

Weekly Newsletter

13th September 2024



Message from the Head

AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Non uniform Day for Chronic Granulomatous Disease

Two boys in our school have a very rare genetic condition called Chronic Granulomatous Disease (CGD). We will be holding a non uniform day for the CGD society as they have given great support to the family. Bobby and Ben have both suffered from this very rare condition with Bobby still in hospital following a bone marrow transplant earlier this year.

The boys featured in this newspaper article in the Mirror over the summer holidays.

[Brothers saved by unrelated donor after being born with rare condition - Mirror Online](#)

We will be holding a **non uniform day on Friday 11th October for a donation of £1** in their honour and to raise money for this wonderful charity. We hold Bobby in our thoughts and prayers and are hoping for a speedy recovery.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Class 5 residential

Class 5 parents please look out for an email about the Class 5 residential this year. We are seeking your views on some options we are considering. Many thanks.

Bikeability

We are offering Year 6 the chance to improve their cycling skills. This is a great opportunity, which costs us £25 per child. This is a cost we are able to cover as it provides such important skills. Children who take part must be able to ride a bike and this course is to teach children to ride more safely. Children need a bike in good condition. If your child would like to take part, we do have bikes they can borrow. Please sign your child up in Arbor trips. Closing date is Monday 16th September.

Secondary Application for 2025

Don't forget the deadline for all secondary applications for September 2025 is the 31st October 2024.

Sickness bug

This week there has been a sickness bug in school. A reminder that if your child has been sick that we require them to be off school for 48 hours from when they were sick. Thank you for helping us to stop sickness from spreading and for protecting some of our more vulnerable community members.

Cake Sale Class 4

Class 4's cake sale will be next Thursday, 19th September. Please could class 4 bring in cakes to be sold after school and any parent volunteers to run the stall. The money raised from these sales goes to the class who runs them to buy any extra resources and materials required above what the school covers (e.g. visualisers to link to the whiteboard, resources not budgeted for, special art materials for Christmas, etc). Thanks very much.



Parking reminder

Please ensure, if you visit school during the day, that you park behind the hall opposite as the parking in front is reserved for hall users. They kindly let us park there before and after school unless an event is on in which case you will need to park round the back or on the road. Thank you for parking and driving considerately.

Values Award

We are introducing a new award linked to our school values. It will be presented each week.

Class 1

Dixie - For displaying kindness to adults and children in her class and helping the new children to settle.

Class 2

Isaac has earned the values award this week for working incredibly hard and with resilience in maths.

Class 3

Mia has earned the values award this week for her resilience in maths.

Class 4

Harry has shown all our values since starting Year 5. He is working hard, helping others and being a great friend.

Class 5

Seb B for excellent start to year 6, supporting new children with kindness and working incredibly hard.

House points

Larks 166

Martins 165

Swifts 170

Congratulations to the Swifts!

Attendance this week

Class 1 95.6%

Class 2 96.3%

Class 3 94.7%

Class 4 88.8%

Class 5 99.1% Well Done!

Whole School Attendance this year: 95.6%



Coming Up

Monday 16th September

- Gymnastics
- Gardening Club

Tuesday 17th September

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Tennis (KS1 & KS2)
- Game on Football Club (KS1)

Wednesday 18th September

- Multisport Club (KS1 & KS2)

Thursday 19th September

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- Netball (KS1 & KS2)
- French (KS1)

Friday 20th September

- French (KS2)

Additional Information

For this week's letters click on the image below ...



Smart Phone Free Childhood

Join a growing community of parents in Hertfordshire choosing to wait to give their children smartphones until at least the end of Year 9 – and see how many others have signed up in your child's primary or secondary school.

It takes just 30 seconds to sign, and the more of us that do, the more powerful it becomes in shifting the social norm in Hertfordshire. Plus every signature will help to prove to the government how much this issue matters to parents across the country.

Your choice – and your voice – really is powerful

<https://hertfordshireparentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

Tring Open Evening for Year 6 Children

Tuesday 24th September. For more information, please see Tring School website.

Parent workshops

An opportunity to come into school and take part in a lesson with your child. We will also be sharing information about our phonics / reading systems with parents of children in Class 1.

Mon 30th Sept 9-10 - **Class 5**

Tues 1st Oct 9-10- **Class 4**

Weds 2nd Oct 9-10 - **Class 2**

Fri 4th Oct 9-10 - **Class 3**

Mon 7th Oct 9-10- **Class 1**

Request for drawstring bags

We would like drawstring bags to store headphones in. If any parents, carers, friends or family are able to make or purchase 25,A4 sized drawstring bags to store them in or can provide any fabric it would be greatly appreciated.

Dates for this half term

Date and time	Event
Thurs 19th Sept	Class 4 cake sale—parent volunteers please speak to Mrs Whelan or Mrs Whiting
Mon 23rd Sept	Bikeability for Year 6 all week—bring own bike in good, working condition. Please ask if you need to borrow a bike.
Mon 30th Sept	Parent workshops this week
Mon 7th Oct	Year 4 pedestrian skills training
Thurs 10th Oct	Class 3 cake sale
Fri 11th Oct	Non uniform day for CGD society— £1 donation
Mon 14th 3.30-6.00	Parents' evening in person in school
Weds 16th 5.00-7.30	Parents' evening online
Tues 22nd Oct	Headteacher afternoon tea
Thurs 24th Oct	Perform Workshop to Class 1 and 2
Fri 25th Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 4th Nov	Return to school



Sports Clubs

Please can you ensure that if your child is at an after school sports club that they are picked up at 4.15pm. If you also have a child in ASC please can you go to the blue gate to pick up after collecting any children at a sports club.

Forest School

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with Forest school. However, we are still short of volunteers for the afternoon sessions (12.45-3.00pm). If you are able to spare a couple of hours for one session it would be hugely appreciated.

Arbor Shop

Please use this area to purchase the following:-

- Pencil Cases
- Book Bags
- Milk
- Snack Money (Class 1 only)



Bikeability year 6
Monday 23rd September - all week

