

Newsletter



Newsletter 4

15th October, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It hardly seems possible that there are only four more school days before half term! The time has flown by, and the children have made the most of every day. It has been a great beginning to the school year, despite the Covid challenges. We really appreciate the way you are supporting us by taking your children to be tested when they are showing any signs of illness and for keeping us updated; we do not underestimate the challenges you are facing! Hopefully, the half term holidays will act as a circuit breaker, and give people time to recover from coughs and colds too.

Next Friday (22nd October) is an INSET day, so the children will finish school on Thursday. We hope you all enjoy a relaxing and break, and stay well over the holiday.



Be Bright, Be Seen

We have been celebrating our Bronze Travel plan award and will continue to be implementing projects to encourage safe and sustainable travel to school in conjunction with the Eco team. Over the past few years, there has been the large increase in the number of children who walk, cycle or scoot into school and we will look at options to increase this further.

With the mornings becoming darker and the evenings drawing in, we have been reminding the children of the importance of being bright to be seen when they are out and about in assembly. We encourage children to wear bright and reflective clothing, and/or accessories such as gloves and backpacks, and to make sure bikes are fitted with appropriate lights. Lots of coats and bags now come with reflective flashes - look out for these when it is time to replace them.



Secondary Applications

The deadline for applications to secondary schools, for the children in Year 6 is 31st October. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any help in making your application.



Parent Teacher Consultations

We look forward to seeing you online next week for Parent Teacher Consultations. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any issues in booking your appointment, and we will be pleased to help. We anticipate returning to face to face meetings again in February.



Extra Day's Holiday

As you may be aware, we are able to book in an extra occasional day this year. This has now been confirmed as Friday 1st July, 2022, and is due to the bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falling in half term.



Cross Country Running

Last week, we took part on the Stevenage Sports Partnership Cross Country running event. It was a pleasure to be able to compete with other schools again, after such a long period, and the children were amazing! We entered teams from Years 5 and 6. As well as a number of children finishing in the top ten in each race, our Year 6 girls finished in second place overall, and our Year 6 boys won! As if this wasn't enough excitement, Hazel was the fastest girl runner in the Year 6 race, and Elvis won the Year 6 boys race, so we have the two fastest runners in the region!

We are very proud of the children, who have been training since the start of term and appreciate the support of parents who helped to transport the children to the event. We are also very grateful to our fantastic coach – Mel – who has worked so hard running the training sessions, and supported the children so well.



Football

Earlier in the week, we held a football tournament for local schools. We were delighted to watch the children win all their matches. Their teamwork and positive attitude were exemplary! They are now through to the finals which take place tonight – we are keeping everything crossed for their continued success!



Clubs

The following clubs will start after half term:

- Wednesday lunchtime: Sword dancing for Years 5 & 6
- Friday Lunchtime: Circus Skills for Year 3 and Choir for Years 5 & 6.
- Monday after school from 3.15 to 4.15: Craft Club for Year 4

Cross country, football, netball and Maypole Dancing will continue.



PTFA

We always welcome donations of new items which can be used as raffle prizes. If you have anything suitable, which you do not need, we would be delighted to receive it.

Reminders:

- Next meeting Wednesday November 3rd, at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome
- Children's Film Night: Friday 12th November 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
- Meet Father Christmas! Thursday 25th November 5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

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

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER