

Courage Appreciation Peace Respect Responsibility Love

Jesus said, "I know my sheep...and my sheep know me." John 10:14

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Charity Fundraising

On December 16th, all the children took part in our Santa Run to raise money for Herts Young Homeless.

Thanks to your generosity, we managed to raise a whopping £514 for this very worthy cause. Thank you to everybody who donated and to all the children for taking part.

Book Fair and World Book Day

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to school and will be open during playtimes and after school from Monday 13th March to Thursday 16th March.

Children will be given a book token that can be used against the cost of any book at the book fair that costs $\pounds 2.99$ or more. If you send your child in with money to spend at the book fair, please be aware that they will be responsible for looking after this themselves.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Children can come to school dressed as a book character and there will be a prize for the best dressed child in each year group.

Attendance

Our attendance for the autumn term was the lowest it has been for many years with whole school attendance of just 91.5%. This is likely to rank us amongst the lowest schools in the country!

Could we please remind you that children should still come to school if they have coughs and colds and should only be kept at home if absolutely necessary. For further guidance, please use the link below...

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-illfor-school/



Parents Consultations

Due to a very busy diary towards the end of the spring term, these will be taking place during the first week back after the Easter break on:

Wednesday 19th April from 5.00pm – 8.00pm Thursday 20th April from 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Further details will follow nearer the time.

Outdoor Shoes

Could we please remind you that all children should have wellies or trainers for changing into at playtimes and lunchtimes. These should be kept in a plastic bag in your child's locker





Class 1 Parents Meetings

Miss Holliday will be holding meetings to inform parents about forthcoming tests for Year 1 and Year 2.

These are as follows: Y1 Phonics: 2:45pm Monday 20th March Y2 SATs: 2:45pm Tuesday 21st March

LOtC and TWiGS

Following on from gaining our silver award from the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, we continue to take our learning away from the classroom as much as possible. Class teachers are looking at day trips out to reinforce learning at school and Tim from TWiGS will work with each class for one day each during each halfterm. Class 1 and EYFS have already had their days this half-term and Class 2 & Class 3 will be having their days on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd February.

Tip of the Iceberg Drama Workshops

Lisa from Tip of the Iceberg will be coming into school this term to run drama workshops for each class. These fun workshops will be aiming to improve the confidence of children when speaking and performing.



Packed Lunches

Please remember that children should not have anything in their packed lunches that contains nuts.

Sweets are not allowed in a child's packed lunch. They should mainly contain healthy items (sandwiches, fruit, vegetables etc.), with one 'treat' if children would like them. This could should not be chocolate bars e.g. Mars, Dairy Milk, but could be a chocolate biscuit e.g. Kitkat, Penguin, Caramel Wafer etc.



Values & Collective Worship

Our values this term are Peace and Love. We will be thinking about these during our collective worships on a Thursday morning with Mrs Ross and Reverend Theresa.

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Matthew 22 v 37



Easter Church Service

Our church service for Easter will be held on Tuesday 28th March at 2.30pm in St. Mary's Church.



Class 3 Music Festival & Albert Hall

Class 3 are currently rehearsing for the Herts & Ware Schools Music Association Music Festival. This will be taking place in March at the Drill Hall in Ware. The children will be performing a cantata by Paul Burrell names Esther.

Class 3 will also be taking part in the Herts Music Service Schools Gala at the Royal Albert Hall in April. What a fabulous opportunity this is for the children to perform in such an iconic venue to an audience of thousands.



Class 2 Residential – Skreens Park

Children from Class 2 will be having their annual residential trip this year at Skreens Park, a Scout activity centre just outside Chelmsford. Class 2 will be going on the last two days of term – from Wednesday 29th to Friday 31st March. This promises to be a great few days of fun and adventure for the children.



PE Competitions

On 24th February some children from Class 3 will be taking part in a Sports Hall Athletics competition at Wodson Park in Ware.

On 3rd March a team of Year 4 children will also be competing at Wodson Park in a Rapid Fire Cricket Competition.

Further details about both of these events will come out nearer the time.



FOBS



Thank you to those parents who are making regular donations to the school following on from the letter that FOBS sent in October explaining that this would be the preferred way of fundraising from now; for this year the estimated total will be c.£1,500. These and your contributions for The Bauble decorating and Break the Rules Day (£300) funded the Pantomime and gift bags and Christmas dinner treats for the children.

A donation of £2,000 was made to the school to assist with trip transport costs.

The trip to Legoland and a funded treat for Nursery will be in the region of £3,000. This is already accounted for and funds are available, however, a reserve is always needed for projects and items that would not be able to be purchased from the main school budget.

If you are not already doing so, please consider making regular donations:

NatWest Business Current Account Name: FOBS Sort Code: 60-10-39 Account: 30580021 https://forms.office.com/r/iXghPaz2kR

We are also organising a Spring Raffle Please help if you can 😇

Reception to Year 6 Trip to Legoland

Next term, on Thursday May 25th, all children from Reception to Year 6 will be going on a great trip to Legoland. This trip will be paid for using money raised by FOBS. Something special will be organised for Nursery children. Details to follow









Prizes Needed! Spring Raffle! Raising funds for Bayford School

We organising a fantastic Spring raffle to raise funds for specific class projects, upgrading and maintaining the school play equipment, which cannot be funded from the stretched school

budget.

If you or your business are able to donate a prize to help with this, please contact the school office or:

Fiona Smith (07795 313289). - <u>fsmith@bayford.herts.sch.uk</u> Sally Scott <u>sscott@bayford.herts.sch.uk</u>



Tickets and more details will be available ASAP