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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year.

We now have 310 children on the school roll and 234 families to look after so we are busier than ever!

It was lovely to welcome so many parents at our Parents Information Evening on the 22nd September. We hope you found meeting the class teachers and teaching assistants useful and informative.

After School Clubs:

All the after school clubs for this half of the term have now begun. Please see below for details:

Monday

Netball Club: 3.30 - 4.15pm (Y5 & Y6).

Dance Club: 3.30 - 4.15pm (Y3 & Y4).

Tuesday

Rising Stars Adventure: 3.25 - 4.25pm (Y1 upwards).

Football Club 3.25 - 4.15pm (Y5 & Y6).

Thursday

Rising Stars Gymnastics: 3.25 - 4.25pm (Y1 upwards).

Code Club: 3.30 - 4.15pm (Y3-6).

Cookery Eatery Club 3.30 - 5.00pm.

North Herts School Partnership - Legacy Event Y5:

Year 5 visited Knights Templar School for the Olympic day to celebrate the legacy of

the 2012 Olympics in London earlier this term. The event, which was organized by North Herts School Sports Partnership, included many different events which the children chose to take part in. From Sports Reporters to Handball, Sitting Volleyball to Dance, both Olympic and Paralympic events were celebrated.

The whole class had a really enjoyable day competing against and working with children from other schools across North Herts and showed the Samuel Lucas spirit in all they did!

Y1 - Walk around Hitchin:

On Thursday 17th September, Year 1 set off to explore Hitchin and investigate the historical and geographical features of the town. We studied the old and new buildings and looked at the different types of businesses that used them. We looked at St Mary's church, the River Hiz, the Corn Exchange, the Arcade and the market square and noted how much Hitchin has changed over the years.

Many thanks to all the kind parents to came with us.

Speech & Language Information Session:

Thank you to the parents who attended the coffee morning on 21st September led by our link Speech and Language therapist, Jane Biddulph. Your feedback was very positive.

If you were unable to attend the session but would like a copy of the hand-outs to

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help support your child with language development, please contact me via the school office and I will be happy to email them to you.

Gillian Barley (SENco).

Reminders:

Leave of Absence Forms

Please remember to fill in these forms (available from the school office) for all absence including religious observance. We need all term time absence requests in writing either via email or on our official forms so that we can log it in advance. Thank you.

Play Equipment

Can we please remind all parents that the school play equipment is not to be used outside of school hours. In particular, can you please make sure you keep an eye on younger siblings!

School Hours

Could we also please remind everyone that the school is not open until 8.45am and in the interests of safety, your children should not, under any circumstances, be left in the playground any earlier. Teaching staff are in a meeting, every day, from 8.30am and cannot take responsibility for children who are left unsupervised. Thank you for your assistance with this. If you have any particular problem with early arrival, please do let us know.

Letters home

A plea from the office! Please can you ensure you read all letters that come home and return reply slips promptly and fully completed. We are having to return increasing numbers of forms where important information is not being included by parents.

Please also keep the top part of the letter if it gives you information which you will need regarding times, dates etc.

Junk Modelling - boxes wanted:

We urgently require any of your old boxes and cartons for our Reception classes and their junk modelling. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any food boxes this time but any other cartons (eg, cosmetic) will be gratefully received. Please bring them to the classroom in the morning or after school. Thank you.

From the SLPA:

Bags2School 2/10/15

Bags were sent home with the children last week for our latest Bags2School collection. If in doubt what to include, please check on the outside of the bag for details.

Bags can be dropped at the top car park on Friday morning between 8.30am and 9.00am.

Please note, the school cannot accept any bags before this time.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 13th November - school disco.

Saturday 28th November - Winter Fayre.

Friday 5th February - Film night.

Friday 11th March - Barn Dance.

More information to follow in due course!

Yours sincerely

Tracy Thomas

Headteacher