



It is December and we are all getting in the festive mood. Thank you all, who donated for our non-uniform day. It is getting cold and luckily the heating work is being done as we speak, so most of our school is now warm.

Riddle: I am worn to mark a successful victory, I am also made of flowers and leaves formed into a circle, and I vary from big to tiny. What am I?

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



The school Christmas post box will be open for deliveries on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Your children can post their cards in the post box at Reception.

Please make sure your children put the name of the child and the class they are in on the envelope so that the postal workers (Year 6 ) can deliver them to the correct class.

Unfortunately, due to GDPR we cannot issue you with class lists.

## Congratulations!

This weekend Miss Coombs is getting married!

We would like to wish her all the happiness for the future, and we will try our hardest to remember that after the weekend she will be known as Mrs Thomas



### REMINDERS

Field Junior School is a **nut free school**, therefore do not send your child into school with any playtime snacks that contain nuts.

Also please refrain from putting any items that may contain nuts into your child's packed lunch. We do have a number of children and adults in school that have severe nut allergies and we must protect them.

May I remind all parents that **term time holiday is not permitted in schools** and any requests will be unauthorised. This is happening more frequently lately, particularly at the beginning and end of terms.

## Pupils Voice

I have been carrying out some pupil voice for reading with the children and I am pleased to say that their overwhelming response was positive!

All children spoken to enjoyed their class reader and enjoyed their teacher spending time to read to them. The children enjoyed going to the library every week and hearing recommendations from their class mates on what to read from either the main library or their class library. They talked about reading with their parents at home, who helped them and asked them questions and they told me that they changed their reading book regularly.

When I asked what the children liked about reading the responses were:

year 6:

Reading is like a dream-when you read, stuff comes into your head.

Reading inspires me to write my own stories.

year 4:

It makes you learn stuff you don't know.

It gives me a big imagination.

It's interesting: once I start reading I wonder what's going to happen next.

I will be carrying out more pupil voice in a few weeks...

Thanks

Mrs Kenyon



Thanks to your donations we raised £254.90 for the Royal British Legion!



## Dates for your diary

### Occasional Day – No school

**08.12.2023 - Friday**

### Pantomime at Watford Palace Theatre – whole school

11.12.2023 10am to 1pm

### Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

12.12.2023 – Tuesday

Children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers and non-uniform.

### Carol concert at school

13.12.2023 5.30pm and 14.12.2023 1.30pm – tickets will be distributed from Monday.

## Year 5

### Viking Day

31.01.2024 – Wednesday

Cost per child = £12.00 This organised day will take place in the annexe and will be led by a specialised history company. The children will be Vikings for a day and will take part in many activities. We would like the children to wear costumes (instructions are printed overleaf). This will make the day even more realistic and we thank you in advance for your help. Lunch will be as normal in school. If your child has a music lesson arranged for that day, it will be forfeited.

## Year 4

**PHASELS WOOD** residential trip 1-3 July 2024

interest form to be completed by end of today, 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec.

<https://forms.office.com/e/zRJXcu7Zbf>

### School milk for Spring term

If your child would like to have milk during lunch time in Spring Term, please complete and bring to the office form emailed on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> of November with the exact money £19.98 by **Friday, the 8th of December**, so we can do the order in time. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals the milk is free, but you still need to fill in the form and return it to us on time.



This week's tournament winners are:

3M

4H

5T

6K

These winning classes also have the most children logging on to practise their timestables which means they are contributing points for their class in the weekly tournament.

Please encourage your children to log on. It is a fun way for them to learn their timestables.

Overall winners are 6K because 24 children are logging on at home. (Well done – Mrs Kenyon) Year 5 still have hardly anyone logging on.

### Highest Attendance this week

**98.5% 4C & 98.1% 4H**



### Next week birthdays:

Zander (Yr 4), Samir (Yr6), Daniel (Yr 5), Kleidi (Yr 3), Taulant (Yr 6)

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



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### Occasional Day

Friday 8 December 2023

**Wed, 20 December pick up time 1.30pm**

### Christmas and New Year break:

Thurs, 21 December to Wed, 3 January 2024

### Inset Days

Thurs, 4 January and Fri, 5 January 2024

**Pupils return to school for the start of the Spring 2024 Term on Monday, 8 January 2024**

### 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**