

Newsletter



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October 18th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am looking forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher Consultations next week – it is always lovely to share the children's learning and progress. Entry will be through the main school entrance. You do not need to sign in on arrival. I cannot believe we are only a week away from half term! I hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break.



Harvest

Last week, we enjoyed two lovely events. First, the children from Choir went to St. Albans Abbey for the Diocesan Schools Harvest Festival Service. The children's behaviour was impeccable and they represented the school beautifully. As part of the service, they performed 'Thank your Lucky Stars' and sang with real joy and enthusiasm. We were very proud of them. Then on Friday, Years 1-6 headed to St. Giles for the School Harvest Service. Everything went very smoothly, and again, the children's singing and behaviour were outstanding.

Thank you very much for your generous donations – we have delivered everything to the Codicote Food bank this morning.



Secondary School Applications

Please remember that the deadline for applying for your child's secondary school is 31st October. If you need any help with the application process, the Office Staff and I would be happy to assist. It is worth noting that in most cases, it is worth using all of your choices to make sure you secure a place at a school you would like your child to attend. If you have any queries I may be able to help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Parent Teacher Consultations

Our Parent Teacher Consultations take place on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October. If you haven't yet booked your appointment with your child's teacher, please either [log on to School Cloud](#) or speak to Mrs Martin in the school office. We will send out a note about arrangements for Thursday morning in a separate email early next week.



Lost property

Our lost property mountain is full of treasures and enormous! I am extremely grateful to Mrs Brett-Lavelle for all the work she has done to sort it, and to re-unite items with their owners. However, we still have a huge number of items including coats and shoes, expensive water bottles, lunchboxes and bags. If your child has lost something, please do visit Lost Property, and hopefully you will be able to find it.

Each day there are approximately 540 shoes, socks, trainers/wellies and 270 polo shirts, sweatshirts, coats, shorts/skirts/trousers, PE tops and shorts, bags and water bottles in school. Please could you check that your children's things are marked with their name, so that if they do go astray it is easy to return them to the right children? Thank you for your help.



Netball Team

Congratulations to our Netball Team who had a very successful first game of the season against St. Nicholas School – scoring double figures! Thank you to our team coach, Mrs Mason for training the team and to our fantastic supporters!



Mrs Day

Mrs Day will be having some long awaited surgery on her knee next week – I am sure you join me in wishing her the very best for a speedy recovery. Following this, she will be stepping back (no pun intended) from her work as a Teaching Assistant, although she will continue to work for the school in her admin and governor clerking roles. Therefore, from half term onwards, Mrs Tillson will be working with Year 6; Mrs Christie and Ms Pond will be working in Year 4.



Mobile Phones

Parents may be aware that there is a move across the country, suggesting delaying the use of smart phones for children until they are in Year 9. There is a meeting at William Ransom School on 5th November, at 1.30. I am attending to find out more, and there is also a place for a parent at the meeting. If this is something you are interested in, please let me know. We respect that this is a decision for parents. The link to the BBC articles are below:

[How Hitchin parents pushed to delay phones for school children - BBC News](#)
[St Albans school heads call for under-14s smartphone ban - BBC News](#)



Twenty buys Plenty Reminder – Friday 18th October

On Friday 18th October, the Eco Team will be running another ‘Twenty buys Plenty’ sale in the school hall, with children’s clothes on sale for 20p an item. All funds raised will go to Water Aid.

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



St.Giles Coffee Shop

St. Giles Coffee Shop runs every Friday morning in PMH from 9am - 12 noon. Home made cakes and freshly brewed coffee/tea are on sale, together with children's snacks and drinks. There is also a box of toys on hand for younger visitors. It makes a great place to meet up with friends, particularly after morning school drop-off.



Codicote Pre-School Administrator

Codicote Pre-School are currently recruiting for an administrator. The job advert can be found

here: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view_preschooladministrator_98206.htm?fbclid=IwY2xjawF9vxNleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHVV5EZm08FELD-LavBmvdwEHhVrkdDKDeMO8lfyH7DxMSDSdmPgjjD-9yg_aem_We4OEtvRQIF3cTknEU8sfQ

Anyone who is interested is welcome to contact Amy Wilson - Pre-school Leader directly:
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