



## Newsletter, Spring Term, No.5

January 2018



### Message from the Headteacher...

*A happy new year to everyone and welcome back!*

*I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break with family and friends and managed to steer clear of the many coughs, colds and sickness bugs that were around. Here's to a healthy new year!*

*As always, please make a note of school dates in your diaries, on family calendars, phones and tablets. We will continue to give you new information and updates as the term progresses. Enjoy the term!*

### Wrap up warm!

We expect the children to go outside for play unless it is pouring with rain – the fresh air and an opportunity to let off steam is good for them in between lessons. Please ensure that your children come with warm coats, scarves, gloves, etc. and that all items are **named!** Please also ensure that your children come with the right kit on the right day for PE activities. Children are able to wear tracksuits and warm sports clothing when the weather is cold.



### 'Thank you' to the JSA

Our sincere thanks to the JSA committee and everyone who joined together to make the Christmas Bazaar such a great success again. The amount raised was just over £4,500 – a tremendous effort! Keep an eye out for their future events and please do support them. Every penny raised is put back into the school to benefit all the children.



### Dates for your diary

#### January 2018

- 2 Non-Pupil Staff Training Day
- 3 Children return to school  
Cookery Club starts (for children already registered only)
- 15 Staff-led Clubs start this week

#### February

- 12-16 Half Term
- 21 Y5 Visit to Hindu Mandir, Neasden
- 26 Governors, Finance/Premises/Personnel Committee, 7pm  
No Staff-led Clubs this week
- 27 Parents' Evening, 3.30-6pm
- 28 Y6 Visit to Harry Potter Studios

#### March

- 1 Parents' Evening, 5.30-8.30pm
- 2 Sports for Champions Sponsored Event
- 5 Governors Curriculum Committee, 7pm
- 27, 28 Y5 Production, 7pm: Admission for x2 guests per family per night.
- 29 JSA Discos
- 30 to 16 April Easter Holiday & Non-Pupil Day

#### April

- 17 Children return to school

#### May

- 14-18 Year 6 SATs week
- 21-25 Year 6 trip to the Lake District

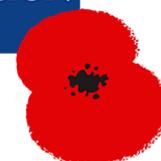
#### July

- 5 Y5 Secondary Experience Day at Gt Baddow
- 6 JSA Inflatables Event
- 10,11 Y6 Production, 7pm
- 13 Y3,4,5 Disco
- 19 Y6 Leavers Service, 10am  
Y6 Leavers Disco



### POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal. £97.22 was collected by your school and without your help we would be unable to continue our vital welfare & benevolent work. In the District we raised £5,834.



## Winter Weather Closures

We certainly did get some snow recently, but are glad that we managed to stay open on that occasion. Below is a reminder of what to do in the event that the weather becomes so extreme that you are not certain whether we will be open or not.

Any decision to close the school is based on local conditions, the distance that staff have to travel, the safety of staff and children on site, and advice on travel and weather given out by the local media. We will always do our best to keep the school open but often our hand is forced by the circumstances.

If there are doubts about the school opening, in the first instance you should visit Essex County Council's Emergency School Closures website which is available via the following link:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

We will also send you an email via Parentmail and put a message on the home page of our website as quickly as we are able.

Please note that the information service about school closures given out by local radio stations in past years is no longer available.



## After school appointments with teachers

Please remember that on one day a week after school the teaching staff make themselves available for you to have an appointment to discuss any needs that your child at any time. The designated days for staff are as follows: Monday – Miss Tindall, Mrs Arnold, Mr Ferguson, Mrs Spilling & Mrs Black; Wednesday – Mrs Jeary, Miss Hall, Miss Delf. Appointments to speak to your child's class teacher should be booked via the School Office.

## Lost Property

We do our best to ensure that named 'Lost Property' which has been found is sent back to the children in class. However, we do still have items left here in the foyer that are not named. Please try to ensure that all of your child's items are named as this is the only way we can get them back to their rightful owners once they are found. Please come and look if you have items that are still missing!



## Spring Term Clubs

School Clubs will recommence in the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January.

All Clubs start at 3.15pm and end at 4.15pm.

The children will need to register or re-register for the After School Clubs run by staff and letters for these are going out this week. If your child is interested in joining a new Club, these will be available from the School Office or on our website.

**Art Club (Y3-6)** – Miss Delf – Mondays

**Running Club (Y3-6)** – Miss Hall - Mondays

**Football (Y4-6)** – Mr James – Wednesdays

**Gardening (Y3-6)** – Mr Ferguson - Thursdays

**High 5 (Y3-6)** –

Mrs McQueen & Miss Brennand – Thursdays

There will be no Clubs during the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February due to the Parents' Evenings.

## Attendance Letter & Information

It is vital that your children are in school to receive as much of the education offered to them as it is possible to provide. Term-time holidays cannot be authorised, except in very exceptional circumstances, and Penalty Notices are a distinct possibility from now on.

**Please ensure you read the letter coming home today containing the essential information about attendance that you will need to know.**

## School Meals Money: Spring Term

Thank you to all those parents who ensure their children's school meal accounts are kept in credit. Every parent is welcome to pay any amount 'up front' – the money will be retained on your child's meal account and will only be deducted when a meal is booked.

School Meals costs are as follows:-

Day .. .. .	£2.15
Week .. .. .	£10.75
Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term (to 9/2/18) ..	£60.20
Whole Spring Term (to 29/3/18) ..	£122.55

Cash or cheques (payable to 'HPSAJS') should be sent to school in an envelope marked with your child's name, base and how much is sent.

Please note that arrears should not build up beyond 24hrs i.e. if a meal is booked one day without payment, this should be paid for promptly the following morning.

**Thank you.**



**"Enjoy, respect, achieve"**

