

Dear Parents and Carers



Head Lice

Those annoying little critters are here and wriggling. Please can I inform / remind you of the following. They are very common and are not anything to be ashamed of; even Headteachers have had to treat their children! They don't appear in a day. If you comb through and find several then they have been there for a while, particularly if they are different sizes. Not all people scratch when they have head lice, you still need to check. Please clean pillows, hoods and towels at the same time as treating the head lice. After 25 years of speaking to parents about head lice please can I remind you that combing with a special comb is the most effective way of removing them. We are not allowed to keep children off school for head lice but remind you to treat them and comb! Please could you check your child's head this weekend. I attach a link to an article.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2016/apr/11/head-lice-nits-children-treatment>



Seeds

Our Gardening Club are dusting off their trowels and looking forward to Spring. If you have any packets of seeds, old flower pots or even propagators to donate then please leave them with Mrs Clarke in the office - she gets very excited by such things!



Reports

You will receive a report on your child after half term. This will let you know the grades that they achieved at the end of last term and some targets to work on for the Summer.



Parent Governor

Before Christmas we asked for nominations for the role of parent governor. Governors have an important role in schools and a good deal of responsibility. We would love some parents to step forward for the role. If you are not sure then come and speak to me about it. Go on, I'll even make you a cup of tea and get out the chocolate biscuits!



RSPB Birdwatch

Several children joined Mrs Cooper and I on a birdwatch this Monday. We saw a Red Kite, a Robin, Magpie and 9 Parakeets. All of our results were added to the RSPB's annual birdwatch survey.



WhatsApp groups

WhatsApp seems to be an essential form of communication these days. As a parent I am part of a class group for my daughter's class. The group discusses lost trousers and missing PE kits and this is fine. Please don't use class WhatsApp groups to discuss more personal issues, or the school.



Challenge Sport and Education – Holiday Course

At CSE we run multisport holiday courses during the summer holidays. Every day your child will take part in a variety of sports including tennis, basketball, football, netball, cricket, dance, rounders, gymnastics, orienteering, dodgeball, tri-golf, volleyball, handball & more. Days run from 9am-3pm or 5pm. Everyone is welcome from ages 4-11 so come along and make the most of your half term by making new friends, keeping active and most importantly having fun. For more information go to <https://www.challengesporteducation.co.uk/courses/>



Young Voices – 02 Arena – Tuesday 6th February 2018

The audience tickets are available to collect from the School Office. Please can you ensure these are collected by Monday 5th February 2018. A final letter has been emailed detailing all of the details for the children and parents attending. Just a few points to note that the children will come to school wearing their 02 t-shirts on Tuesday morning and **MUST** wear school shoes – NO Trainers. They must bring their lunch and tea as we will be leaving at approximately 10.30am. Please make sure that any additional clothing i.e. coats, hoodies, etc are named. Water bottles must be named – please make sure the children have at least 2 water bottles (no fizzy drinks). Please let the School Office know, on the absence line, by 8.30am on Wednesday 7th February if your child will be in late. All children must be in by 10.30am on the Wednesday.



Year 3 Recorder lessons

If you would still like to purchase a recorder for your child for £6, please speak to Mrs Harrison in the School Office so this can be arranged via the School Gateway.



Unicorn Squad

Unicorn squad will close next week and be reborn after Half term as 'Phoenix Club!' If your Year 6 child would like to join the club, to help out with good deeds and tasks, then please fill out an application form next week. There will be 25 places available for the next half term. The forms will be available from Tuesday at the School Office.



Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Ameera B, Aliyah K, James A, Neha A, Zain A, Sarah R

Year 4: Liam S, Rachel L, Jacob C, Sophie D, Harry C-M, Chase A

Year 5: Kian C, Aren L, Harry D, Maja L

Year 6: Matthew Mc, Isabelle D, Oliver W, Aaditi P, Rebecca M, Arya D



Special Mentions also go to:

Boxing Trophy – Vincent B

Benjamin H for passing Grade 3 piano exam

Year 4 for raising £260 for VICTA

Calendar dates on next page.....

This week the **Golden Broom** has been awarded to **3 Apple**. Well done!

Kind regards

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team

Calendar dates for your diary.....

FEBRUARY	
6 th	Year 6 – Young Voices – 02 Arena – see separate correspondence
6 th	Junior Singing Day – Watford School of Music – see separate correspondence
6 th	Year 4 Athletics Competition – see separate correspondence
9 th	4 Hazel Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
12 th – 16 th	HALF TERM
21 st	Gardening Club starts – see separate correspondence
23 rd	5 Pear Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
26 th Feb to 1 st March	World Book Week
27 th Feb	School Orchestra to visit BBC Concert Orchestral performance of Ten Pieces from 1.45pm to 2.45pm at Watford Colosseum – see separate correspondence
MARCH	
1 st	World Book Day
2 nd	4 Holly Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
9 th	6 Maple Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
14 th	Non-uniform day
14 th	Paediatric First Aid Evening - Infant and Junior School parents/carers
16 th	6 Beech Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
21 st	Year 4 Easter Production – Afternoon performance – times to be confirmed
22 nd	Year 4 Easter Production – Evening performance – times to be confirmed
23 rd	Sport Relief
23 rd	6 Oak Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
26 th – 29 th	Autism Awareness Week
29 th	SPRING TERM ENDS 1.30pm
29 th	Non-uniform Day
APRIL	
16 th	SUMMER TERM BEGINS – pupils return to school
MAY	
2 nd – 4 th May	Year 5 Residential – Woodrow High House – more details to follow
7 th	Bank Holiday Monday
21 st – 25 th	Outdoor Learning Week
28 th – 1 st June	HALF TERM
JUNE	
4 th – 8 th	Street Smart Week
29 th	Inset Day
JULY	
2 nd – 6 th	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip
12 th	Transition Day

17 th	Year 6 Production – PM and EVENING performances
19 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly and tea/coffee with Year 6 parents
19 th	Year 6 Party - TBC
20 th	Non-uniform Day
20 th	SUMMER TERM ENDS 1.30pm
23 rd – 27 th	Occasional Days
SEPTEMBER	
3 rd	Inset Day
4 th	Back to school for Autumn Term 2018
OCTOBER	
22 nd	Parent/Carer Consultation evening – TBC
24 th	Parent/Carer Consultation evening - TBC
26 th	Inset Day
29 th - 2 nd Nov	HALF TERM
NOVEMBER	
5 th	Back to school
30 th	Occasional Day
DECEMBER	
21 st	Term Ends
JANUARY 2019	
7 th	Back to school for Spring Term 2018
FEBRUARY 2019	
18 th – 22 nd	HALF TERM
25 th	Back to school
MARCH 2019	
APRIL 2019	
5 th	Term Ends 1.30pm
8 th to 22 nd	Easter Holiday
23 rd	Back to school for Summer Term 2018
MAY 2019	
6 th	Bank Holiday
27 th – 31 st	HALF TERM
JUNE 2019	
JULY 2019	
19 th	Term Ends 1.30pm
22 nd	Inset Day
23 rd	Inset Day
24 th	Inset Day