



Newsletter 28th March 2024



To our parents and friends,

The highlight of the week for most children, was probably the sponsored bounce fundraiser on Tuesday. Throughout the day, every child in the school got to see how many bounces they could do in 1 minute. Not an easy challenge when other children bouncing at the same time as they were. However, most children managed to stay on their 2 feet for the minute and bounced like they'd never bounced before!! What amazing bouncers we have in our school. Following the timed bounce, there was play time too which the children thoroughly enjoyed. This is one fundraiser the children ask to have year after year. At the end of the event, all of the children's bounce totals were written either onto their sponsorship form or a separate slip of paper to bring home with them. Please check their book bags if you haven't seen this yet. A huge thank you to our amazing parent helpers and Governors who came into school to help. We couldn't have got through the day without you. With the funds that we raise, we are going to buy some more laptops to replace and extend our current supply. We will be opening the Gateway from 1st April should you prefer to pay the sponsorship money online but equally cash can be sent in to school in a named envelope. We thank you for your support in making these fundraising events a great success.

Our top bouncers in each class were:

Nursery	Hudson	Reception	Lucia and India
Year 1	Gianni	Year 2	Charlie
Year 3	Sam and Lily	Year 4	Eliza
Year 5	Dexter	Year 6	Alfie M

On Wednesday, yellow house enjoyed their house point treats as they achieved the most house points this half term. They came to school in non school uniform, successfully completed an Easter egg hunt in the afternoon where they all needed to work together as a team to find the 150 hidden eggs and finished the afternoon with a snack and drink to celebrate their success!

We finished the week today on a calmer note. A special assembly this morning to award certificates to children in every class for their personal progress made this term in reading, writing, maths and the creative arts. Details of children who received these awards are included further down in this newsletter. Year 6 also enjoyed their fantastic finish to their World War 2 history topic with a V.E Day celebration. More photos and information are further down the newsletter.

In this newsletter, we have also published the lunchtime and after school clubs for the summer term. You can sign your child up for after school clubs using the Gateway system from 16th April.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 16th April.

Lunchtime and After School Clubs Summer 2024

Lunchtime

Club	Led By	Year groups	Day/Time
Colouring Club	N.Gugerly	KS1	Thursday 12.30-1.00pm
Super Star Sports multisports	Super Star Sports coaches	12.30-1.00- KS1 1.00-1.30 – KS2	Everyday 12.30-1.30
Butterfly club	J.Bell	KS1	Every lunch time 12.30-1pm
Lego club	S.Shadbolt	KS1	Tuesday 12.40pm – 1.20pm
Homework Club	Mrs Shortland	KS2	Tuesday 1pm – 1.30pm

After School

All clubs run by school staff will start on Monday 22nd April. All after school clubs run by school staff will finish on Thursday 11th July 2024.

Club	Led By	Year groups	Day/Time	Location	Maximum number
SBFC Multi skills club Rec/KS1	Stevenage Borough Football Club	Reception – Year 2	Tuesday	Outdoors/Hall	Provider to decide on maximum number
SBFC Multi skills club KS2	Stevenage Borough Football Club	Years 3 - 6	Tuesday	Outdoors/Hall	Provider to decide on maximum number
STEM Club (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)	Miss Oakley	Years 3 - 6	Monday	Year 3 classroom/science room	15
Choir	Mrs Roberts	Years 3- 6	Wednesday 3.20-4.20pm	Hall	unlimited
Computer Xplorers	Neill Melville	Years 3 - 6	Tuesday 3.20pm – 4.20pm	D.T room	Provider to decide on maximum number
School magazine club	Miss Bonds	Years 5 and 6	Tuesday 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Science room	15
Athletics club Summer 1 5 weeks only	Mrs Stevens	Years 3 - 6	Thursday 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Outside/hall	25

Athletics Club Summer 2 6 weeks only	Mrs Stevens	Reception, Years 1 and 2	Thursday 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Outside/hall	20
Wildlife art club	Mrs Bunce and Mrs Clarke	Years 1 and 2	Wednesday 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Year 4 classroom/outdoors	15
Spanish club	Miss Martin	Years 1 and 2	Wednesday 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Reception class	15
Nature Club	Mrs Butler and Mrs Bell	Reception, Years 1 and 2	Thursday 3.20-4.20pm	Year 1 classroom/outdoors	15
Book Club Starting week beginning 20th May	Mrs Higgins	Years 1 and 2	Wednesday 3.20-4.20pm	Year 5 classroom	20
Times Table Club	Mrs Gill	Years 3 - 6	Monday 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Year 4 classroom	20
Tennis Club Summer 1 5 weeks only	Mr Vosper and Mr Ring	Reception, Year 1 and 2	Wednesday 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Outside or in the hall (depending on weather)	Provider to decide on maximum number
Tennis Club Summer 2 6 weeks only	Mr Vosper and Mr Ring	Years 3 - 6	Wednesday 3.20pm – 4.20pm	TBC	Provider to decide on maximum number
Year 6 SAT's booster club will continue until	Mrs Higgins Reading	Year 6 Invite only	Wednesday 8.15am – 9am	Children to come to the dining hall door for 8.15am prompt. The last session for both of these clubs will be on Wednesday 8 th May.	
Year 6 SAT's booster club will continue until 8th May	Mrs Roberts Maths	Year 6 Invite only	Wednesday 8.15am – 9am		

Spring Term Progress Awards

Reading 	Writing 	Maths 	Creative Arts 
Violet H-N	Bem T	Olivia L	Aila G
Leo M	Tiora B	Fraser W	Oscar S
Harlen H	Logan C	Kayden C	Sienna L
Millie D	Lillian F	Isaac H	Arthur A
Francis R	Amelia M	Jacob S	Riley E
Eric T	Hadley N	Riya L	Blanche T
Frankie H	Erin B	Millie B	Rafe B
Ethan S	Ffion G	Alessia M	Mayci T
Eddie W	Martha E	Arien L	Jack R
Gracie D	Verity S	Isabella L	Sam M
Oliver O	Dexter H	Carmelita P	Finley M
Billy C	Maia I	Isabella B	Erin H
Esmae T	Neave D	Lenny S	Anabelle T
Robson C	Alfie C	Theo C	Tawana Z

Pre School Progress Awards

Victoria - For growing in confidence and building relationships with her peers.

Jacob - For growing in confidence and becoming more independent exploring the Preschool setting.

Charlie - For showing a love of learning and willingness to explore.

Nora - For her all round progress and development in all areas of learning.

Lily - For building resilience and showing kindness and empathy to others.

Kasey - For growing in confidence and building on his personal social and emotional skills.

Nursery Progress Awards

Hudson S - for his amazing creative skills and imagination during play.

Hettie S - for her fantastic progress in all areas of learning and her 'can do attitude'.

Molly W - for her progress in all areas of learning.

Thomas Y - for trying hard and his progression in all areas of learning.

Owen T - for developing his personal, social and emotional skill.

Isla H - for her excellent progress in maths.

This Weeks attendance %

Dixon (R)	96.7%
Bay Class(1)	99.5%
Pendleton Class (2)	98.3%
Ezra Class (3)	98.8%
Shepherd Class (4)	95.8%
Grint Class (5)	98.3%
Straker Class (6)	98.9%

Whole School Attendance this week 97.95%

Whole School Attendance this term 96.25%



PE Tops

The new P.E tops will be available to purchase from Kidz Connections in Hertford from 8th April or available to purchase from their website.

These tops are optional for the children to wear in the summer term but will become a compulsory element of the P.E kit from September 2024. These are made from a dry fit material instead of cotton and will therefore dry extremely quickly once washed.

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday who have either celebrated this week or will be celebrating in the Easter holiday.



Molly W - 24th March

Fraser W - 28th March

Billy C - 29th March

Neave D - 29th March

Elliott S - 29th March

Teddy M-S - 1st April

Oscar S - 2nd April

George P - 3rd April

Daisy M - 4th April

Charlie C - 5th April

Isabella P - 5th April

Ewen C - 11th April

Amelia M - 12th April

Extended School Hours

In March 2022, the Schools White Paper announced that by September 2023, all schools would have to ensure that they were delivering a school week of 32.5 hours to all children. This deadline has now been extended to September 2024. As a school, we have decided to move to a weekly timetable of 32.5 hours from the first day of the summer term (16th April). This will only increase the school day by 5 minutes and the school finishing time will be 3.20pm and not 3.15pm.

Tesco Fundraiser

We have recently applied for Tesco's Stronger Start Grant Award in order to further develop the outdoor areas in the early years. We were thrilled to find out this week that we have been successful in our application and during April, May and June, Tesco customers will be able to vote in store. We are hoping that our parents, families and community will be able to help us gain lots of votes during this time. The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500, the second placed project will receive £1,000 and the third placed project will be awarded £500. The following stores will all be taking part in the voting for this project: Stevenage Extra, Old Stevenage High Street, Stevenage Chells, Broadwater Stevenage, Woolmer Green and Hitchin. Please help us by spreading the word to your friends, families and work colleagues. Thank you.

Easter Treats at Lunchtime this week



Year 6 V.E Day



Year 6 finished the term with their Fantastic Finish of their WW2 topic. They arrived at school as refugees and given their 1945 name tag. They started the morning off by preparing food for their party using rationed ingredients. Throughout the day, they performed White Cliffs of Dover and a 1940's inspired dance. They played typical party games like pass the parcel, wearing their home made paper hats. They day ended with a 1940's birthday cake for an 11 year Neave.

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**A world of possibilities,
right on their doorstep**

Does your child get benefits-related free school meals?
If so, then you can book them onto FREE HAPpy Camps during the Easter school holiday.

HAPpy Camps offer a wide range of different activities held in community venues. They're designed to fire up kids' minds and bodies. Plus a hot lunch is included too!

So, what are you waiting for? Grab your unique code from school and book from midday on 5th March using the QR code or at www.bit.ly/DP2E24HAPpyCamps



Parent Forum Meeting

On Wednesday evening, I met with class reps for this terms Parent Forum meeting. On the agenda for this meeting was:

- 1) Representative from Hertfordshire Catering Limited (H.C.L) to discuss school lunches and answer parent questions/concerns.
- 2) Parent volunteers - the importance and value of additional volunteers in school
- 3) After school club snacks
- 4) What would you like to see reinstated? Things we used to do but we don't do any more.
- 5) School trips
- 6) Road crossing on Station Road

The full minutes of this meeting will be available to read on the school website shortly. I would like to thank the parent reps for their time and valued contributions during this meeting.

Dates for your diary

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Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

April

15th- INSET Day

16th - Children return

16th - 19th - Pupil Progress Meetings

May

7th - Reception class screening checks

13th - 16th - Key Stage 2 SATS

20th - 24th - Mental Health Week

27th - 31st - Half Term

June

3rd - Inset Day

4th - Children return

3rd - 14th - Year 4 Multiplication Table Check

10th - 14th - Fitness Week

11th - Sports Day 1

12th - 14th - Year 4 Hudnall Park

17th - 21st June - Year 6 PGL residential (Caythorpe)

25th - Reserved Sports Day

10th - 14th - Phonic Screening

28th - Watton's Got Talent Show

July

1st - 5th July - Assessment week

16th July - Year 5/6 Production 6pm

17th July - Reports out to Parents

18th July - Year 5/6 Production 2pm

23rd - Year 6 leavers assembly

23rd July - End of Term 2.15pm

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Camping at Church Farm

At Church Farm Ardeley we have very large camping fields which offer a wonderful opportunity for larger groups of families to book school class camping trips as well as individual family stays.

Accommodation includes the hire of bell tents and cabins (with or without 'glamping' options), as well as multiple woods and fields to pitch your own tents. All large groups are allocated roped private areas so that they can all camp together.

We offer a variety of options to enhance your stay: camp fire packs, BBQ hire, straw bales, and delicious food that can be ordered in advance from our website or purchased from our on-site farm shop. There is also a pub and restaurant (The Jolly Waggoner) as well as our café for the all-important teas, coffees and bacon rolls.

Camping at the farm also includes free farm passes (usually £6.95pp per day) for the duration of your stay. Get to know the animals, explore our woodland play area, follow the farm trail, and find out about growing and horticulture in our polytunnels and kitchen garden. And there are plenty of beautiful family walks in the peaceful, rolling Hertfordshire countryside.

Additional bookable activities include Egg Collecting, Goat Walking, Fairy Trail, Animal Feeding and (from Feb-April) Lamb Bottle Feeding.



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