



Reasons to Celebrate!

Merit Awards:

Ash: Max, Henry

Elm: John, Ananya, Rebecca, Georgi, Rafaela, Eason

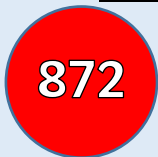
Y3: Corey, Lola, Thomas, James, Eve, Charlie

Y4: Hristiyan

Y5: Sophia, Olivier, Lois, Sherbano, Annie, Charlie, Luca

Y6: Iris, Charlie, Isobel, Olivier, Ronnie, Luke, Alfie, Max, Leighton

House Points:



St Nicholas



St Francis



St Alban



St Hilda

Value this half term:



“Encourage one another, and build each other up.”

(1 Thessalonians 5.11)

Dear Parents/Carers,

“They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel.” – *Carl Buechner*

Term is in full swing – Easter seems such a while ago, but I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the weather!

This term we are focused on our value of **Friendship** – linked to being kind and respectful. A key theme is to build each other up – say and, more importantly, do things that encourage each other to be the best person they can be.

Part of this will be encouraging children to live out the words of our school prayer:

“Please help us to make our school a happy place, by being thoughtful and kind to others.”

Welcome!

We’re delighted to welcome Mrs Kosecka (working in Y3), and Mrs Wignall (our Forest School teacher) to the team this term.

Musicians!

We have a full list of children who have signed up to play this term as we come into Collective Worship on Wednesdays and Fridays. Look out for information about our Summer Music Concert (which will include the Choir!).

PTA

We have lots of great events coming up, not least the Quiz and Summer Fete! Please do get in touch with the PTA if you can help out. We’re also looking for match funding opportunities – often companies run schemes to support local organisations. If your employer does this, please do get in touch so we can maximise our fundraising.

This year so far, the school has used PTA money to support enrichment activities, development of outside areas, and library resources for your children. All of this would not be possible without that support. THANK YOU!

Philip Asher, *Headteacher*

Diary Dates

New dates are in bold.

May 2019

Monday 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
Friday 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Hindu Temple Trip • No Forest School (normal service resumes next week!) • KS2 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm
Saturday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA Quiz Night, 7pm, in the School Hall
Monday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 Residential Trip (5 days!) • Y6 SATs Week
Friday 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm
Wednesday 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Music Concert, 6.30pm
Friday 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Crucial Crew • Y5 Class Assembly, 2.45pm
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Half Term Break – School Closed

June 2019

Monday 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA Clothing Bag Collection, times TBC
Wednesday 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascension Day Mass, 9.30am in School
Thursday 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Environment Day – Dress in Green Fundraiser
Friday 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET Day – School Closed to pupils
Monday 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 Phonics Week
Friday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 Hatfield Forest Trip • KS2 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm
Tuesday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS Sports Day, Morning – PARENTS WELCOME • KS1 Sports Day, Afternoon – PARENTS WELCOME
Thursday 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Sports Day, Afternoon – PARENTS WELCOME • Y2 Music Festival, Rhodes Centre, details TBC
Friday 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm
Wednesday 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 Sealife Centre Trip
Friday 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm

July 2019

Friday 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 Class Assembly, 2.45pm
Tuesday 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5/6 Performance, afternoon
Wednesday 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5/6 Performance, evening
Thursday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move Up Morning and Y6 Transition Day
Friday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm
Friday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leavers' Assembly, 2pm in School
Tuesday 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Year Mass, 9.30am in School • 1.15pm End of the Summer Term – school closes for Summer Holiday

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember not to send your children into school with products containing nuts – this is to protect children and staff with allergies. Thank you!

School Meal Price Change

Herts Catering have announced they are increasing school meal costs by 10pm due to rising food costs. The rise will take effect after the Easter Holidays – please note the new meal cost will therefore be £2.60.

PTA News

We have lots of lovely things to help raise money to support our school. This year, we are supporting the development of the Forest School approach, and new IT equipment (quite a few pupil laptops are showing their age!). Please do support our efforts – by joining in or by helping out – or both! Thank you!

Quiz Night – 7pm for 7.30pm start – School Hall

£5 per person – 1 table left!

50/50 bucket, bar available, and bring your own snacks

Clothing Bag Collection – Monday 3rd June

Bring in bags of unwanted/2nd hand clothing for collection.

Drop off in the morning, raise money by weight!

Summer Fete – Saturday 6th July

Fabulous family fun to (nearly) end the school year on – bring your relatives (and neighbours!). Lots of help needed – many hands make light work. Get in touch if you're happy to help on a stall or setting up/clearing away.

Thank you for your support!

Brilliant Fundraisers!

Dolly in Y3 has raised a fabulous £9.30 towards the PTA selling Easter Decorations.

Poppy (Y3) and Freddie (Ash), together with friends Benny, Harry and George raised a fabulous £85 for the World Wildlife Fund selling Easter treats and greetings cards.

Y3 & Y4: Splash!

What an amazing production! The children did brilliantly, with excellent props and beautifully spoken lines. Many thanks to everyone who helped, especially the many staff involved in making it happen led by Mrs Francis.

A fabulous £210.62 was raised for the NSPCC!

Y4 Torches

Before Easter, Y4 made torches using circuits and junk modelling. Linked to the Science theme, they considered how to make them 'user friendly' and ensure the bulb would be bright enough to be useful.



Mobile phones and dogs

Please can we remind parents not to use their Mobile Phones while on school grounds and we are a dog free school site (however cute/cuddly they may be!).

Thank you.



Forest School

We are absolutely delighted to have started our Forest School lessons this term! Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 all have lessons every Friday. Y3 have enjoyed having theirs over the last two weeks. There is no Forest School on Friday 10th May (next week), but normal service will resume the following week. It will be Y4s turn then!



Y1 Science: Plants!

Y1 have been learning about growing things, particularly plants! This week they went out and about looking for good foliage. They then made friendship bracelets out of the foliage and card (using double sided tape!).



Parking

We've received a complaint from our neighbours about parking in the streets round the school, particularly Church Manor. Please be considerate if you need to park your vehicle at drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

THUNK...

At home, find some time to have a 'Thunk' moment – A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light. Have fun thinking/talking about them!

Does a sound exist?