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Happy New Year!

Welcome back – we hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year holiday. We are now into our second term of this school year, aka the Spring Term 2017. As always at school, there will be lots going on and our weekly newsletter is a valuable source of information. The newsletter and other school letters are only sent out electronically these days, please make sure you check your e-mails regularly and keep us informed of any changes to your e-mail address. Should you require a paper copy of any of the letters, please ask Mrs Waight.

Newcomb Cup

At the end of the autumn term, the prestigious Newcomb Cup was awarded to Edith Kiely. She has really grown to be a very sensible, reliable young lady. She is a shining example of the type of student who is a credit to our school. Congratulations Edith!

Classroom Changes

During the Christmas holiday, we have had another slight change around of the classrooms. This means that Class 1 (Years 1 & 2) are now located in the classroom opposite the main school entrance (formerly Class 2) and Class 2 (Years 3 & 4) are in the classroom that has recently been occupied by Class 1.

School Equipment

Just another reminder that the children should have PE kits (including trainers), water bottles and outdoor coats at school EVERY DAY! All equipment should be clearly named!

Parking

Especially at the busiest times of the times of the day, parking outside school is often extremely difficult, if not impossible. With this in mind, may we encourage people to park with consideration. Whether just popping in briefly or staying for longer, please park within a reasonable distance of the cars around you, ie as close as possible without blocking anyone in. If everyone did this, parking may be a lot easier for all. Please remember that parking or stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines is NEVER allowed. We do have a parking warden who visits us on a fairly regular basis and he will issue parking fines if you are parking illegally.

Tuesday 17th January – Special Lunch Menu

Next Tuesday, Mrs Miller will be serving a special Children's Choice lunch. The options on this day will be: breaded chicken with potato wedges (Red option) or mac 'n' cheese with crusty bread (Green option) followed by Artic Roll. She will not be providing a school packed lunch option of this day, although, of course, a home packed lunch may still be brought in. The children will be able to choose their lunch as normal at the beginning of the day. Any school lunches ordered will be charged via the SchoolMoney system as usual.

Lunchtime Clubs

The lunchtime sports club run by Premier Sports Development will commence on Monday next week for KS1 & KS2 children. A letter about the clubs was sent out on Monday this week. Please make sure that payment is made by tomorrow to ensure your child's participation. The cost of each club is £10 per child for the whole of the spring term. Payment on the SchoolMoney system has been set up so you can pay for one, two or three clubs depending on the number of clubs that your child wishes to take part in. To confirm, the clubs available are as follows:-

- Monday – Football Club for Years 1, 2 & 3 – girls and boys.
- Thursday – Football Club for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – girls and boys
- Friday – Multi-sports for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – girls only

Any problems or queries, please speak to Mrs Waight.

After School Multi-sports Club for KS1 & KS2 (on Thursdays)

Premier Sports Development hope to be able to run their after school Multi-sports Club for KS1 & KS2 children again commencing on Thursday next week (19th January). However, for this club to be viable, we need some more children

to sign up! Full details about this club have been sent in a separate letter from PSD. Should your child like to participate in this club, please make sure you have returned the completed form together with the correct payment (£35 per child) to the school office by Monday 16th January. Payment should be by cheque or cash. Cheques should be made payable to Premier Sports Development. If you require another copy of the PSD letter about their Spring Term clubs, please ask Mrs Waight.

Morning Sports Clubs

Our new morning sports clubs have kicked off to a great start this week. Currently, we are offering the children in KS1 & KS2 the opportunity to play Dodgeball on a Monday morning and Indoor Football on a Tuesday morning, from 7.45 to 8.40 am. It's not too late to sign up – please see the letter from Premier Sports Development or, if you can't find this, ask Mrs Waight for another copy!

Important Dates for Your Diary

Here are just a few important Spring Term dates for your diary that you may like to make a note of now:-

- Friday 20th January – Friends' AGM – 2.30 pm in the school hall – ALL WELCOME – please come along if you can.
- Tuesday 31st January – Presentation to Parents by Mr Howard & the Governors – 7 pm in the school hall – ALL WELCOME – please do your utmost to join us for this presentation.
- Saturday 4th February – Gourmet Supper Club – 7 pm in the school hall – ALL WELCOME.
- Friday 10th February – School finishes for the half term holiday – 2 pm.
- Tuesday 21st February – School re-opens after the half term holiday – at normal time.
- Monday 20th March – KS2 Parents' Consultations. Times TBC.
- Monday 27th March – EYFS & KS1 Parents' Consultations. Times TBC.

Church Assemblies

For this term, our Church assemblies with Rev Steve Bate will be taking place on the following Wednesdays:-

- 18th January
- 8th February
- 8th March
- 22nd March

Parents are very welcome to join us for these short assemblies from 2.45 pm. Tea and coffee will be available. On these days, the children should be picked up from the church at 3.15 pm.

Swimming

For this whole term and half of next term, it will be the turn of the children in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) to go swimming every Friday morning. Children leave school at 10.00am and travel to Bishop's Stortford in a coach fitted with seat belts, arriving back at school at approximately 11.45 am. Parents are reminded that children will need to bring to school a swimming costume and a towel (girls and boys with long hair must have a swimming hat) in a waterproof bag. Swimming aids, such as armbands and rubber rings are not allowed (they will be provided by the swimming pool as necessary). Children can bring in a pair of swimming goggles if they wish to do so but these will only be permitted under instruction from the swimming teacher. Jewellery is also not allowed. Could we remind parents to ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled and ask that children do not take money for snacks. **Please note any children who suffer from asthma will need to take their inhaler with them.** ALL children are expected to swim each week unless there is a medical reason that prevents them from doing so. If this is the case, they will still be required to go to the swimming pool where they will be expected to sit and read a book quietly. To cover the cost of the coach hire and the swimming lessons, parents will need to pay £3.65 per session per child. There will be 11 sessions this term and 6 sessions next half term. Payment for swimming should be made via the SchoolMoney system, where you will be able to pay in three instalments. You may like to pay regular smaller amounts if that helps with your cash flow.

Drum Truck and Choir

Please note that Drum Truck lessons and the After School Choir Club will be starting again on Friday this week. If you or your child would like to join the choir, please let Mrs Waight know so she can add you to the list. Choir Club starts straight after school and finishes at 4.45 pm. Any children staying for this must be picked up promptly at 4.45 pm. For those who have signed up for the Drum Truck lessons, these will take place at the same times as last term. If you require supervision for your child after school on a Friday to participate in the Choir Club, please make sure you have arranged this in advance with Mrs Waight.

Gourmet Supper Club – A Taste of Thailand

Will you be joining us for dinner on Saturday 4th February? We are hosting the first meal at our new Albury Supper Club at 7-730pm in the school hall. We will be serving a two course "Taste of Thailand" for only £10 per person, accompanied by drinks from a very reasonably-priced licensed bar. Please book your table for your family and friends

as soon as possible by popping in to see Mrs Waight. At the time of booking, please indicate whether you would like the vegetarian option. We do hope that many of you will support this event and, if it is popular, we hope to be travelling to other corners of the globe, treating you to delicacies from many different countries. Perhaps diners could vote for which cuisine they would like to try at the next Supper Club meal.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

The 2017 Active Kids scheme launches on 25th January! We need to ask as many people as possible to collect the vouchers for our school, so please mention it to your friends and family. There are 3 ways to collect the vouchers: at Sainsbury's Local stores you'll get one voucher for every £5 spent; at Sainsbury's Supermarkets you'll receive one voucher for every £10 you spend; and online at sainsburys.co.uk you'll receive the equivalent of one voucher for every £10 you spend, these will be printed on one piece of paper up to a maximum of 50 vouchers – so make sure you keep it safe! The collection box for the vouchers is already in place in the school entrance lobby ready to accept all the vouchers that have been collected.

Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2017 – PLEASE CHECK DATES WEEKLY FOR ANY ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

JANUARY 2017	
Friday 13 th January	KS2 Swimming re-commences.
Friday 13 th January	3.15 – After School Drum Truck & Choir Club re-commence.
W/C 16 th January	All lunchtime sports clubs re-commence.
Wednesday 18 th January	2.45 pm – Church Assembly with Rev Steve. ALL WELCOME! Tea & Coffee will be available for any parents attending.
Friday 20 th January	2.30 pm – Friends' Annual General Meeting – ALL WELCOME!
Monday 23 rd January	3.30 pm – 7-a-side Football Match v Howe Green House School @ Howe Green (Selected children from Class 3)
Tuesday 24 th January	1.30 pm – EYFS Class to see "The First Hippo on the Moon" at Rhodes Centre, Bishop's Stortford.
Thursday 26 th January	1 pm - BSP Sportshall Athletics Competition at Birchwood High School for selected children in Class 3.
Tuesday 31 st January	7 pm – Headteacher & Governor presentation to parents – ALL WELCOME!
FEBRUARY 2017	
Friday 3 rd February	2 pm – Class 2 to Bishop's Stortford Festival of Literature at Bishop's Stortford College.
Saturday 4 th February	7 pm – Gourmet Supper Club – "A Taste of Thailand" – PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!
Monday 6 th February	9.30 am – Class 1 to Bishop's Stortford Festival of Literature at Bishop's Stortford College.
Monday 6 th February	2 pm – Class 3 to Bishop's Stortford Festival of Literature at Bishop's Stortford College.
Wednesday 8 th February	2.45 pm – Church Assembly with Rev Steve. ALL WELCOME! Tea & Coffee will be available for any parents attending.
Friday 10 th February	2 pm – School finishes for the February half term holiday.
Tuesday 21 st February	School re-opens after half term.