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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. You will see that the teachers have already organised some exciting learning & events this term. Please remember, particularly after the warm spell this week, that the children must come to school prepared for the weather. This should include a water bottle, sun hat, summer appropriate uniform and sun cream applied before they arrive. I know you are all awaiting confirmation of our Ofsted visit last term, the report should be arriving soon and I will contact you as soon as I hear from the Ofsted team. I know I have recently met with many of you to confirm your safeguarding checks so please ensure you contact your class teachers to arrange to come and help in the everyday teaching & learning within the classroom. Your help is always invaluable to them. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events such as sports day and our music concert. I am particularly looking forward to celebrating your hidden talents at our Royal Variety Performance!

Mrs D Miller

FOUNDATION STAGE

FOUNDATION STAGE PRACTITIONERS

Welcome to the first Summer Half term! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for a busy and exciting half term. In Reception the topic over the coming weeks is Growing and Mini beasts. The Children will be very excited to start Forest School this half term. This has strong links to the "understanding of the world" curriculum as children will be looking closely at the natural world, noticing similarities and differences in the environment. In Nursery the topic over the coming weeks is Transport. They will be focusing on different modes of transport such as cars, trucks and trains. The children will also have the opportunity to go on a train trip from Hertford East to St Margaret where not only will they experience travelling on a train but they will also take a walk down the canal to look at a range of house boats.

Key Stage 1

Miss Brown/Miss Chittenden/Miss Jones/Mrs Woodier

Welcome back to the new term and we hope you all had a lovely Easter. We have a lot of exciting things planned for your children this term. We will be exploring the Seaside, learning about how it has changed through the generations as well as looking at the physical and human features found at the seaside and how they are made. Alongside this the children will be exploring pitch by learning a range Sea Shanties and making their own Punch and Judy puppets in Design and Technology. In RE we will be looking at questions that prompt discussion as well as learning about why the world around us is so important. We will also be learning about the world around us in our Art topic which looks at patterns in nature and making prints using natural objects. In Science we will be finding out about how plants and animals are adapted to their habitats. We will explore how they survive in their habitat and how to sort them into herbivore, carnivore and omnivore.

As always, your child will need all their clothing and personal items named and PE kit, including trainers in school every day. We will continue to set spelling homework and change reading books on the usual day. Thank you, in advance, for all your support.



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Lower Key Stage 2

Mrs Waller/Miss Brown/Miss Cutmore/Mrs Gent/Mrs Hickman

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a restful break after what was a very busy Spring term and are looking forward to the opportunities the new term will bring. Through our Romans topic, we will be considering the architectural legacy they left and the impact of their invasion, as well as more tasty aspects covered in our Design & technology unit where we will be making pasta – buon appetito! The Roman theme continues with mosaics and printing in Art & Design and also covering Romans in our French studies. In Science, we are covering magnets and honing our working scientifically skills; after the half term break, we will be looking at sound which will complement our music work. A mixture of English topics is planned, including the classic Dahl text 'Fantastic Mr Fox', as well as information texts, persuasive speeches and poetry.

We are also looking forward to our Phasels Wood event in a few weeks – please keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

Upper Key Stage 2

Mrs Cole/Miss Diemel/Mr Wilkie

Welcome back to the Summer term! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and we hope the children are ready for this term. Through our topic 'We are the UK', we will be looking at British History including the Anglo-Saxons and the impact of invasions. We will also explore National geographical issues including flooding and global warming. In Art we will be exploring modern artists and will learn about street art, learning to recreate our own compositions. In Science, we will be learning about materials and explore reversible and irreversible changes. We will also focus on noticing patterns and changes over time through comparative and fair tests. This is a very important term for Year 6, as they will be completing their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). We know they will continue to work hard to ensure they try their best and complete them to the best of their ability. A key event for the Summer term is our UKS2 production, which we know the children are very excited about. We will appreciate any DBS-checked volunteers as the time nears, to help with scenery and prop making. Please speak to a member of the UKS2 term if you can volunteer some time to help us – your support is always greatly appreciated.

ADMINISTRATION

Dinner Money, Music and Lunch Club invoices have already been issued. We would like to remind you these are to be paid in advance not in arrears therefore immediate payment is required.

School Comms - Thank you to all that are making use of the School Comms system to make payments to school. This is a much safer and quicker method for payment of most items i.e. dinner money, trips, swimming, music etc. If you have lost your login details or forgotten how to use the system please contact the office and we can arrange to resend you the details.

Poppy Appeal – thank you to all those parents, carers and relatives who have already sent in completed poppies and resources. We will be collecting these for most of this term so please get out your knitting needles and crochet hooks and get creative. There is a box at the front office to place any completed items in. If you are able to offer your help by coming into school to work with the children to make these please let the office know that you are able to volunteer.

Can we remind you of our **E Safety talk on 26 April at 6:30**. This is high profile topic and we urge you to book a space on this free important talk to enable you to keep your children safe whilst using electronic communications.



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DATE	TIME	EVENT
17 April	8:55	First day of Summer term
18 April	9:30-11:15	Nursery Train Trip
18 April	12:45-3:00	Nursery Train Trip
19 April	9:30-11:15	Nursery Train Trip
23 April		Clubs Commence
24 April	All Day	RAF Trip
26 April	6:30-7:30	E Safety Talk for Parents
4 May	All Day	Year 3 & 4 Phaselswood Day Trip
7 May		SCHOOL CLOSED MAY BANK HOLIDAY
14-18 May	All Day	SATs & Assessment Week
10 May	6:00	Sept 18 Intake Nursery Parents Meeting
10 May	7:00	Sept 18 Intake Reception Parents Meeting
18 May	All Day	Royal Wedding Celebration
18 May	Evening	PTFA Y6 Girls & Ladies Evening
24 May	AM	School Group Photos
28 May to 1 June		HALF TERM BREAK
11-15 June	All Day	Year 1 Phonics Assessment
15 June	Evening	PTFA Magic Show & Disco
<i>12 June</i>	<i>9:30-11:30</i>	<i>KS2 Sports Day</i>
19 June	All Day	KS1 Y2 Trip to Southend
20 June	11:45	Reception 2018 Trial Lunch
<i>21 June</i>	<i>1:15-4:15</i>	<i>District Athletics competition at Wodson Y2 - 6</i>
<i>27 June</i>	<i>Evening</i>	<i>Music Concert</i>
<i>28 June</i>	<i>9:30-11:30</i>	<i>KS1 Sports Day</i>
29 June	All Day	Reception Trip
29 June	1:00-4:00	Tag Rugby Festival at Richard Hale
3 July	All Day	KS1 Y1 trip to Southend
<i>5 July</i>	<i>11:00-1:00</i>	<i>Foundation Stage Sports Day & Picnic</i>
8 July	Afternoon	PTFA Summer Fete
9-13 July	All Day	Level 3 Cycle Training
12 July	ALL DAY	Year 6 Secondary Visits
12 July	14:00	School Open Afternoon
16 July	13:45-3:15	UKS2 Performance
17 July	18:30	UKS2 Performance
19 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers Party
20 July	2:30	Last day of term for children
<i>5 September</i>	<i>08:55</i>	<i>First Day of Children's Autumn Term 2018</i>

Italicised dates are provisional and weather permitting

ASSEMBLY DATES – Fridays

11.5.18	25.5.18	8.6.18	15.6.18	22.6.18	29.6.18	6.7.18	13.7.18
Year 1	Rec 2	Year 2	Year 3	Rec 1	Year 3 / 4	Year 1 / 2	Year 4