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Dear Parents and Carers,

Laughology

We are very pleased to announce that Dave Keeling from Laughology is visiting the school on Wednesday, 8th November. He is working with Years 4, 5 and 6 on techniques and strategies to motivate and prepare pupils for the challenges they face, helping them to be more confident in their abilities and creating a positive mind-set.

He will be holding a parent session at 2.30 p.m. on the 8th November to share his strategies. This is really important as it will give you strategies on supporting your children. The parent's session is open to ALL parents.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 8th November at 2.30 p.m.



Preventing Child Abuse

Attached to the newsletter is a 'Parents Survival Guide for Screens and Teens'. This is a very informative guide and explains how to teach your children to think and to be a good digital citizen.

Poppy Appeal

Besides buying a poppy for the Poppy Appeal children are able to bring in money to buy bracelets etc. One of the items they may purchase is a 'slap band'. Unfortunately, due to the misuse of the slap bands, if the children do purchase one, they will be asked to put them straight in their bag and take them home. The slap bands are not allowed in school.



Star Learners

This week's Star Learners are:-

Reception - Jayden Poynter
Year 1 - Chayse Stocks
Year 2 - Tamia Sibanda
Year 3 - Alex Burghlea
Year 4 - Zeynep Taycur
Year 5 - Gabbie Smith-Fox
Year 6 - Chervonte Straker



Attendance

The winners of the Attendance Trophy this week are Year 4 with 98%. Well done Year 4!



School Photographs

The children are bringing home proofs of the photographs which were taken on Tuesday. Please be aware that all orders should be received in school on or before **15th November.**

Year 6 Leavers 2018

Mrs Taylor is arranging several activities to help raise funds for the Year 6 leavers next year.

They held a successful cake sale on Tuesday evening and below are a few dates so far arranged:-

2nd February, 2018 - KS1 movie night – Emoji movie

16th February, 2018 - KS2 movie night – Emoji movie

27th March, 2018 - Easter Cake Sale

Hertfordshire Community Youth Choir

The Hertfordshire Community Youth Choir was set up 8 years ago with the aim of helping local children to enjoy and appreciate the art of singing in a choir. They are holding their Christmas Concert at The United Reformed Church, Cuttys Lane, Stevenage, on Saturday, 9th December at 6.00 p.m.

Tickets are £3.00 each and include a mince pie and tea or coffee.



Eastern Region Roller Speed Association

An informal 10 week course for children aged 4+ is being held at Barnwell School Sports Hall on Fridays between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m.

The cost is £4.00 per week with skates, knee pads and wrist guards provided. Parents would need to stay with young children.

For further information contact Malcolm Chapman on 07947004192 or info@rollerstart.co.uk, or www.rollerstart.co.uk.



School Closures

Please make sure you have registered on the Hertfordshire County Council site to receive notification of school closures due to bad weather:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489>.

Children in Need

On Friday, 17th November we will be holding a 'Walk in Wellies' for this year's Children in Need appeal.

We shall be walking around the school grounds in our wellies and would kindly ask that a small donation is brought into school to be given to the appeal. Thank you for your continued support.



Dates for your Diary

16th November – Year 3/4 topic assembly

23rd November – Year 1/2 topic assembly

1st December – Christmas Art Sale – 2.30 p.m.

11th December – KSI nativity to school

12th December – Pantomime

12th December – Christmas parties

13th December – EYFS nativity to school

13th December – KS1 nativity - matinee performance 1.30 p.m.

14th December – KSI nativity - evening performance 6.00 p.m.

15th December – EYFS nativity performance 9.30 a.m.

15th December – Carols Around the Tree 2.00 p.m.

15th December – Christmas Fayre after school

18th December – Christmas Jumper Day

18th December – final Achievement Assembly 9.00 a.m.

18th December – whole school Christmas Lunch

18th December – term ends normal time

19th December – Inset Day

Spring Term:

3rd January – Term starts

6th February – Parents Evening

7th February – Valentines Disco

9th February – Term ends

12th – 16th February – Half term

19th February - Children back to school

9th March – Mother's Day Sale
28th March – Spelling Bee Final

28th March – Exhibition Day

28th March - Term ends

29th March - Inset Day

Summer Term:

16th April - Term starts

14th to 18th April – SAT's Week Year 6
21st to 24th May – SAT's week Year 2

24th May – End of term

25th May - Inset Day

28th May – 1st June - Half term

4th June - Children back to school

6th to 8th June – PGL Trip

11th to 15th June – Year 1 phonics check

15th June – Father's Day Sale

6th July – Sports Day

16th July – Y6 Leavers Party

20th July – Leavers Assembly

20th July - Term ends 2.00 p.m.

23rd July - Inset Day

24th July - Occasional Day

25th July - Occasional Day

26th July - Occasional Day

27th July - Occasional Day

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