



Newsletter 30

20 May 2022

Dear Parents

Thank you to Fox Class for an amazing sharing assembly ~ smiles all around!

We had a lovely Learning Outdoor Day today ~ not quite the sunshine we have experienced this week but we had an exciting time eating ice lollies in our 'Bivvies' nonetheless.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year.

Covid or isolation absences are **NOT** included in this data.



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| This week | 92.7% |
| Week beg 09 May 22 | 94.8% |
| Best week to date | Week beginning 28 February 2022 ~ 98.12% |

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 16 May:

| CLASS | RED <95% | AMBER 95% | GREEN 96+% |
|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| HERON | | | 97% |
| FOX | 93.4% | | |
| BADGER | 85.8% | | |
| ROBIN | 93.8% | | |
| KINGFISHER | 89.3% | | |
| HEDGEHOG | | | 97.3% |
| WOODPECKER | 92.7% | | |
| RABBIT | 88.7% | | |
| OWL | | | 96.7% |
| SQUIRREL | 91.5% | | |

Well done to **Hedgehog Class**.

GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

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| Sasha | Hedgehog Class | |
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ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We like to celebrate the achievements and awards of our children outside of school too! If your child has earned an award in an event, please send in a copy of the certificate and we can mention them in our weekly newsletters.

This week we celebrated the success of:

| Pupil | Class | Achievement |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Kyle</i> | <i>Kingfisher</i> | <i>Swimming ~ Stage 2</i> |

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PHONE FREE FRIDAY

Thank you for taking part in 'Phone Free Friday' ~ we had 12 responses again to the question of the week which made it tricky to choose! Thank you to everyone who is taking part!

| Favourite Answer | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Question | Answer | Pupil | Class |
| If you can have one extra hour during the day, what would you do with it? | <i>Spend time playing with her friends!</i> | <i>Sophie G</i> | <i>Hedgehog</i> |

This week's question was:

If a genie can grant you 3 wishes, what would you wish for? [Do not forget to Tweet your answers!](#)

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Yesterday, you will have received our plans for Jubilee week. Please have a good look through and we look forward to seeing you all at our parade on Friday 27th May at 2:30pm.

CRICKET VOLUNTEERS ~ HOUSE CRICKET

Children in KS1 will be taking part in year group House Cricket Festivals on the afternoons of Wednesday 8th (Yr2) and Thursday 9th (Yr1) June. We need 12 parents helpers per year group please, to support the children at the various activity stations - you don't need any specific knowledge or skills to volunteer, just a pair of trainers and lots of enthusiasm! Please speak to your class teacher or email the office if you are available to help for the afternoon.

PYJAMARAMA DAY 2022

Thank you to everybody that took part in our Pyjamarama Day last Friday, and enjoyed stories and rhymes in their PJs – all to raise money to make sure every child gets a bedtime story. You raised an amazing £276.75, which will be split equally between the Book Trust charity and school reading funds. For more information about the Book Trust, and author videos from the day visit their [website](#).



PARKING

Please ensure that you are parking responsibly both in the morning and afternoon. Parents should not be parking on the pavement as this is for pedestrians. There are lots of places to park a bit further away from school giving you the opportunity to walk, scoot or cycle the rest of the way and also reduces the pollution levels around the school. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

TEXTILE RECYCLING

As part of our Eco-Schools work, we have signed up to the 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme. The scheme increases awareness about textile recycling, and by increasing recycling rates we can help the environment by ensuring less material goes to landfill. The scheme is completely FREE, and **our school will be paid for every kg recycled.**

Through Rag Bag we will be able to help recycle textiles and clothing that may have ended up going to landfill. It is estimated that approximately 1.75 million tonnes of clothing waste is produced in the UK every year. Out of this vast tonnage around 1.2 million tonnes is sent unnecessarily to landfill. If we can divert some of this tonnage away from landfill we will directly help the environment and help provide good quality clothing to some of the poorest developing nations in the world.

For further info: <https://www.rag-bag.co.uk/>

Our Recycling Bin is positioned by the BLUE PEDESTRIAN GATE, NEXT TO THE BIKE & SCOOTER SHELTER.

We **can** accept the following items:

- ✓ **Wearable Clothing**
- ✓ **Paired Shoes**

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- ✓ Handbags
- ✓ Belts

We **cannot** accept the following items:

- ☒ Workwear
- ☒ Uniforms (including School Uniforms)
- ☒ Wet/Soiled Clothes
- ☒ Curtains
- ☒ Towels
- ☒ Duvets or Duvet Covers
- ☒ Pillows or Pillow Cases
- ☒ Blankets
- ☒ Table Cloths
- ☒ Linens
- ☒ Cushions
- ☒ Carpets
- ☒ Suitcases
- ☒ Books
- ☒ Bric a Brac
- ☒ Clothes Hangers
- ☒ Electricals

Please help us to keep the area tidy by putting your items **in** the Recycling Bin and not leaving them beside it – thank you!

WATFORD LIBRARY ~ MY STORY FESTIVAL

Please see below for some events being run by Watford Library on Sunday 29th May. Tickets are available online and in the library ~ please book in advance: [Find a library event](#)



"My story" Festival *Sunday 29 May*
Watford Library

10.15am-12.30pm:
Trestle Art Family Theatre Show and Junk Nature session
 Children aged 6+ Younger siblings welcome
 £5 per child

1.15-2.00pm: Interactive Family Poetry session
 Children aged 6+ Younger siblings welcome
 £3 per child

2.00-3.30pm: Dreamcatchers session
 £3 per child



Tickets available online and in the library - please book in advance
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
 Queries to mystory@hertfordshire.gov.uk



COVID VACCINE ~ 5-11 YEAR OLDS

From this week parents and carers of children aged 5 to 11 can book their child's first COVID-19 vaccination. Bookings can be made at the national booking service for some pharmacies and GP surgeries as well as weekend appointments at vaccination centres. Some GP surgeries will also be offering bookings directly. Vaccination centres have been made child friendly with a range of fun activities available and staff have decorated the centres to make

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them welcoming for children. Appointment slots have been made longer so that parents and carers have plenty of time to talk to vaccinators and ask questions. To find out more, go to: [Vaccine information for young people](#)

HERTFORDSHIRE NURSING TEAM

Please see attached some flyers that may be of interest from the school nursing team.

NUMERACY SKILLS

Adults are being encouraged to take a new online quiz designed to get them thinking about their maths skills; it has been launched as part of National Numeracy Day. If you fancy a bit of maths thinking ~ have a go here: [Numeracy Quiz](#)

REMINDER ~ PARENT PIT STOPS

We have two sessions coming up; please see information below on how to sign up:

| DATE | SESSION | INFORMATION | SIGN UP LINK |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Tuesday 7 th June @ 6pm | Science and Forest School | Includes a session in the Forest School ~ ONLY 19 PLACES LEFT! | Yes, I would like to attend |
| Tuesday 5 th July @ 6pm | Transition and Meet The Teacher | This session replaces our session in September and will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher | No sign up needed ~ it is encouraged that all parents attend. |

REMINDER ~ BIG BATTERY HUNT - May 2022

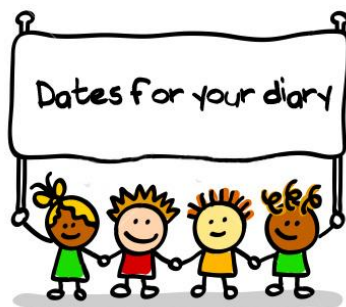
The Big Battery Hunt is a nationwide programme to help educate and inspire young people to recycle more used batteries. Our Eco Council members spoke to the children about how to participate in assembly; just bring any old batteries into school and they will be collected in special boxes in the classroom. We are collecting: AAA, AA, C & D batteries ONLY until 27th May. For more information click: [The Big Battery Hunt](#)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School closes at 3:10pm on Friday 27th May for the half term holiday.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend!

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Summer term 2022

| Date | What's Happening? | Where? | Time? |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| Wk Beg 23 rd May | Jubilee Celebration Week | | |
| Fri 27 th May | Joint Jubilee Procession with CJS | Field | 2pm |
| Fri 10 th June | Hedgehog Sharing Assembly | Hall | 9am |
| Wed 15 th June | Sealife Adventure Aquarium (REC + KS1) | | |
| Fri 17 th June | Woodpecker Sharing Assembly | Hall | 9am |
| Wk Beg 20 th June | Creative Focus Week | | |
| Fri 24 th June | Open Afternoon | Classroom | 2:45pm |
| Wk Beg 27 th June | Anti-Bullying Week | | |
| Thur 30 th June | Joint Sports Day with CJS | Field | 12:30pm |
| Fri 1 st Jul | School Closed | | |
| Mon 4 th Jul | School Closed | | |
| Wed 6 th July | New Parents Meeting | Hall | TBC |
| Mon 11 th July | Squirrel Sharing Assembly | Hall | 9:10am |
| Mon 11 th July | EYFS Reports to Parents | | |
| Tue 12 th July | KS1 Parent Consultation | Virtual | By appointment |
| Wed 13 th July | KS1 Parent Consultation | Virtual | By appointment |
| Fri 15 th July | Open Afternoon | Classroom | 2:45pm |
| Tue 19 th July | Y2 Performance | Hall | 9:15am |
| Wed 20 th July | Y2 Performance | Hall | 2:30pm |
| Thu 21 st July | End of term Nursery | | |
| Fri 22 nd July | End of school ~ 1:15pm finish | | |



PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR **2021/22**

These dates are the same as the junior school.

| SUMMER 2022 | |
|---------------------|--|
| Mon 30 May – 3 June | Half term |
| Friday 1 July | Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils |
| Monday 4 July | INSET ~ School closed to pupils |
| Thursday 21 July | Summer Term ends NURSERY |
| Friday 22 July | End of summer term 1:15pm |

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AUTUMN 2022

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| Thursday 1 September | INSET ~ School closed to pupils |
| Friday 2 September | INSET ~ School closed to pupils |
| Monday 5 September | Autumn term starts |
| Mon 24 Oct – Fri 28 Oct | Half term |
| Friday 2 December | Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils |
| Wednesday 21 December | Autumn term ends 1:15pm |

SPRING 2023

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| Thursday 5 January | INSET ~ School closed to pupils |
| Friday 6 January | INSET ~ School closed to pupils |
| Monday 9 January | Spring term starts |
| Mon 13 Feb – Fri 17 Feb | Half term |
| Friday 31 March | Spring term ends 1:15pm |

SUMMER 2023

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday 17 April | Summer term starts |
| Mon 29 May – 2 June | Half term |
| Friday 30 June | INSET ~ School closed to pupils |
| Friday 21 July | End of summer term 1:15pm |