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NEWSLETTER



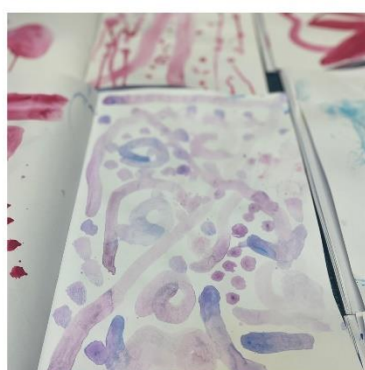
Issue 17: Thursday 19th January 2023



ARTS DAYS 2023

It has been a great week for creativity! Each class has spent the last couple of days on their art topic for this half term and it has been a wonderful opportunity for children to be fully absorbed in their learning and skills development. We will upload a full set of photos onto the school website soon so you can see the children in action.

Each class will be displaying their work in the main entrance of school, showcasing the journey of their learning from initial ideas, experimenting with new skills, through to their final piece. You will be able to see the exhibition when you come to Open Session on Monday 30th January.



Open Session ~ Monday 30th January 3.30-5.30pm

We do hope you can come along to the next Open Session and that you will enjoy seeing your child's classroom, their books and teacher. A reminder that these are informal 'drop ins' and you do not need a set appointment.

Classes 3, 5, and 6: Use the Class 5/6 doors

Classes 1, 2 and 4: Use the main entrance

Please be aware that buggies and prams cannot be brought into the building.

Class 4 Assembly Friday 3rd February 9.15am

Class 4 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 4 assembly on Friday 3rd February. The assembly will start at 9.15am in the hall.

If you have babies or pre-schoolers, they are very welcome to attend, all we ask is that you take them out if they are unsettled or making noise. **Please also note that we do not permit photographs or videos at class assemblies.**

Packed lunches

Please ensure that packed lunches are healthy and balanced for your child so that they have a good meal to get them through the afternoon.

- No chocolate or sweets
- No **hot foods or flasks**
- Unlimited drinking water is provided, cartons of juice/fizzy drinks should not be included in packed lunches
- **No nuts or nut products (including things like peanut butter, cereal bars and Nutella)**
- If your child will need a spoon or cutlery for their lunch (yogurts/salads etc), please provide this for them in with their lunch.

If you would like any advice on lunches or ways to encourage your child to eat well, please talk to Mrs Stewart who would be happy to help.



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SCHOOL**

YEAR 6 PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Wednesday 8th February 2023 1.30pm – 5.30pm

Parents of children in Class 6 should have received a letter about the upcoming parent and child consultations with Miss Walker, to discuss SATs. Please do make sure you return the reply slip as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Parking woes again

Most parents are making sensible choices and we are very grateful for your support. However, parking continues to be problematic outside school.

This week we had an email from a local resident concerned for children's safety because a parent was getting their children out of the car, directly into the road. The resident was alarmed that despite driving slowly and cautiously, they did not expect to see a young child in the road in front of their car; this could have been a dreadful accident.

One of the worst places to park is on the double yellow lines close to the school gate. When this is blocked, if cars need to pull in to give way to oncoming traffic, their only option is to pull into the top of the drive by the gate – which is filled with parents, pupils, toddlers and prams.

Please help us to protect your children.



Bag2School

Thank you for all
your donations
to the Bag2School
collection this week!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS: watches, jewellery & hair

- Children can wear a simple analogue or digital watch for school. **Smart watches, Fitbits etc are not permitted.** Bracelets (wrist or ankle) should not be worn, including fabric friendship bracelets.
- If your child has pierced ears they may wear simple stud earrings which need to be removed for swimming or PE. **Hooped earrings of any kind are not permitted.**
- To avoid the spread of head lice, please ensure that hair beyond shoulder length is tied back for school; plaits are particularly effective for this. Thank you for your cooperation.

Award badges

If your child receives a badge in Friday Fellowship, it is theirs to wear for a week, and then they return it the following week to be awarded to the next child. We have a lot of missing badges at the moment because some get left at home. Please could you have a search at home and return any badges you find – thank you!





KS1 Sports Festival

On Monday a group of KS1 children went to Barnwell School to take part in a Sporting Futures games afternoon.

They took part in a wide range of activities designed to develop core skills such as balance, running style and jumping.

They all had a great afternoon – well done!



Y3/4 Football Rally

Huge congratulations to the children who went to Letchworth on Tuesday to compete in the rural schools' football rally.

They played brilliantly, and after a very close, nail biting final, finished in first place.

Well done team!

PE kit reminder

A reminder that children need both indoor and outdoor kits at this time of year.

Indoor kit: shorts, T shirt, plimsolls

Outdoor kit: long joggers, T shirt, hoodie/fleece/jumper, trainers.

Optional hat/gloves

MOVIE AND MUNCH

Monday 6th February 3.15-5pm £4 per child

Book online:

www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps

Bookings will close at the end of the day on Thursday 2nd February 2023 and we will not be able to accept any bookings after this date.



Class 1 & 2 movie: The Croods (U)
Class 3 & 4 movie: Chicken Run (U)
Class 5 & 6 movie: Shrek the Third (U)



At the end of the session, children will be dismissed by teachers at their usual collection points. If you have children in more than one class attending, teachers will supervise your child until you get from one collection point to another.

Class 4 Cake Day

Friday 27th January

Dear Class 4 parents,

The PTA are holding a cake sale on 27th January to raise funds for school. This time it is the turn of Class 4 to each supply small cakes or biscuits to sell on the day. Please make sure that any tins, plates or containers are clearly named.

We would be very grateful if you could **donate 15 cakes for cake day**, to ensure that we have enough to go around & the children are not left disappointed. These cakes /biscuits can be either homemade or bought. You may want to plan some kitchen time to make or decorate the cakes with your child! **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CAKES MUST BE NUT-FREE.**

The cakes will be sold during the morning break to the whole of the school, any remaining cakes will be sold outside school at home time. We hope that you will be able to support us with this event, and we thank you in anticipation.

Thank you from The PTA

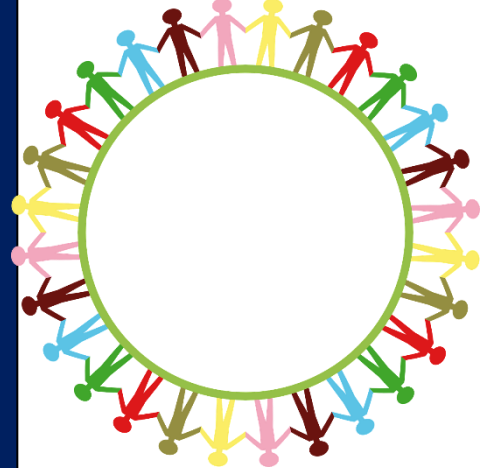


This week's article from our Pupil Journalists, Annie & Lily

We know that pick-ups can be difficult, going to and from after school clubs, but it is also important to be respectful of our school children. It is a bad example and last week, the cars parking on the double yellow lines reached the junction, making it much harder for cars leaving.

This year's arts days took place on Wednesday & Thursday. This year, each class has their own theme; class 6s theme is tropical and class 5 is doing landscapes and cityscapes. There are many techniques to do art, it's not just painting on a canvas or colouring a picture. We have focused on the journey and valuing the process in art, not just the final piece.

For our Tuesday collective worship we learnt about friendship and connecting with others through it. This circle time is linked to our value, Justice.



St Ippolyts Church

Come and join us for our

Christingle Service

this Sunday (22nd) at 9.15am as we celebrate God's love for us all and raise money for The Children's Society. Everyone welcome ~ please come along!

Love from Rev Ginni