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## Newsletter, Spring Term, No.6



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### Message from the Headteacher...

Half term is fast approaching and yet it seems as though we've only just started back! This is one of the reasons we have postponed the usual pre-half term parent/teacher consultations until after the holiday. This should give you and the teachers more on which to base your discussions. Letters about these consultations will come home with your children on the first day back – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### Events at Hatfield Peverel Library

#### Giant Jam Sandwich craft workshop

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 10.00am to 12 noon.  
Themed craft workshop with activities for all the family.  
Jam tasting, bread making and make a giant wasp!

#### Take Flight

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 10.00am to 12 noon.  
All things flying related. Make planes and helicopters and have fun together! Booking essential!

### Dates for your diary

#### February

- 6 Governors' Curriculum Committee
- 9 JSA Discos
- 10 Non-Pupil Day
  
- 13-17 Half Term holiday
  
- 22 Year 5 visit to the Hindu Mandir, Neasden
- 27 Governors' Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee
- 28 Parents' Evening, 3.30-6.00

#### March

- 1 World Book Day
- 2 Parents' Evening, 5.30-8.30
- 10 JSA Film Night
- 20 Full Governing Board meeting
- 22 Year 3 Caveman Day at Danbury
- 24 Red Nose Day
- 31 JSA discos

#### April

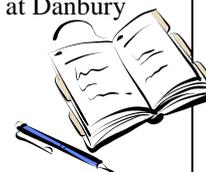
- 3-17 Easter Holiday
- 18 Non-Pupil Day
- 19 Children return for the summer term

#### May

- 8-11 Year 6 SATs week
- 22-26 Year 6 trip to the Lake District

#### July

- 18, 19 Y6 Production, 7.00
- 20 Y6 Leavers' service, 10.00



### School Journey to the Lake District (22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May)

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the full payment for this trip (£290) is due by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Many of you have been paying by instalments over the last few months and may continue to do so. Please check your payment card which has a record of what has been received by the school so far. If you are in any doubt please contact the school office. It is important that we receive the full payment by this date.

A letter with full details of the trip will be sent home to parents just before the Easter holiday. In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.



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### 2017/2018 Term Dates

The term dates for academic year 2017/18 are now available to download on the school website. Paper copies are available from the school office.

### PE & GAMES

With the wet winter weather our school field is frequently out of action. We try to get out for football but there are occasions when it has been too wet and muddy to play safely. We also run the risk of ruining the field for the summer months. For those days when we can get on the field, we would encourage parents to send in a couple of plastic bags with your child's kit so that they can wrap up wet kit and muddy boots without trailing it all around the classroom.

It is also important for your child to have the correct kit on the correct days. There is a statutory expectation that all children should participate in all aspects of PE unless there are medical reasons which prevent this. In such cases, we require a written explanation from the parent/carer. Children who continually "forget" their kit may find themselves losing golden time or doing some extra work in an effort to help them remember!



### National Food and Hygiene Rating

Following an unannounced inspection from the District Council Environmental Health Department, we are pleased to announce that Jo and our kitchen staff achieved a maximum, 5 star, rating from the inspectors. Congratulations to Jo and her team!

### Infant Playground

Many junior parents who have infant siblings choose to wait on the infant playground. Please ensure that your junior children are waiting sensibly with you as it is potentially unsafe to have junior children racing around on the infant playground, including on scooters, and using the infant playground facilities. Thank you!

### Cyber-bullying

The world of modern technology offers a wealth of opportunity for communication, information, education and leisure. In school, we embrace these opportunities and encourage the safe use of our computers and the internet. We are also mindful of the potential misuse of modern technology and ensure that we draw attention to this with our children as part of the regular curriculum and in circumstances where discussion arises, this includes talking about cyber-bullying.



The Department for Education has recently published a very helpful document entitled "Advice for parents and carers on cyber-bullying" (DfE, November 2014) which includes links to a number of other helpful websites. The DfE document can be downloaded via the following link; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying>

Children are not able to use our computers for personal use and we do not allow mobile phones in school. However, we are aware that many children have mobile phones, ipads, email accounts, social-media accounts and enjoy on-line games with their games consoles. All these are used outside school hours with their friends and, for the most part, there are no problems. However, staff are aware of a few instances where children have not used their mobile phones appropriately, including sending unkind texts or sending innocent pictures but without the permission of those in the pictures. Staff at school sometimes find themselves dealing with the fallout from this as children may continue to bring their disagreements by text outside school into arguments at school.

It is vital that school and parents understand the potential dangers and consequences of cyber-bullying and work together for the well-being of our children. We would urge parents to talk to their children and monitor their use of mobile phones, games consoles and the internet.



### Sainsbury's "Active Kids" vouchers

It's that time of the year again! If you shop at Sainsbury's then please do collect the "Active Kids" vouchers and bring them into school. You can collect them until 2<sup>nd</sup> May and we need them by the end of June so that we can send them off. Every year the children benefit from lots of free sports and games equipment as a result. Just drop the vouchers in the box in the entrance foyer. Thank you!



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