



This week has seen a focus on science across the whole school. The children have been carrying out a range of practical investigations and experiments, all designed to develop their investigative skills such as planning, observing, recording and drawing scientific conclusions.



## Red Nose Day TOMORROW

Tomorrow, children are invited to come dressed for Red Nose Day in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief (participation is optional!). Children can come dressed in:

- A funny outfit or funny hairstyle
- Red clothes or Red Nose Day Merchandise
- Usual school uniform with red accessories/red noses etc



## Spring term clubs finish tomorrow

This week is the final week of after school clubs. There are no clubs in the w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March or 25<sup>th</sup> March. Clubs will recommence with a new programme in the summer term.

## Class 3 Assembly next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9.15am

Class 3 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 3 assembly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The assembly will start at 9.15am in the hall. Hope you can come!

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS NEXT WEEK

Thank you for booking your parent consultation appointments via Arbor and we apologise for the technical issues that affected C2 and C3 for a short while.

**Please remember that any parent can book to see Mr Jefferies or Mrs Stewart on the Monday face to face day – they currently both have plenty of availability.**

## IMPORTANT: SPORTS KITS FROM EVENTS

If your child has participated in a sports event and been issued with the school sports kit to wear, we would be very grateful if you could return these, laundered, ASAP after the event.

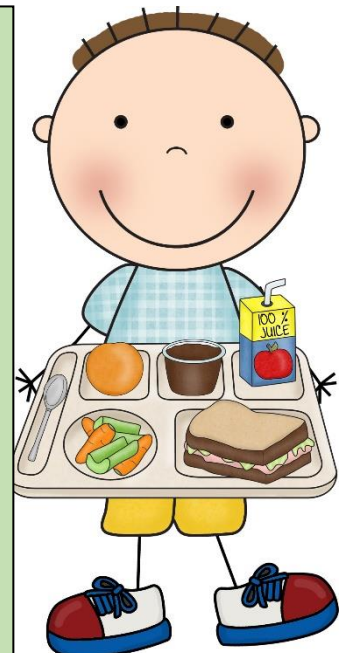
We have a lot of events in the next few weeks and so have a quick turnaround for issuing kit to the next child who needs it. Many thanks for your help.

## School dinner prices & summer term menu

After Easter, the price of school dinners for children in Y3-Y6 will increase to £3.30 per day.

Please remember to check your eligibility for free school meals by visiting <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/At-school/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx#year3>

Shortly we will be sending out the summer menu for you to see. The menus are being expanded to include a cold sandwich option, as well as the usual meat, vegetarian and jacket potato options. Alongside the sandwich/roll/baguette, the children will still be able to select all the usual accompaniments such as vegetables, salad and desserts



## Medical and dental appointments

We are very grateful for parents trying to make dental and medical appointments outside of the school day; however, we do know that this can be challenging, and you don't always get much choice! When you email in to let us know of an appointment, please could you remember to include evidence of the appointment – for example a photo of an appointment card/letter, screenshot of a text confirmation etc. Thank you.



# SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM AFTER EASTER

**After the Easter holidays we change to summer uniform:**

white and blue **checked** dress (pale blue, not navy) *culottes style permitted, but not the short 'hot-pants'*

**white** socks

navy cardigan

sun hat/cap

**OR**

grey shorts

white shirt

school tie

navy V-neck jumper, **not sweatshirts**

grey socks

sun hat/cap



Closed toe sandals are permitted in summer. Shoes can be black or navy.

**School fleeces revert to being outdoor wear only after Easter**

During the summer months, we may have additional PE sessions as we prepare for sports day so it is important that your child has PE kit in school every day.

**Summer PE kit is shorts/t-shirts, not long trousers/joggers.**

## Back in stock!

Junior bookbags/satchels are back in stock at the office, £9 each



## School Caps for summer

£4 each

perfect for the summer term.

Thank you to Mr Jefferies for his modelling skills! 😊



## VACANCY – Join our team!

We are looking to recruit a new school cleaner to join our premises team (£11.79ph) in term time with some additional overtime cleaning in the school holidays.

The role includes the daily cleaning of classrooms, cloakrooms and public areas of the school.

If you are interested or know anybody who might be, please contact Mrs Joyce in the office.

**Alternatively, if you cannot commit to regular hours but would be interested in occasional ad-hoc work with our site team, please get in touch.**

# SPORTS DAY 2024:

**please read, date change!**

**Our Sports Day will take place on  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**(NOT Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May as previously listed)**

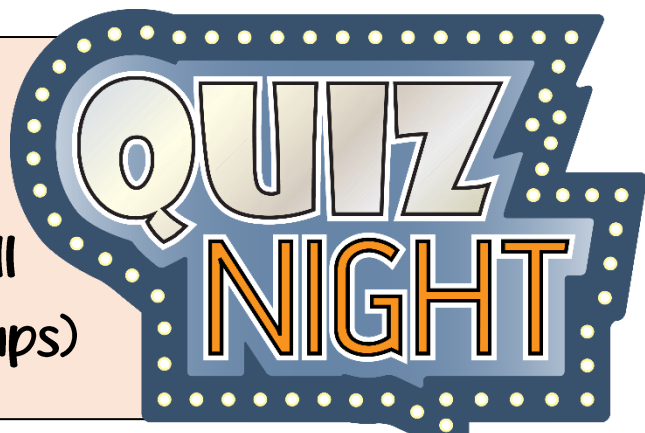
We have some very exciting plans for this year's sports day, which we will be able to share with you shortly. Until then, please make a note of the revised date. Whilst you are getting organised, it will also be useful to note that this will be an all-day event.

More info to follow, watch this space!



# Save the date!

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the school hall  
(evening event for parents/grownups)

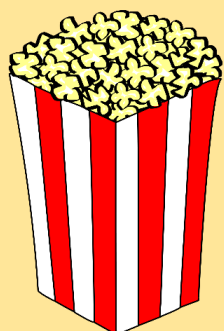


## MOVIE AND MUNCH

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

3.15–5pm £5 per child

Book online: [www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps)



Bookings are open now and will close at midnight on 21<sup>st</sup> March  
we will not be able to accept any bookings after this date.

Class 1 & 2 movie: Epic Tales

Class 3 & 4 movie: A Tiger's Tale

Class 5 & 6 movie: Despicable Me 3

For children in Years 5 and 6, please let the teachers know what the collection/pick up arrangements are for your child after Movie and Munch.

**Class 3 Cake Day**  
**raised £110.35!**

Thank you to class 3 for supplying  
& everyone else for buying!

Thank to everyone who came  
along to the PTA Easter craft  
afternoon and especially to all  
the parents who helped!

**Bag2School**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**





A colorful poster for a Summer Fair Planning Meeting. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunting (orange, green, red, yellow) hangs across the frame. Below it, a large orange banner with a white border contains the word 'SUMMER' in white, outlined, serif capital letters. Below the banner, the word 'FAIR' is written in large, red, outlined, serif capital letters. Underneath 'FAIR', the words 'PLANNING MEETING' are written in large, dark green, outlined, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the date and location are listed in blue, outlined, sans-serif capital letters: 'THURSDAY 25TH APRIL' and 'AT THE BIRD IN HAND'. To the left of this text is a yellow flower with a red center, and to the right are several small white flowers with yellow centers. Below the date and location, the text 'PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP TO MAKE IT OUR BEST FAIR EVER!' is written in dark green, outlined, sans-serif capital letters. Below this text is a large red banner with a white border containing the text 'SAVE THE DATE! THE SUMMER FAIR TAKES PLACE AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 5TH JULY' in white, outlined, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom of the poster, there are illustrations of a Ferris wheel on the left and a carousel on the right. The Ferris wheel has a blue frame and red and white segments. The carousel has a yellow canopy with red stars and three horses (yellow, green, and blue) with red and white stripes on their legs. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. The bottom of the poster has a green grassy area with a blue and white striped border and a red dashed line. There are also some small white flowers on the grass.

# SUMMER FAIR

## PLANNING MEETING

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# SPORTS



On Tuesday, two teams of Y5 children competed in the SSFT Handball competition. They played brilliantly and both teams brought home medals – first and third place – very well done!

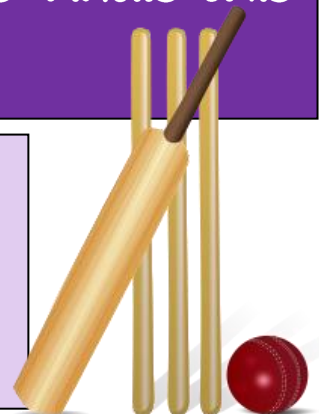
## GOOD LUCK!

There are some exciting sports events in the next week – a big good luck to all the children involved. Just do your best and enjoy every moment! We are very proud of you 😊



The trampoline team are travelling to Telford to compete in the national schools' finals this weekend – good luck!

Good luck to the children competing in the county finals next week in Ware – the Y5/6 Indoor athletics team and the Y3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket. It's such an achievement to reach the county rounds so well done to you all!



The girls football team have a rally at the weekend and then are playing in the finals of The Wix Cup next week. The team have done amazingly well to reach the finals and we will have everything crossed for you! Good luck girls!



World book day was fabulous with fantastic costumes and amazing stories. The teachers dressed up as the characters from the funny story, Shrek. As you may know it was Mother's Day last Sunday, so we're sure that you showed your mums/carers lots of love. This week has contained Science days. Science days are when you have TWO WHOLE DAYS of science. All the classes have been testing, experimenting and learning about everything sciencey, especially biscuit-related!

### St Patrick's Day

St Patrick's Day is on Sunday 17th March and is celebrated around the world by many different people, specifically the Irish. This is a holiday that honours Saint Patrick and the appearance of Christianity in Ireland.



### Reminders:

Red Nose Day this Friday

Girls football match on Friday and a tournament on Saturday.

Movie and Munch on Monday 25th March; book your tickets now to see a great movie with your friends!

**MARCH**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

### Quote of the week:

"St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time- a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic." -

Adrienne Cook