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NEWSLETTER 26 **DATE: 1 April 2022**

Next half term our school value is Empathy

Dear Parents & Carers,

The saying 'March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers' has certainly come to pass over the last few months with storms and rain and this week snow! One day I am driving down the lanes with spring daffodils everywhere and the next I can barely see due to the snow showers.

This week we had our parent consultations, thank you for your understanding when a couple of the staff were too unwell to attend them, we will be in touch next term to rearrange. I know that some of you were also unwell, as much as we all want to be able to live with Covid moving forward, things certainly aren't quite back to normal yet. I hope that staff, pupils and parents all manage to have a well-earned rest this Easter without illness.

We have also had some work carried out on our heating system overnight Wednesday and Thursday which will hopefully make them a little more efficient and a little less dusty. If the snow continues, we may need it!

The Friends of Ashtree came in to judge the Decorated Easter Egg competition on Thursday, they brought in a chocolate lolly for everyone and first and second prizes for the eggs. Asda also helped us out by donating some of the prizes. It was a very difficult job, the eggs were fantastic and if you look on our Facebook page then you can see some of them.

There have been some very busy children across the school this week with Y4 cooking biscuits with the help of Mr Street who is now our Caretaker but before that was the cook in our kitchens. He also helped out with Y2 banana muffins, we are very lucky to have an expert on our team. The Reception children were learning about the Easter story and Palm Sunday by acting part of the story out. Nursery children are having an Easter party and enjoying some games and treats.

Finally, I know that you will join me in wishing Miss Sinnott and Mr Yates the best of days and happiest of futures as they get married this Easter. When they return next term Miss Sinnott will still be known to us as Miss Sinnott. I know that the Reception children will love seeing a photo of Miss Sinnott in her dress.

Have a lovely Easter break, with plenty of chocolate and the chance to see family and friends.



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Outside Achievements:



Dawson and Reo from Y6 play for Stevenage Borough Juniors FC U11 Barca. The team have had a good season and have made it to the Mid Herts Divisional Cup final. The final will be played on May 7 at The Hive in Barnet. Good luck to the boys and their team.



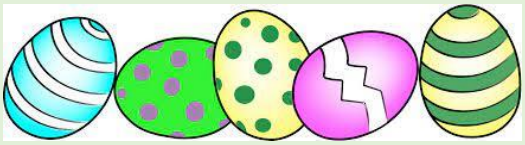
Teddy from Y1 had his first karate grading in Hatfield this weekend and has moved onto his blue and white belt. (10th Kyu Int 1) He was very excited to bring in his certificates to show Miss Castle and Mrs Tobin.

Class	First Place	Second Place
Nursery	Isabella	Oscar
Sunshines	Jacob	Yahya
Rainbows	Phoebe	Luka
3	Sydney	Niyah
4	Francessca	Belle
5	Chantelle	Freddie
6	Toby	Amelie
7	Darcie	Reeva
8	Jack	Belle
9	Safi	Dominik
10	Oliver	Ciaran
11	Evangeline	Rachael
12	Louie	Mali
13	Annie	Catherine
14	Dawson	Kareem

Decorate an Egg Competition

Here are the winners from the decorated Easter Egg Competition.

Well done to everyone that took part.



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 you child is going to be picked up by someone else, please inform the office. Thank you.
- 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** (for lining up and good behaviour in the dining room) & **Class 13** (for being considerate to others).

 Governor's Cup 

The winner for this week is **Class 12** with **95.5%.**

Monday 4 April	Tuesday 5 April	Wednesday 6 April	Thursday 7 April	Friday 8 April
HALF-TERM				
Monday 11 April	**Tuesday 12 April**	**Wednesday 13 April**	**Thursday 14 April**	**Friday 15 April**
HALF-TERM				**Good Friday**
Monday 18 April	**Tuesday 19 April**	**Wednesday 20 April**	**Thursday 21 April**	**Friday 22 April**
Easter Monday BANK HOLIDAY	**HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**	**Menu 1 (New Menu)** **Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm**		**Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)**
Monday 25 April	**Tuesday 26 April**	**Wednesday 27 April**	**Thursday 28 April**	**Friday 29 April**
Menu 2		**Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm**		**Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)** **Disco KS1 – 5.00pm – 6.15pm KS2 – 6.30pm – 7.45pm**

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Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023

Spring Term 2022

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

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 *(including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*
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

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