



NEWSLETTER 4

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

KS2 MSA Vacancy

We have a full time vacancy in KS2 (6hrs 15mins per week 11.55-1.10 daily) term time only. Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Monday 9 October with interviews to be held on Friday 13 October from 9.00am.



Parent Consultations – Monday 16 / Tuesday 17 October



Please see the attached letter which asks for the slips to be back by 6 October.



Parent Reading Clubs



Reception: Will start after October half term, Year 1: Wednesdays 3pm, **Year 2:** Wednesdays 3pm, **Year 3:** Wednesdays 3pm & Friday 9am, **Year 4:** Thursdays 3pm & Friday 9am, **Year 5:** Mondays 9am & Wednesdays 9am and **Year 6:** Thursday 3pm & Fridays 9am.

This was really popular last year so I'm hoping that as many of you will be able to come into your child's class during these times and enjoy reading with us.

Kingswood Payment

Just a reminder that the 1st payment of £50.00 for Kingswood is now due. This will secure you child's place on the trip. Payments can be made through Schoolcomms. We will be giving our final numbers to Kingswood on Monday 2 October. Your child's place cannot be guaranteed after this time.

Street Food Festival Day – Thursday 5 October

There will be a change to the menu on Thursday 5 October. The choices will be: **(Red)** Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap, **(Green)** Jerk Quorn and **(Yellow)** Cheese Baguette.



FOA Welly Walk – Friday 6 October



Please see the letter from FOA about this event which will be running between 2.00 – 3.00pm on the school field. **Please note that entrance for 2.00pm will be via the main school gate only, please make your way up the drive to the KS2 playground or round between Reception / Nursery on to the KS1 playground.** Our side gates will be open at 3.00pm as normal.

Sport Ambassador Leaders

I was delighted to meet with our Year 6 Sport Ambassador Leaders. They have been trained last year by Stevenage Sporting Futures and are now fully set to support our playtime and curriculum sports program. Well done to the following children: Ivy M, Albert M, Owen P, Ronnie G, Josh D, William C, Eloise F, Praise M, Ella H and Demi G. They all have specific roles: Photographer, Equipment monitor, Inclusion Officer, Reporter, Photographer, Board Monitor, Record Keeper and Health monitor, however these will rotate throughout the year.



National Fitness Day – 27 September – Reported by Mr Appaddo



Our children took part in National Fitness day alongside 10,000 schools across the county. Activities included yoga, mindfulness, circuit training, dance and nutrition. A special thank you to our Y6 Sports Ambassadors, who led KS1 through their activities.



Sport fixtures



Good luck to the girls' Football team who have a home match this Friday against Bedwell.



Science Ambassadors

My thanks to Mrs Cox who has organised this year's group of pupils for us called the Science Ambassadors. Pupils in KS2 were invited to apply for this post which involves:

1. Promoting Science amongst their peers.
2. Providing a pupil voice for the science learning that is taking place in the classes.
3. Sharing their learning in assembly.
4. Supporting Science Week.
5. Nominating peers for Science Awards.

I am pleased to say that the following children have been appointed:

Y3 – Isabelle W, Rebekah L, Kaine W

Y4 – Olivia E, Leonardo F, Thomas B

Y5 – Erin L, Riley Q, Jessica Y, Amba A, Dylan S

Y6 – Kian P



Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 12 October at 2.15pm. This year we are again supporting the Stevenage Community Food Bank, therefore we are asking children to bring in items from the following list:

Breakfast Cereals, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Tinned Meals, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Meat, Tins of Fruit, Tea, Coffee, Tinned Sweetcorn, UHT Milk, Custard, and Soup.

By donating food in this way, it will be much easier for the staff at the food bank to cater for the needs of their clients. We would be happy to receive donations from Monday 9 October. These can be donated to your child's class. If you would like to find out more about this group please go to

<http://stevenagecommunityfoodbank.org.uk>

We would also be grateful for any beautifully presented boxes of produce; these will go with some of our Year 6 pupils to Silkin Court on the afternoon of Friday 13 October. I know that the residents there will be delighted to receive them and they often write lovely thank you letters as a result.

Finally, I'm sure you would like to join us in sending congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Goode-Dooher and her husband on the safe arrive of her new baby boy.

Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are Rainbows & Class 7.

Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is Class 8 with 100%.

Effort Cup



Congratulations to Amba A. from Year 5.



Diary Dates for Autumn Term



FOA Welly Walk	-	Friday 6 October
Harvest Festival	-	Thursday 12 October
Y6 Silkin Court Visit	-	Friday 13 October
Parents Consultations	-	Monday 16 / Tuesday 17 October
Individual Photos	-	Thursday 19 October
Half-term	-	Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October
INSET Day 3	-	Monday 30 October - school closed to children
Last day of term	-	Tuesday 19 December at 2.15pm

Spring Term 2018:

First day of term	-	Wednesday 3 January
Half-term	-	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
Last day of term	-	Thursday 29 March at 2.15pm

Summer Term 2018:

First day of term	-	Monday 16 April
May Day	-	Monday 7 May - school closed to children

14 – 18 May		KS2 SATS week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
Half-term	-	Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June
10 -15 June	-	Y6 Kingswood Trip – Isle of Wight
11 - 15 June		Y1 Phonics Test Week (No holiday will be authorised during this week)
INSET Day 4	-	Friday 6 July – school closed to children
Last day of term	-	Friday 20 July at <u>2.15pm</u>
INSET Day 5	-	Monday 23 July – school closed to children
Occasional Days	-	Tuesday 24 July – Friday 27 July - school closed to children.

Please note: Key Stage 2 SATs week; 14 – 18 May 2018. The Y1 phonics test will be held during the week of 11 June. KS1 (Y2) SATs process will take place in May.
Please ensure pupils do not book any family holidays during these times as they will be unauthorised.

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