



Next week looks very exciting with the book fair on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Thursday is World Book Day and children can wear anything they like, from costumes of their favourite book character to pyjamas. They will be working with a poet, Sarah Ziman, who will write poems with the children. Friday, Year 3 is going on a trip to Celtic Harmony, so we hope the weather will be more springy than today.

Don't forget to book your parents evening slot on Arbor for 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please see your child's class teacher if you cannot make any times that are left on the booking system - they may be able to squeeze you in after school on a different day.

Year 6 Parents/Carers will have received secondary school allocations today. This is the first round so do not worry too much if you have not been allocated your preferred school. Keep your child on the waiting list as many places become free at different schools once all parents have agreed their preferred school. Refer to the admissions website to find out what to do next.

Riddle: What has words, but never speaks?\*

See if you can guess and find the answer in our newsletter.

## LETTERS HOME

Letters were sent out week commencing 12.02.2024 regarding outstanding balance to pay for the Year 4 Phasels Wood and Year 6 Hudnall Park residential trips. The deadline to pay the whole amount is 20.05.2024 for Phasels Wood and 03.06.2024 for Hudnall Park. The Arbor payment has been set up and you can pay either in installments, minimum payment £25.00 or the whole amount. The deadlines may seem to be far away, however it is only 11 weeks left and you can plan your expenses accordingly, so you not left with a big payment left to the last minute.

Log on to your Arbor account:

- Then under Activities click on trips
- Then click on trips open then click on open to "your child's name"
- on the right hand side there is a green button to sign up for trip – this will give you access to outstanding balance.

We do appreciate you have already signed your child to this trip, but this is a separate entry for the outstanding balance.

## P.E. days

**Year 3** Wednesday P.E. and Thursday P.E.

**Year 4** Thursday swimming and Friday P.E.

**Year 5** Wednesday P.E. and Thursday Dance

**Year 6** Monday P.E.

## PE Kit

**Some children are not wearing the appropriate PE kit to school on PE days. Can I remind you that the PE kit should be a T shirt the colour of your child's team and blue or black shorts. Over their shorts the children can wear jogging bottoms - but can you please ensure that they are blue or black. School colour jumper/sweatshirt should be worn over the T shirt.**

### **WORLD BOOK DAY & BOOK FAIR– WHOLE SCHOOL**

We will start our World Book Day celebrations by having the Travelling Book Fair for 3 days in the Lower Hall after school from Monday 4th of March, until Wednesday 6th of March. Children will receive book tokens on Friday 1st of March. They can use them towards a book purchase at the fair or as £1 discount in any other participating bookstore. You can use your book token towards the purchase at the book fair for books over costing £2.99.

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. We will be celebrating the day by working with the poet Sarah Ziman, who will be working in every class to write a poem with the children. Mrs. Kenyon read "Medical Room" in an assembly, so children are familiar with Sarah Ziman's work.

The children can decide if they would like to dress up as a book character, wear their pyjamas or come in their own clothes – the choice is theirs. Wooden spoons will also be handed out to each child before half term for them to make the spoons into a book character; there will be a prize for the best spoon!



I hope that the children will enjoy the day and that it will encourage them to read more poetry, there are lots of poetry books in the library if they would like to borrow them! With thanks, Kate Kanyon

### **Year 3**

#### **CELTIC HARMONY (Hertford) - Friday 8th March 2024**

Contribution per child = £25.00 The children will have the unique opportunity to experience life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will get to make Stone Age tools and Bronze Age beaker pots, along with experiencing what life was like in round house buildings. The children will be given the opportunity to trade and role play using real Stone-Age artefacts as farmers, hunters, miners etc and exchange goods of different values using numeracy skills. It really is a fantastic school trip that will fully enhance the children's historical understanding. (Please note this is the only trip in Year 3).

### **Year 4**

#### **EGYPTIAN DAY – 19th March 2024**

Contribution per child - £10.00

This organised day will take place in the annexe and will be led by Freshwater Theatre Company. The children will be Egyptians for a day and will take part in many activities. Apologies for the short notice. Your contributions are vital for future experiences.

We would like the children to wear costumes. This will make the day more realistic and we thank you in advance for your efforts.

### **Year 4**

#### **Swimming**

Thank you to all Parents and Carers, who paid for the swimming. Your contributions do matter and we do appreciate your input.

#### **After school reading and maths groups w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Due to Parent Evenings taking place that week, there will be no after school reading and maths groups.

\*A book

### Highest Attendance this week

**3M 98.6%**

**6K 97.8%**

**6O'B 97.4%**



I am sure that you have all seen in the news yesterday that Attendance in schools is at an all time low and the Government are expecting schools to manage this effectively by increasing fines for term time holidays and unauthorised absence. Please help us and your child's education in this matter.



**Please encourage your child to log in and practise times tables.**



### Next and following week birthdays:

Rumaisa (Yr 3), Maisie-Grace (Yr 6), Ed (Yr 3), Niranjan (Yr 4), Aayushi (Yr 5)

*We wish all the children celebrating their birthdays lots of fun and many happy returns.*

## REMINDERS



**Dinner accounts** - please ensure that your child's dinner account is topped up via Arbor to cover meals until the end of term. Thank you.

### Turn off the engine!



Please switch off the car engine whilst waiting to pick up/drop off your child from/to school. We need to be considerate of our neighbours and it is not good for the environment.

### Parking.



Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents. Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined.

We would like to encourage everybody to walk to school if possible. We had complaints from the residents about people parking on zig zags and yellow lines. It is not safe nor legal.



### Donated school uniform

We have the following items at the office, which you can collect for a donation:

Fleece size S 6/8; Sweatshirt Age 7/8 (3 of them); Fleece size 11/12yrs (x 2); summer dress size 11-12 yrs (x 2); Green P.E. t-shirt size 11-12 yrs (x2)



The ELSA study is screening children for type 1 diabetes. Children aged 3-13 years can have a simple finger prick blood test to find out their risk of developing type 1 diabetes in the future. I would strongly encourage you to take up this offer of screening your child for their risk of getting Type 1 diabetes. From a personal point of view, as a Head Teacher who has had many children pass through school with diabetes and as a friend and family member of many people who have diabetes, I know how important it is to recognise diabetes early.

I am excited by the fact that taking part in this research could enable a delay to the start of type 1 diabetes and to develop the understanding of Type 1 diabetes.

I am looking forward to seeing many of our families at Field take up this offer.



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, you could be raising a **free** donation for Field Junior School - Watford? There are over 8,000 brands ready to give them a donation every time you shop online via easyfundraising. Not only that, but if you sign up and raise £5 in donations, easyfundraising will also give them a bonus £5 donation. It only takes 2 minutes to sign up: See if you can beat the staff members donations!!

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/fieldjuniorschoolwatford/ei1w6u/s2s/KuPMmkmc/R3025/facebook/>



## Dates for your diary

### Spring half term:

Mon to Fri, 19 February to 23 February 2024

**Thur, 28 March pick up time 1.30pm**

### Easter break

Friday, 29 March to Friday, 12 April 2024

### Inset Day

Monday, 15 April 2024

**Pupils return to school for the start of the Summer 2024 term on Tuesday, 16 April 2024**

### Bank Holiday

Monday, 6 May 2024

### Summer half term:

Monday, 27 May to Friday, 31 May 2024

### Inset day

Monday, 10 June 2024

### Last day of the Academic Year – School closes at 1.30pm

Tuesday, 23 July 2024

**School closed for the summer 2024 holidays** Wednesday, 24 July to Sunday, 1 September 2024



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