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Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

After consultation with the Parent Forum, it was agreed to reinstate the Newsletter on a regular basis. This edition is an update for this half term and from next half term we plan to send them out monthly. We wish you all a happy and restful half term break and look forward to returning, rested, refreshed and healthy!

Football:

Our A and B teams played St Andrews last week. After a fantastic win at Oughton a few weeks before (8-1), the A team were feeling confident! Unfortunately, we did not quite manage the same success, with the B team drawing 0-0 and the A team losing 3-1. Well done to everyone who played so well. We look forward to a few more league games before the rallies on Thursday 17th March in the afternoon (B team) and Saturday 19th March in the morning (A team).

Indoor Athletics Competition:

After a term working on their athletic skills with Rising Stars in their PE lessons plus a lunchtime club for those who wanted to extend these, a team of athletes was chosen to represent the school at this event.

"On Thursday 29th January, Years 5 and 6 participated in an indoor athletics event held at Hitchin Boys' School. The activities in their sports hall were exciting and

challenging. Speed bounce, triple jump, standing long jump, relays, obstacle courses, javelin and vertical jump. Overall our school came 4th out of 7 local schools. We think we did extremely well and are excited for yet another fantastic sports competition.

By Jess and Nina Y6.

Cross Country:

On Saturday, Year 6 students, Elliot Koning and Jessica Astill were chosen to represent our school in the Hertfordshire Schools Cross Country Championships due to recent outstanding performances. The course was 1 mile long and at Westminster Lodge in St Albans. We are really proud of both students for taking part.

Jessica, out of an incredible 178 girl runners, came 2nd—what a superb achievement and even more so as she ran over the finish line with only one shoe! She has now been invited to represent Hertfordshire in the National Y6 and Y5 Cross Country Championships at Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire on Saturday 19th March. We look forward to hearing how she gets on!

Staff:

Mrs Waters is now on maternity leave and we wish her well for the forthcoming birth!

Y2 Visit to Christchurch:

Y2 enjoyed their visit to Christchurch as part of their RE curriculum. They ex-

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explored the church building and learnt about how the church helps the wider community.

Feeling Good Week:

This week has been Feeling Good Week. From Reception through to Y6 we have all been active and found ways to make ourselves feel good. We have started the day with a gentle group jog around the school, gradually increasing the distance throughout the week. We have also been thinking about feeling good mentally with mindfulness colouring and focussing on how having a healthy body and mind can make us even better learners.

Visit from Firemen:

We were lucky enough to have a team of firemen visit the Reception classes, Y2 and Y4. After a brief visit, they were called away to an incident but happily they returned quite quickly!

Y2 made a model of 1666 London and were lucky enough to recreate the Great Fire of London with the firemen on hand to supervise! We were able to explore the fire engine but our re-creation of the Fire of London was definitely the best bit!

MSA positions:

We are still looking for 2 x 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 school office for a form.

Isle of Wight - Y6:

For those paying by instalments, the latest instalment was due on 5th February. We have a few outstanding payments to come in so please can you check and make sure you are up to date with your payments.

Sainsbury Vouchers:

Please don't forget to collect the Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers if you happen to shopping there! The collecting box is in the porch by the main office.

Lost Property

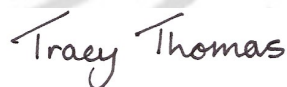
Another heartfelt plea to please name your children's clothing and property. Clothes have been on display for the children to search through and many have been reunited with their named items! However, with 310 children in the school and an increasing amount of un-named property, it is not possible for children to identify individual items of clothing. Marker pens are very efficient for writing names on the inside of sweatshirts, trousers, skirts etc and are therefore a quick and easy solution to the problem.

Parking

Please do not under any circumstances block the green gate that is used by Play Aloud and our kitchen deliveries. If you are dropping children off early in the morning, for Play Aloud, please park in one of the designated spaces.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Yours sincerely



Headteacher



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