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Dear Parents and Carers,

Homework

A letter is coming home today (via the eldest and only child) concerning homework. The letter is full of useful websites to help your children with their homework.

The website links will be added to the class pages on the school website.

Blue Whale Challenge

Whilst not wishing to alarm you I would like to bring to your attention the following information which has been received from Hertfordshire Constabulary:-

“The Constabulary has been notified of ‘The Blue Whale Challenge’.

Whilst there have been no incidents relating to this in Hertfordshire, it is an ideal opportunity to educate and prevent.

The Blue Whale Challenge is about targeting vulnerable young persons on line and befriending them. Once their trust is gained they are set 50

challenges. These are a variety of challenges that build upon the previous in terms of risk and severity. The 50th challenge culminates in a dare to the vulnerable person to kill themselves”.

Please be vigilant and report any incidents immediately.

Neil Griffiths – Children’s Author & Inspirational Speaker

On Wednesday, 17th May, children’s author Neil Griffiths will be coming into school, firstly working with the children and then he will be holding a parents forum from 2.00 – 3.00 p.m.

Neil was a Head teacher for 13 years and has changed his career path to become a children’s author and inspirational speaker. He is an extremely funny man and it would be lovely if as many of you as possible could come along before you collect your children from school.



This is an event not to be missed!

There is a selection of books shown below which Neil has written.



Star Learners

We are very proud of our Star Learners who, this week, are:-

Reception - Kyle Eden-Enfield
Year 1 - Brandon Burton
Year 2 - Stanley Hewitt
Year 4 - Lacey Wyles
Year 5 - Christine Omokan
Year 6 - Ryan Williams

Keep up the excellent work everyone!



Attendance Trophy

*The winner of the Attendance trophy this week is **Year 6 with 100%**. Well done Year 6 - this is a brilliant start to the Summer term.*

St. George's Day Lunch

On Monday, 24th April, there is a change of dinner menu to celebrate St. George's Day, the patron saint of England.

The choices will be:-

Option A: British Beef Pie
Option B: Vegetarian Sausages with gravy
Option C: Cheese Roll

School Council

The School Council held an Easter raffle to raise money for new equipment to be used during Golden Time activities. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and made donations. The sum of £170 was raised. The children are now busy choosing what to spend the money on!

Increase to Dinner Money

Please be reminded that, in line with prices set by Herts Catering Ltd, we will be increasing the cost of a school meal to £2.45 with effect from 1st April, 2017.

Roller Disco

On Thursday, 25th May, we will be holding a Roller Disco. The event will be for Years 1 to 6 and will be held after school. Look out for further information and your invite to the disco!



The cost of this event is £10 per child. This includes an hour's roller disco followed by a hot-dog, cake and drink. Roller skates, knee and elbow pads will be provided.

Years 1, 2 and 3 will be from 3.45 and 5.30 p.m., and Years 4, 5 and 6 will be from 5.00 - 6.45 p.m.

If you have not yet booked your place please call in at the office to collect a form. The deadline for reserving your place is Friday, 19th May.

Father's Day Sale

The Parents of Featherstone Wood will be holding a sale for Father's Day on Friday, 16th June.

The sale will take place at 8.40 - 9.00 a.m., 11.40 - 12.0 p.m. and 3.15 - 3.45 p.m.

Year 6 Cake Sale

Next Wednesday, 26th April, Year 6 are holding a fundraising cake sale.

Year 6 would be very grateful for any donations that you can make. These should be taken to your child's class on the morning of the 26th. Any helpers would also be more than welcome - they are planning to start setting up at 2.30 p.m. ready to start selling at 3.15 p.m.

Year 6 look forward to seeing you!



Toddler Group

The toddler group which is held here on a Friday afternoon are asking for any good as new toys which you might be able to donate. Any items may be dropped off at the School Office.

North Herts Knights Basketball Club

The above club are promoting girls basketball and are offering sessions for under-12's on Fridays between 6.00 and 7.00 p.m. If you would like further information please visit www.nhknights.co.uk or email jodaniels_nhknights@btinternet.com.

The Secret Life of

Channel 4 series 'the secret life of ...' is returning to follow new groups of four and five year olds as they take their first steps towards independence.

They are currently looking for groups of four and five year old children and their parents to take part in the programme. Your child would be needed for up to three weeks of filming during the summer holidays.

If you are interested please go to the below link to fill out the online application form

<http://bit.ly/sloyoapply>

Dates for your Diary

8th May - KS2 SAT's week

15th May - KS1 SAT's week

17th May - Neil Griffiths - Children's Author & Inspirational Speaker

25th May - Roller Disco (Years 1-6)

29th May to 2nd June - Half Term

5th June - Children back to school

12th June - Phonics check week

16th June - Father's Day Sale

19th June - New to Reception meetings - 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

W/C 19th June - SEN Reviews

26th June - New to Nursery meetings - 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

27th June - Reception taster lunch

28th - 30th June - Years 5 & 6 PGL

4th July - KS2 play to school

5th July - KS2 play - matinee 1.30 p.m.

7th July - Sports Day and picnic

7th July - Reports out

13th July - Transition Day/meet the new teacher

14th July - Last achievement assembly

15th - School Fair (11.00 am - 2.00 pm)

20th July - Leavers Assembly

20th July - Term ends 2.00 p.m.

21st July - Inset Day

24th July - Occasional Day

Diary Dates 2017/2018

Autumn Term:

30th August - Occasional Day

31st August - Occasional Day

1st September - Inset Day

4th September - Children return to school

20th October - Term ends

23rd - 27th October - Half Term

30th October - Children back to school

18th December - Term Ends

19th December - Inset Day

Spring Term:

3rd January - Term starts

9th February - Term ends

12th - 16th February - Half term

19th February - Children back to school

28th March - Term ends

29th March - Inset Day

Summer Term:

16th April - Term starts

25th May - Term ends

28th May - 1st June - Half term

4th June - Children back to school

20th July - Term ends

23rd July - Inset Day

24th July - Occasional Day

27th July - Occasional Day

*Louise Shuttleworth
Headteacher*