really proud of our Netball Team, who have had a stunning season. Scoring a Codicote School record breaking number of goals, they have decisively won every match they have played, finishing as champions of the league and the tournament winners. Ava, from Year 6, was named as the Player of the Season! They have been exemplary in every respect - attitude, hard work, encouragement of others and teamwork, and a pleasure to watch. Thank you to Mrs Mason for coaching the team!

Last week, a group of Year 4 children represented the school at a Tennis Tournament. Although we didn't reach the finals, the children played and behaved beautifully, and we are very proud of them. We are also proud of the Year 4 Rounders Team, who enjoyed the Stevenage Sporting Futures Rounders Festival and showed great skill and determination.

Please keep your fingers crossed for us next Friday! We have also been shortlisted in different categories, for the Stevenage Sporting Futures Awards: The entire Netball team, Mabli – Netball, Bobby – Football. Well done to all of the children who have represented the school in so many different sporting events throughout the year – they are amazing!



Scooters and bikes

The children have been reminded that all scooters and bikes must be wheeled, rather than ridden on school grounds. We value your support in this to keep everyone safe.



Village Day – 19th July

Congratulations to Elsa and Alex who have been voted as Village Day Queen and King, alongside their attendants – Sienna and Sophie. Congratulations too, to the winner of the Village Day poster – Jophiel, as well as all of the Year group winners.



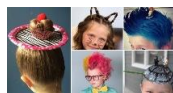
Nursery

Our new Nursery children and their families will be joining us on Thursday 10th July, at 2.00 p.m. Following the success of this year, we will be continuing to work in partnership with Pre-School. From September, we will be able to offer all of the 30 hours on site, with the children attending Nursery in the morning and then walking across the corridor to the extra Reception Classroom for their afternoon with the Pre-School Staff.



RE Day

On Tuesday 15th July, we will be having an RE Day, focussed around spirituality. We have lots of creative activities planned – if this is something you would like to come into school to help with, please let us know – you would be most welcome!



Funky Hair Day

On 18th July, children may come into school with funky hair, with the request of a small donation to the PTFA – suggestion, 50p. The School Council thought this would be a more fun activity than collecting jars for Village Day.



Maypole Costumes

Please could all items of the Maypole and Country Dancing costumes be returned to school. Out of the 20 additional skirts and neckerchiefs I made last year, we only have 9 in school. We are also missing most of the new belts (navy/lilac/pale blue) and floral head garlands. There will be no questions asked – we just need the costumes back!



Countdown to the Summer Holidays

Monday 7 th	Tuesday 8 th	Wednesday 9 th	Thursday 10 th	Friday 11 th	
	Year 6 Rounders Team competition 2-5pm	Year 5 Cross Curricular Day Monks Walk School 9:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m.	Year 6 visiting New Schools Moving up morning for other Year groups New Nursery children & families visiting 2.00 p.m.	Stevenage Sporting Futures Award Evening 7.00 p.m. (Netball Team, Mabli & Bobby) Stevenage Football Club	
Monday 14 th	Tuesday 15 th	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th	Friday 18 th	Saturday 19 ^h
	RE Day	Nursery & Reception Sports Day 9.30 a.m. School field on site.		Funky Hair Day Come to school with funky hair – with a small donation to the PTFA if possible. Reports sent home	Village Day 12.30 p.m Parade assembles in 'The Opening' 3.45 p.m. Dancers meet Mrs Pollard by maypole
Monday 21 st	Tuesday 22 nd				
Sports Day 9.15 am Years 1 & 2 New Field 1.15 p.m. Years 3-6 New Field	Leavers' Service at St Giles 10.00am Year 6 families welcome Farewell to Year 6 1.15pm Courtyard 1.45pm - Term ends				

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

Yours sincerely,

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