

# Field Junior School



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**WELCOME to the new school year.** A special welcome to our new pupils. All our pupils looked extremely smart in their uniforms this week and we look forward to this continuing throughout the year. If your child has long hair, we encourage parents to explain to their children that it is always safer and more hygienic to wear the hair tied in a neat fashion. Thank you.

Apologies if this newsletter seems to be full of instructions. We hope that the content will answer some questions you may want to raise, especially with regard to payments. Please, however, do not hesitate to approach the office staff if you need advice or assistance.

## PAYMENTS

All payments (dinners, trips, etc) should be sent in a clearly marked envelope, which your child should give to his/her classteacher during registration. Dinners must be paid at the start of the week. Instructions for paying dinners have been re-issued **overleaf/...**

## UNIFORM ORDERS

Please complete the order form and enclose, with payment, in a clearly marked envelope. The order will be made up as soon as possible and sent home via your child.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

If your child has any medical conditions (eg, asthma, allergies, medical condition) please arrange to meet Miss Brooks, the Deputy Headteacher, (if you have not already done so). If your child uses an inhaler please ensure a spare inhaler is kept in school and an authorisation form completed.

## HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES AND SNACKS

It is important that your child's packed lunch contains a healthy, balanced lunch to see them through the afternoon. A snack can be eaten during morning break, but it must be a healthy option, eg, fruit or cereal bar (no chocolate or crisps, please).

## COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PARENTS AND SCHOOL

Written notes are required for absences, appointments, details changes etc. These letters are kept in class registers and used to check reasons for absence and keep your child's details up to date..

Please do not use email. Email is not the best way to communicate with the school.

## SWIMMING ON MONDAYS



Years 5 and 6 will be receiving swimming lessons this term, commencing on **Monday**. COST continues to be £1 per child, per session, which will be collected by the class teacher each Monday morning. **Boys and girls must wear swimming caps during lessons**. We have a very limited stock of swimming caps, therefore, please try to purchase elsewhere.

**Music Tuition starts next week:** Violin on Monday; Clarinet and Cello on Tuesday; Piano on Thursday - please remember to bring your instruments.

## MEET THE TEACHER SESSION FOR YEAR 3

Year 3 parents are invited to meet their child's class teacher in his/her classroom between 3.30 and 4.00pm on **Tuesday (12th)**

**1ST TOUCH FOOTBALL** - Registration forms are being sent home today to join the Dodgeball Club on Tuesday and/or the Football Club on Thursday. **Your child cannot join if the completed form and payment is not received by Monday. The clubs start on Tuesday (12th) and Thursday (14th).**

**CLUBS run by teachers** are due to start in a few weeks time.

**YEAR 6** County are requesting that our Year 6 pupils take part in a national survey for **height and weight and complete an on-line health assessment**. Two opt out pro formas, along with two explanation letters, are being sent home today. If you do not wish your child to take part please return the opt out form by 22 September.

Please also check that your child gave you the **Secondary Transfer 2018 leaflet**, sent home this week.

## INFORMATION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

"Watford Borough Council have confirmed there is a Court hearing on Monday where they will be requesting an Order to evict the travellers. If not complied with they will enforce this with the support of Bailiffs and the Police. They hope this won't be necessary and they will have moved on before then. They understand that some residents find this concerning, and want to reassure you that they are doing everything they can and are continually monitoring the site. They state they are taking further action as soon as is possible and in the meantime they are responding to all concerns to minimise the impact on the community. They ask that you report any issues either to Police on 101 or the Council on 01923 226400 so they can try to resolve them."

**Birthday wishes next week:**

**Sophia**

**Kieran**

**Daisy**

**Abigail**



## **SCHOOL DINNER ACCOUNTS**

Can I just remind you of the procedure for paying school dinners: Please make payment at least one week in advance, paying on a **Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning**. Please always send in cash or cheque (*made out to Hertfordshire Catering Ltd*) in an envelope marked with your child's name, class, 'dinner', and amount. The envelope is then collected by the class teacher that morning who will pass it through to the office. Please try not to pay direct to the school office, but if you need to, please only come to reception on Monday or Tuesday mornings. Thank you.

*We encourage children to stay with their choice of school dinner or packed lunch for half a term, with the option to change at the beginning of each half term. If you wish to change at half term please send in a note to the school office.*

The cost of a school dinner this year is **£2.30 per meal** (£11.50 per week).

**If you wish to pay school dinners on line please log on to [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)**; type in your email address and follow registration/log on instructions. You can only do this if the school has your up to date email and mobile address.

## **YEAR 3**

Can I please remind **YEAR 3 PARENTS** that school dinners are paid for at Junior level. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Dinners please ensure you make an application to County on 0300 123 4048 or [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals)

The school receives on line a free school dinner entitlement list from County. **If you child's name is not on that list he/she cannot receive free school dinners.**