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### **NEWSLETTER 10**

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has been all about dressing up! At the start of the week, we wore odd socks. This week has been anti-bullying week and the theme was 'one kind word'. Through the school, the children looked at how words can have a positive and a negative impact on others. Being kind is not just about words it is about actions as well, this link takes you to some great ideas for how to focus on teaching kindness at home. <a href="https://afineparent.com/positive-parenting-faq/kindness-activities-for-kids.html">https://afineparent.com/positive-parenting-faq/kindness-activities-for-kids.html</a>. One very easy way is to go around the family, at the end of a day, and ask everyone what kind thing they did today. Later in the week we came to school in our pyjamas, I enjoy dressing smartly for work, but I must say it was lovely to wear my slippers on Friday. You can read about one of the local projects to benefit from Children in Need funding here <a href="https://www.livingroomherts.org/news/happy-days-crche-opens-for-an-extra-day">https://www.livingroomherts.org/news/happy-days-crche-opens-for-an-extra-day</a>

In our staff meeting on Monday, the staff talked about the work that they have been doing in class to introduce Zones of Regulation. This is a way of children being able to describe their emotions and begin to recognise the ways of moving from one emotion to another or staying in a zone. You may hear your children talking about feeling 'red' or 'green'. You can help by using some of the same terms. The Blue Zone is calm, shy bored, disappointed. The Green Zone is happy, content and ready to learn. The Yellow Zone is excited, annoyed, confused. The Red Zone is angry, mad, terrified.

Finally, I would like to share a service called Stand by Me. Stand-by-me offers information, advice and support to help children, young people and their families living in North Hertfordshire & Stevenage understand and manage their grief. They can do work in school but also can help with children at home. Have a look at the resources and groups on their website <a href="https://www.stand-by-me.org.uk/">https://www.stand-by-me.org.uk/</a>

Mrs Janes - Headteacher

### **Outside of School Achievements:**

Timothy from Year 3 plays for the Hitchin under 8's Rugby Team and regularly plays matches against neighbouring teams. He has aspirations of playing for the British or South African team when he is older.





Clark from Year 2 has earned his first 4 activity badges in Beavers for Gardening, Exploring, Camp Craft and Emergency Aid. Well Done Clark.





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#### School Reminders:

- Please can water bottles in school only contain water and not juice thank you.
- We have had a request from a local resident from Sparrow Drive, who has asked that parents do not park blocking driveways. I am sure you can appreciate how frustrating this would be if it was your driveway and you were trying to get to work. Thank you for your understanding.
- Can all children make sure they bring into school a pair of in-door shoes (plimsolls) as the weather is changing.



This link outlines some of the support that is available to parents and families of children from birth to 19 years

old. https://youtu.be/ov5uuaBTfXE



### **MSA Vacancy**

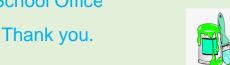
We have a full time vacancy. hours to be discussed at interview. Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Friday 26 November 2021.

Interviews to be arranged.

We are looking for donations of paint – Are you able to help us?

Tubs of Magnolia in particular and any other colours. If you have any that you wish to donate to the school, please can you bring them to

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## Dinner Behaviour Awards

The winners for this week are Class 4 (Good behaviour) & Class 12 (For making the right choices at lunchtime).



## Attendance Cup 1

The winner for this week is Class 6 with 98.1%.

Monday 22 November	Tuesday 23 November	Wednesday 24 November	Thursday 25 November	Friday 26 November
Menu 1	Individual Photo's	ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm) Cheerleading Years 6 (3.30pm-4.15pm	Cheerleading Years 5 (3.30pm-4.15pm	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 29 November	Tuesday 30 November	Wednesday 1 December	Thursday 2 December	Friday 3 December
Menu 2		ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm) Cheerleading Years 6 (3.30pm-4.15pm	Cheerleading Years 5 (3.30pm-4.15pm	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 6 December	Tuesday 7 December	Wednesday 8 December	Thursday 9 December	Friday 10 December
Menu 3		Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm) Cheerleading Years 6 (3.30pm-4.15pm	Cheerleading Years 5 (3.30pm-4.15pm	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 13 December	Tuesday 14 December	Wednesday 15 December	Thursday 16 December	Friday 17 December
Menu 1		ART Club Years 4,5&6 (3.20pm-4.15pm) Cheerleading Years 6 (3.30pm-4.15pm	Cheerleading Years 5 (3.30pm-4.15pm	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 20 December	Tuesday 21 December			
	Last day of term – school finishes at 2.15pm			





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### **Term Dates Academic Year 2021**



Tuesday 21 December - Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm



Wednesday 5 January 2022

Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February

Monday 21 February

Tuesday 22 February

Friday 1 April

Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April

First day of term for pupils

Half-term

- INSET Day 4 - school closed to children

First day of term for pupils

- End of term – finish at 2.15pm

- Half-term - Easter Break

## Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19 April

Friday 27 May

Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

Monday 6 June Friday 22 July - First day of term for pupils

INSET Day 5 - school closed to children

- Half Term (including the Spring Bank Holiday and

additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

First day of term for pupils

- Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm

### **Academic Year 2022**

KS1 – Y2 Testing window is the whole month of May 2022. KS1 – Y1 Phonics is 6 – 17 June 2022. KS2 – Y4 Multiplication Test is 6 – 24 June 2022. KS2 – Y6 9 – 12 May 2022.

Please ensure you do not book any family holidays during test times as they will be unauthorised.