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NEWSLETTER 22

DATE: 4 March 2022

This half term our school value is Empathy

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week the staff and children have enjoyed the activities and events that are beginning to start up again. Girls and boys from years 5 and years 6 took part in their first match since September. Thank you to Mr Flynn who has been contacting schools in order to set up this terms fixtures. We have fixtures set now at nearly one a week, which I know the children will be excited about.

You would have seen from our recent Ofsted report that the curriculum development is a focus area. I was extremely proud and impressed to listen in on a meeting between Mr Allen, Mrs Garnhan, Mrs Cox and our School Improvement Partner. The development of our History, Art and Science curriculum is moving quickly and teachers will be working from this curriculum from next term. These staff will be supporting other subject leads in developing their own area.

Some of you have spoken to me about the situation in the Ukraine. You have asked if we are collecting items; there are a number of collection points in Stevenage and they have secured transport to Ukraine. The best way of getting things over there are through these routes details of one collection point and the item that they need is on the next page. You have also expressed a concern about children discussing the situation in school. It is important that we do not ignore the situation but at the same time I understand that this needs to be done in an age appropriate way. Staff discussed this and Mr Yates will be sending out information, which will help you understand what we are doing and how you can support your children.

Yesterday, we celebrated 'World Book Day' by discussing our favourite books and thinking about authors. The children had the opportunity to hear their class teachers reading their favourite stories in year groups. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the variety of costumes the children were wearing. Thank you for supporting our PTA during the costume sale. £1.00 Book Day Vouchers can be used during our book fair on Friday 11 March, be sure to bring yours with you.



Next week, some Y5 and Y6 children will be taking part in the Level 2 Bikeability Cycle Training run by Hertfordshire Cycling. During this course, they will be covering important skills, learning how to maintain their bikes and looking at road safety. www.hertscycling.com have information about cycling routes near you.

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Barnwell Leisure Centre Stevenage drop-off point Saturday 5 March 10am – 3pm

Ukraine Support

Priority items are:

First Aid kits
Burn kits
Bandages
Painkillers (for both adult and children)
Dressing pads
Warm socks
Thermal underwear
Gloves
Hats
Nappies

Baby formula
Long life baby and toddler food
Bottles
Feeding bowls and spoons
Sterilising tablets
Dettol antiseptic disinfectant
Torches
Batteries AA & AAA
Power banks

Activities for children:

Colouring books
Colouring pencils
Pack of cards

These will all then be taken straight to the Luton Depot

A financial donation to one of the organisations below will have an immediate impact and help fund what is most needed on the ground:

- [The British Red Cross](#) has launched an appeal to help the Ukrainian Red Cross to provide food, medicine, clothing and shelter, as well as first aid training in bomb shelters
- [The UNHCR](#) refugee agency is funding emergency shelters, repairs for homes damaged by shelling, emergency cash assistance, psychological support and warm clothing.
- [UNICEF](#) is helping to ensure families have clean water and food and the child health and protection services continue.
- [The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain](#) is fundraising for medicine, food and other essentials.
- [Save the Children](#) is providing cash assistance, food and other support to refugees crossing into Romanian and Lithuania, as well as in Ukraine itself.

For those who wish to make a physical donation we understand that Goods for Good are running a Ukraine Appeal and are seeking donations:

Goods for Good Ukraine Appeal



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Outside Achievements:



Riley from Y3 was awarded Man of the Match on Saturday 26 February for Stevenage Borough Juniors FC Hurricanes U8s for scoring the winning goal in the last minute of the game to steal the victory against Ashwell U8s.



Ashtree Girls 1 – 5 Giles



The girls worked extremely hard and had a good spells throughout their match against Giles. A well-taken finish from Lexi from Y6 was not enough to see off a strong and resolute Giles side. **Lexi is Girl of the Match for her first goal for the school and her constant will to win the ball back and start attacks.**



Ashtree Boys 16 – 0 Giles



A very well solid win for the boys yesterday after school. Clinical throughout and humble in their win. 6 goals from Bobby from Y5 and Zak from Y6 were the stand outs from yesterday. **Bobby is Man of the Match for his accurate finishes and his tenacious work ethic.**

Just to let you know that the HCC Meals for the Juniors (KS2) will be changing from 1 April 2022 to £2.80



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Reminders:

- If your child is going to be picked up by someone else, **please inform the office**. Thank you.
- One of the measures to reduce Covid-19 transition is to increase ventilation in classrooms. Please make sure your child comes in with a jumper/cardigan and an extra t-shirt if needed.
- When on school property, please make sure that you and your children walk scooters and bikes through the grounds.
- It is important to us that we are able to address parent/carer concerns, please ensure that you bring these to the class teacher or the office and **do not** approach children directly.
- Please be considerate of local residents and follow the Highway Code by not parking on yellow lines outside of the school and across people's drives.



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Class 3** (good listening and playing nicely) & **Class 14** (for dealing with conflict resolution).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Class 4** with **97.1%**.

| Monday 7 March | Tuesday 8 March | Wednesday 9 March | Thursday 10 March | Friday 11 March |
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| L2 Cycle Training – Years 5 & 6 | | | | |
| Ready Steady Read - Sponsored Read | | | | |
| Menu 3 | | Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm | | Usborne Book Fair, (run by PTA) after school at 3.15pm |
| Monday 14 March | Tuesday 15 March | Wednesday 16 March | Thursday 17 March | Friday 18 March |
| Menu 1 | | Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm | | Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm) |
| Monday 21 March | Tuesday 22 March | Wednesday 23 March | Thursday 24 March | Friday 25 March |
| Menu 2 | | Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm | Special Person Sale Y6 Trip – Bentley Priory Museum | Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm) |



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Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023



Spring Term 2022



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| Friday 1 April | - End of term – finishes at 2.15pm |
| Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April | - Half-term - Easter Break |
| Monday 18 April | - Bank Holiday |



Summer Term 2022



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| Tuesday 19 April | - Holiday - school closed to children |
| Wednesday 20 April | - First day of term for pupils |
| Friday 27 May | - INSET Day 5 - school closed to children |
| Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June | - Half Term (<i>including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</i>) |
| Monday 6 June | - First day of term for pupils |
| Friday 22 July | - 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.

Academic Year 2022 / 2023

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| 24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022 | - Half term holiday |
| 22 December 2022 - 4 January 2023 | - Christmas holiday |
| 13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023 | - Half term holiday |
| 3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023 | - Easter holiday |
| 29 May 2023 – 2 June 2023 | - Half term holiday |
| 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023 | - Summer holiday |
| Thursday 1 September 2022 | - INSET Day 1 - school closed to children |
| Friday 2 September 2022 | - INSET Day 2 - school closed to children |
| Friday 25 November 2022 | - INSET Day 3 - school closed to children |
| Monday 28 November 2022 | - Occasional Day - school closed to children |
| Monday 20 February 2023 | - INSET Day 4 - school closed to children |
| Friday 26 May 2023 | - INSET Day 5 - school closed to children |