

# Gaping Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 2JQ

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### Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term and Happy New Year to you all.

I am pleased to announce that our brand new website will go live next week. Please take a look at it when you have a moment as we would appreciate any feedback!

### Staff:

Welcome to, Mrs Indi Johal who has joined our teaching staff this term. This term, Mrs Johal will be providing teaching cover to Year 2 and supporting small groups of children.

### Kitchen:

Normal service is resumed in the kitchen! A big thank you to our catering staff who managed a challenging situation magnificently and well done to all the children who also coped well with the change.

### Football:

It was a freezing cold afternoon but the footballers played a fantastic match against Whitehill in the next round of the Boys' Wix cup at home. Unfortunately, despite some excellent play, we lost 3-0. However I was really impressed with the attitude, confidence and sportsmanship of each play-

er in the team. We have another game next week and I know we can improve and hopefully win!

## Exploring Hitchin:

This week the Reception classes went on a local walk around Hitchin. They saw lots of interesting things including the digger and the sink hole in Brand Street. They also spotted lots of shapes, patterns and numbers along the way. It was a tiring morning but everyone had fun. Thank you again to our parent helpers - we wouldn't have been ale to do the walk without you. Mrs Andreas, Mrs Bannister and Mrs Cruise.

### MSA positions:

We are currently looking for  $2 \times MSAs$  to join our lunchtime team. These will be 5 days a week, for approximately 1.5 hours each day. If you are interested, please call at the office for a form.

## Sainsbury Vouchers:

Just a reminder that we will once again be collecting Sainsbury vouchers for the school, from 27th January. The collecting box will be put in the porch, by the school office, or you can send vouchers in via your children.



### Reminders:

### Warm clothing

Please can you ensure your children are sent in wearing warm, waterproof jackets., hats gloves and scarves. We do encourage the children to play outside as much as possible and they need to be kept both warm and dry.

### PE Kit

Can you please remember to ensure that your children have a full PE kit with them throughout each week. This should include tracksuit bottoms, appropriate footwear (laces or velcro) and the usual PE shirts and shorts.

# Parents Forum Meeting

The next Parents Forum will take place on Tuesday 2nd February. Please remember to pass your queries and comments on to the relevant representative.

# Lip Balm

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We are happy for children to bring in tins of Vaseline and lip balms but please ensure they are not nut based. Children can keep these in their bags and will be allowed to apply them at break times.

### SLPA

The next SLPA meeting will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 19th January at The Highlander. Everyone is welcome.

Yours sincerely

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