



NEWSLETTER 6

Spring 2018

March 28th	Easter holiday starts 2pm
April 16th	Term starts
April 24th	Parent meeting Y5/6 residential 3.15pm
May 7th	Bank Holiday – no school
May 14th	SATS week for Y6 children
May 21st	Year 5 and 6 to York
May 25th	Half term holiday starts 3.15pm
June 4th	Back to school

As I write this the scaffolding that has adorned our school for what seems like months is finally coming down. The new roof is finished and we can now be confident that the school will remain warm and dry.



As part of the project we have been able to add several new light tunnels in the darker parts of the school. In particular we now have natural light in the reception area and Mrs Monk is finally able to switch the lights off and still be able to see to work!

We have also had the school garden area remodelled and new raised beds put in. I am really looking forward to the weather really warming up so the children can get outside and start planting and growing a range of plants. We even have space for a greenhouse in the new garden area. We are really grateful to the FPSA who have kindly agreed to purchase this addition to the garden area.

Over the Easter holidays a new canopy will be erected at the side of Vivaldi class. This covered area will house a new mud kitchen and an area where bikes can be stored. This project has been in the pipeline for a long time and we have finally got planning permission allowing us to go ahead.



Where possible we like to support local businesses. Tony from Trax in Buntingford came over with a few sample bikes to make sure we ordered exactly the right bikes to ensure all our younger children have access to a bike that is the correct size for them. At the same time we purchased some cycle helmets so that the children learn right from the start the importance of wearing a cycle helmet whenever they are on a bike.

'Exchange'

'Exchange' is based at the Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church Centre, Twyford Road, CM23 3LJ. It is a place for people to pass on things they don't need to people who do.

'Exchange' takes in donated items such as clothes for adults/ babies / children / young people, toys, games, children's books, household goods and even furniture. Items are then passed on, free of charge.

'Exchange' is open on Tuesdays between 1.30 and 3.30pm.

If you have items to donate or are in need of something then please use this free local service. 'Exchange' can be contacted on **07955 140293**

Staffing News

Mrs Suzanne Kennard has recently been appointed to teach in Key Stage 2. Mrs Kennard is a teacher with many years experience across the primary age range and we are delighted that she is joining our team. Initially, for the summer term, Mrs Kennard will be teaching in Chopin class for two days a week.

School Uniform

The children of Furneux Pelham School look really smart when they wear their uniform.

The majority of parents send their children to school properly dressed and wearing the full uniform. It is therefore very disappointing that one or two children consistently arrive at school without their school ties despite numerous reminders.

Please help your child by making sure they have the correct uniform and that they wear it every day. If you need to buy a new tie they can be purchased from the school office.

100 Club winners

Nov: nos 40, 46, 38 [Melissa Rippon]

Dec: nos 66, 18 [Jo Callf] 85

Jan: nos 26 [Jo Callf], 4 [Mel Bliss], 5

Feb: nos 86, 71 [Tracey Beer], 48

March: 55, 99 [Rachel Mitchel], 70

Congratulations to all our winners.

If you would like to be in with a chance of winning next month the FPSA still have numbers for sale!

Are you looking for some support or advice? Or perhaps you need something to do with your pre school children?

Children's Centres work in partnership with other professionals to improve outcomes for all children and families. In addition to a wide range of workshops for parents and carers the centres provide a comprehensive activity programme for young children.

Our local Children's Centres are based in Bishops Stortford where there are three different locations. Little Squirrels and Windhill Children's Centres are based at Windhill21 school, and Buttercup Children's Centre is based at Summercroft School.

Further details of all they have to offer can be found on their website www.stortvalleychildrenscentres.org.uk

This term has been very busy with all classes involved a trip to support their learning. At times the school has felt a little like the Marie Celeste with more children out then in! These experiences really enhance the children's learning and add an extra dimension which we can't provide in school.

Year 1, 2 and 3 visited West Stow Anglo Saxon village.



Who is this Anglo Saxon warrior in a Furneux Pelham uniform?



Years 4 and 5 went to the mariners centre and also had a workshop on mountaineering.



The children in reception went to Wimpole Hall Farm.



Sport Report

Cross Country

HUGE congratulations to Georgie Featherstone who represented Hertfordshire at the National Cross Country Competition last Saturday. Georgie travelled with the rest of the county team up to Loughborough where she ran the 1800m race. The course was extremely muddy and at one point Georgie slipped and fell but she didn't give up. In fact Georgie came 18th – an amazing result. We are all so proud of you Georgie.

Netball

Mrs. Mitcham and the netball club have worked extremely hard over the last two terms and all their efforts have certainly paid off this half term. Through our membership of the Bishop Stortford Sports Partnership we took part in the inter school high 5's netball competition entering both an A and a B team. Whilst neither of our teams won their group all the children played exceptionally well.

For the first time this year we also took part in the Spring High 5 netball tournament. The team won their half of the league having gone undefeated in their 5 games. The final was played last night with our team losing out to Manor Fields. Congratulations to everyone.

Particular thanks must go to Mrs Mitcham who gave up her time to organise all the matches and permissions and transport. Not an easy task made even harder this year with bad weather and illness meaning arrangements had to be changed last minute.



Pancake races

The annual inter-house pancake races were held just before half term. As usual there was much merriment as children from all year groups tried to run the course at the same time as tossing a pancake [or in the case of our younger children a beanbag!]

Well done to everyone but especially Maple house who gained the most points on the day.

Easter egg raffle

Thank you to everyone who sent in an Easter egg for our annual Easter Egg Raffle and to all of the children who bought a raffle ticket. Even if you were not a winner you have helped to raise a significant amount which we add to the money raised during Charities Week. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



We had great fun on Friday supporting Sport Relief 2018.

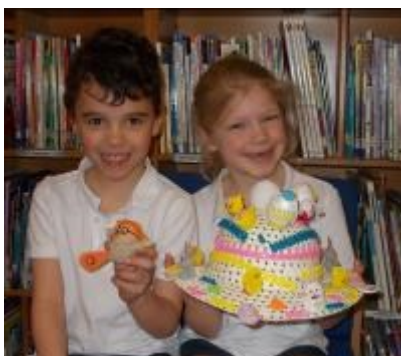


The children from the School Council set up and officiated over an obstacle course around the school field track. Everyone took part and lots of staff and children dressed in red or special sports relief clothing.

£115.61 was raised in total. Well done everyone.

Easter Competitions

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter competitions which were organised by the FPSA.



Easter Bonnet: Emily, Romy, Toby, Ellie and Imogen.

Decorated Egg: Ronnie, Ed, Alfie, William, Will, Maya and Lydia.

Thank you to everyone who took part. All the entries were eggcellent!