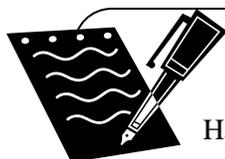




## Newsletter, Spring Term, No.6

February 2018



### Message from the Headteacher...

Half term is fast approaching and yet it seems as if we've only just started back!

There is quite a lot happening for you to look out for during the next half term. Parents Evenings are coming up soon, the Year 5 Production takes place in March and there are some school visits too. Do please look out for the letters as they come home and enter the dates into your diaries, tablets or calendars. Remember also that the Newsletter and most of our other letters home can be found on our website: [www.hatfieldpeverelstandrews.uk](http://www.hatfieldpeverelstandrews.uk)



### Football Boots during the School Day

Following a recent injury, the school has decided it is not appropriate for children to wear football boots with metal studs during the timetabled, Tuesday afternoon Football sessions. This is to ensure the safety of all our children. Children may wear trainers or boots with a moulded sole for these football sessions. Metal studs may only be worn at the after school Football Club. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### School Journey to the Lake District (21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May)

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the full payment for this trip (£316) is due by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. By now at least half should have been paid. If you are paying by regular monthly instalments please 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 12<sup>th</sup> March.

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



### Dates for your diary

#### February

- 12-16 Half Term holiday
- 21 Y5 Visit to Hindu Mandir, Neasden
- 23 JSA Film Night
- 26 Governors, Finance/Premises/Personnel Committee, 7pm  
No Staff-led Clubs this week
- 27 Parents' Evening, 5.30-8.30pm
- 28 Y6 Visit to Harry Potter Studios

#### March

- 1 Parents' Evening, 3.30-6pm
- 2 Sports for Champions Sponsored Event
- 5 Governors Curriculum Committee, 7pm
- 7 'The Danger of Strangers Online' Information Evening for Parents & Carers with the '2 Johns,' 6.30-8.30pm
- 9 JSA Mother's Day event
- 14 Y3 Assembly, 2.30pm
- 21 Full Governing Body Meeting
- 23 JSA Film Night
- 27, 28 Y5 Production, 7pm: Admission for x2 guests per family per night.
- 28 Y3 Visit to Danbury Country Park
- 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

#### June

- 20 Y5 Visit to Walton on the Naze
- 22 Sports Day, 9.15-11.30am

#### July

- 5 Y5 Secondary Experience Day, Gt Baddow
- 6 JSA Inflatables Event
- 10,11 Y6 Production, 7pm
- 13 Y3,4,5 Disco
- 18 Opening Evening, 6-8pm
- 19 Y6 Leavers Service, 10am  
Y6 Leavers Disco

### Important Notice: Parent Evenings – Time Changes

Please note in the Diary Dates above the session times for the Parents Evening on 27<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March have been changed. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause you, but has been done so that our school take part in an externally organised Cross Country Event on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your understanding.

## 2018/19 Academic Year Term Dates



The term & holiday dates for the next academic year 2018/19 should be available to download from the school website this weekend.

Paper copies are available from the School Office on request. Please remember to commit the dates to your calendar, diary, smartphone or tablet.

### Local Authority Review

Coming home with this Newsletter is a letter that outlines the key highlights from the outcome of the Local Authority Review which took place in school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. This is part of the process as the school strives to return to the status of 'Good' when Ofsted return at some time in 2018.

The Governors and Staff are pleased with the overall positive report on the school's provision. We are, of course, aware that there is always room for improvement and we remain focussed on ensuring that Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School continues to provide the very best that we can for our children as we work towards a positive outcome for our school at our next Ofsted inspection.

### 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!

### FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Do remember we finish school on Friday this week and we are closed for the Half Term holiday from this coming Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February inclusive. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>.

## The Danger of Strangers Online

An Information Evening for Parents  
with 'The 2 Johns'

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
6.30-8.30pm in the School Hall



Please look at the letter coming home today which details this important Information Evening for Parents (and would also be helpful to anyone who cares for your child on a regular basis, whether a relative, childminder or friend).

In 2018 the Danger of strangers to our children has never been more profound and has never been more removed from the lessons we learnt when we were growing up. There is a complex web of reasons why children subject to online sexual exploitation will not disclose to us. This is as a result of grooming techniques used by paedophiles but more alarmingly is worsened by our current approach both as teachers and parents.

The school will be running age-appropriate workshops for our children with the 2 Johns during the day. After school there is training with staff. We strongly urge you all to attend the parents evening to hear the important messages about keeping your children safe online.

The evening meeting is not suitable for children, but if you find yourself unable to come because you don't have any other friends or relatives who could be with your children at home, then school staff are prepared to look after a limited number of junior-aged children in the class bases whilst the meeting is on. Please contact the School Office directly.



### World Book Day & Book Week

Please look out for the letter which came home this week about our Book Week beginning on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. There will be many exciting and engaging activities happening during the week in an effort to get children enthused and inspired by books. Back by popular demand is our 'DEAR' time (Drop Everything And Read) so it is important they come in with their reading book during that week!

We will have a 'Dress Up as a Book Character' on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and there will also be a Book Swap, School Book Amnesty, competitions to take part in, a £1 World Book Day voucher for every child and much more besides.

If you have missed our information packed letter please find it online at [www.hatfieldpeverelstandrews.ik.org](http://www.hatfieldpeverelstandrews.ik.org)

