



Friday, 25 November 2019

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This half term has simply flown by, and, as the clocks go back, our thoughts are already turning to Christmas – the nativity and craft activities! However, today is very much in the present with our PTA Hallowe'en dress down and the children (and staff) look amazing. Yesterday's cake sale was very successful – thank you so much to all parents who donated such lovely themed treats. Thank you all for your donations to the PTA – the money they raise helps provide both large and small projects which the school could not otherwise complete.

Thank you also for your kind donations at Harvest on Wednesday this week. The result is that we shall be able to give over £50 to the local food bank and enable over 50 trees to be planted by Tree Aid as part of their 'Great Green Wall' campaign. It was lovely to welcome over 50 parents to our short celebration of Harvest; I was so disappointed to not be able to share this occasion with the children as unfortunately I had to attend a meeting.

A week past Monday we welcomed representatives from the NSPCC to our school. They took two assemblies – one for the younger children followed by one for the older children; before working in more depth with Y5 and Y6. I do hope your children shared some of their learning from this visit, which is part of our ongoing work to support the children in keeping safe.

Last Friday Y6 visited Waddesdon Manor as part of their science learning and community links. They planted a lot of bulbs which will make a great display in the spring (when they shall again visit to see the results). Waddesdon also donated bulbs to the school which we shall be planting in the grounds after half term.

This week it was lovely to see almost all families at our autumn Parent Consultation Meetings. I do hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see the work your children have completed so far this year, and to discuss with the teacher the next steps. For those of you who were unable to attend, the staff will phone you after half term to update you on your child's progress. The Book Fair was, as always, popular and the children really enjoyed choosing a new book. Thank you for your support of this, as the school earns commission which helps us to purchase more new books for the library and the classrooms that we could otherwise afford.

In previous years half term has been the point at which most of the exercise books from the previous year have 'come home'. However this year this will happen at the end of term as we are in the midst of a curriculum review. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

The children will be enjoying their reward time this morning to celebrate the positive choices they have made with their behaviour over this half term. I am so pleased to share with you that 98% of the school will be bringing home a certificate of good behaviour this afternoon, and for 92% of the school this is gold. This is a real testament to the high standards of personal responsibility the children show.

Finally it is with some sadness that I have to inform you that Mr Fowler will be leaving our school at Christmas. We thank him for his contribution to our school over the past 5 years, and we wish him well in his future ventures. I am pleased to be able to tell you that we have been able to appoint a very experienced teacher to take Y4 for four days each week from January, with Mrs Hughes continuing to take the class each Wednesday.

I do hope that the children enjoy the half term break and that you are able to spend some time with your children over the week.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

<p><u>Reminders</u></p> <p>Thank you to all parents who have sent in their termly contribution of £5 per half term/£10 per term. Contributions allow us to offer the children opportunities such as special visitors from outside and also contribute to resources for activities such as cooking and DT. Without these contributions we would not be able to offer such an important and wide variety of learning experiences to your children.</p> <p>6th November - 8.45-9.15am Reception Class Parents, share the learning. Parents are now invited to attend on the first Wednesday of every month.</p> <p>8th November - Year 5 and Year 6 Open University visit during the School day. Please cancel any hot lunches. The children will require a packed lunch on this day.</p> <p>Book your hot lunches by Wednesday, 30th October.</p> <p>Secondary School Applications deadline, 3pm on Thursday, 31st October</p>	<p><u>Safeguarding Lead on duty</u></p> <p>Monday - Mr Fowler</p> <p>Tuesday - Mrs Tamlyn</p> <p>Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn</p> <p>Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn</p> <p>Friday - Mrs Tamlyn</p>
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Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is on 30th November 2019.

We are running a second hand book stall which needs more books; if you have any please bring donations to the School Office.

Could you please bring them by 15th November.

Thank You
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London Luton Airport Expansion

We have been asked to pass on information from London Luton Airport Ltd on their proposals to expand London Luton Airport.

They are proposing to make best use of the existing runway by building a new terminal, infrastructure, public transport facilities and improvements to roads and highways. As part of this process, they must consult with people and communities on their proposals. From October to December they will be hold consultation events across the region where people can ask the project team questions. This and more information can be accessed on their website, futureluton@llal.org.uk. Below is a list of local meetings.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday, 29 October	4pm - 8pm	Dagnall Village Hall, Dunstable Road HP4 1RG
Friday, 1 November	2pm - 8pm	Pitstone Memorial Hall, Vicarage Road LU7 9EY
Saturday, 2 November	11am - 3pm	Wendover Memorial Hall, Wharf Road HP22 6HF
Friday, 8 November	3pm - 7pm	Berkhamsted Civic Centre, 161 High Street HP4 3HB
Thursday, 14 November	4pm - 8pm	The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF
Wednesday, 4 December	2pm - 8pm	Nora Grace Hall, Faversham Close, Tring HP23 5BA