



Ascension Day Mass

We were very fortunate to have Fr Carlos lead mass on Ascension Day with our KS1 and KS2 pupils this term. Our pupils really get a lot from his entertaining sermons. In addition Fr Carlos has also spent time in classes this term helping out with lessons and being a friend to all.

Rabbi visit

Mr Rosenberg, a Rabbi from Welwyn Garden City, visited for a special assembly this term to speak with our pupils and answer their questions on Judaism and learn in particular about Exodus and the Passover.

Rosary Prayer

Once again lots of boys and girls have been praying the rosary during Friday lunchtimes this May – we are very proud of all of you!

Chaplaincy Team Food Bank Collection

Well done to the Chaplaincy team for organising this year's food bank collection and to all the families who donated items. We have been an 'official friend' of the Bishop's Stortford food bank for a number of years and they were again amazed that we were able to fill twelve large boxes and carrier bags of items. We have families in school that access the food bank, so thank you for your support.

Year 6 SATs week

We are very proud of the huge effort made by all our Year 6s in preparing for their SATs tests this week and the positive approach they have shown towards their work. Now we can work as hard on competing in the upcoming sporting fixtures and our end of year production!

Open Day Show and Share

Please find along with this newsletter details of our Open day on Thursday 24th May. This is a lovely chance to celebrate together your child's progress over the year with them.

INSET DAY Friday 25th May

Please remember that school is closed to all pupils next Friday 25th May due to an INSET day. Pupils will return after the half-term holiday on Monday June 4th.

Sports News

Our football teams have got the Summer Term off to a great start! The A and B teams had a great tournament at Howe Green, with both teams progressing from their group stages. Some super performances! Our girls' team also enjoyed a rather hot but enjoyable afternoon at the tournament and managed to finish 5th overall, a wonderful achievement. Our Year 3 and 4 team topped the lot by finishing in second place in their tournament, just missing out on the top position. Well done to all involved!

Our Year 6 mixed cricket team won their first game of the season against Albury school by 30 runs- some great performances by all those new to the game and impressive skills shown by those who play at clubs. Good luck in the upcoming Sports Partnership festival- hit them for six!

Updated Reading Scheme

We have a brand new reading scheme, thanks to the School Association. The children are very excited about all the new books in our classrooms! As part of our new reading scheme, we will be changing the way the children change their books in KS1. Currently, the children change their books every day, if they wish. However, from June onwards, the Children will change their books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, therefore, changing their book up to three times a week. The book your child receives as their home reading book is to focus on developing their fluency skills and building their confidence when reading independently. It is important for your child to understand what they are reading and to be able to talk about the book independently; therefore your child can re-read their book to develop these skills. Your child will be heard reading on a weekly basis by their class teacher as part of our daily guided reading sessions. They will read more challenging books and focus on developing their comprehension skills.

Huge Thanks

Thank you to everybody who organised and took an active part in the recent sponsored abseiling event and May Fayre. These events take a lot of preparation and effort and we are so fortunate to have mums and dads willing to give up their time to fundraise to help all of our pupils, and future pupils.

Parenting Workshops

Stort Valley children's group have upcoming parent workshops on understanding behaviour by looking at the personality of the child and a workshop on parenting an anxious child.

For more information please visit <http://www.stortvalleychildrenscentres.org.uk>

Parents Online Safety Newsletter

Please find the County's online safety newsletter attached. It has links to setting parental controls and conversation starters to help you have a dialogue with your child about internet safety.

Walk To School Week

This year, 'Walk To School Week' is 21st-25th May. We would like to encourage all our pupils to try and walk, cycle or scoot to school during this week. If it's not possible to walk all the way, then it would be great if you could park 10 minutes away from school and walk or scoot the last part of your journey.

Yr 5 Bikeability

Well done to all our year 5 pupils who took part in their bikeability course last week. Their behaviour was excellent, as usual, and you could see the difference the training made.

Wildlife Art Competition

We had some amazing pieces of high quality art work. The children were very creative in their designs and we are very pleased to announce that we had a number of winners. There will be an assembly to celebrate these winners in June:

Noah Gralton – Ash Class

Charlotte Howsam and Jude Jacobs – Beech Class

Emily Nicholson – Cedar Class

Caitlin O'Regan and Grace Jackson – Elm Class

Zachary Abbott – Maple Class

Thomas Walker – Sycamore Class

Megan Strange – Sycamore Class

Dinner Money for Juniors

Please note: Dinner money must be paid for IN ADVANCE.

School meals are currently priced at £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week. If you wish to pay for next half-term in advance, the cost of school meals until the summer holidays will be £95. Or you can pay any amount you wish to keep your account in credit. Please pay online using the School Gateway system or by cash/cheque payable to Hertfordshire Catering Ltd. If you know your child is having any days out of school e.g. secondary transfer days, school trips etc. please make sure you take off £2.50 for each day they will not be having a lunch.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CATERING MANAGER

Two weeks' notice in writing to Nicky Thompson is required for any changes to the children's dietary pattern. After half-term, children choosing the yellow packed lunch option will be able to take this onto the playground to eat along with pupils who have packed lunch from home.

Milk Order

Milk is available to all age groups through the school. If you would like your child to receive mid-morning milk please just visit www.coolmilk.com to register and place your order.