



We had delivery of the "This Is Me" books with poems by some of our students. There are copies in the library for children to read. Year 3 did creative writing this week and some of their work will be published on our website. The weather was very nice on Thursday and Year 4 enjoyed their walk as well as the swimming. At the assembly, Mrs Kenyon read a poem "Medical Room" by Sarah Ziman, who will be visiting our school on the World Book Day – the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. More details to follow.

Riddle: What two things can you never eat for breakfast? \*  
See if you can guess and find the answer in our newsletter.



## Dates for your diary

### 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.

### 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. 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 3

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

Cost per child = £25 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). Email was sent on the 17<sup>th</sup> January.

### Year 4

**Phasels Wood** – residential trip 01-03.07.2024. The **deadline** to pay the £35.00 non-returnable deposit is the **5<sup>th</sup> of February** the latest to secure the place.

### Year 6

**HUDNALL PARK** – residential trip 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in Hemel Hamstead - **deadline** to pay the £50.00 non-refundable deposit is on **05.02.2024** and it will determine the number of participants and final total for the trip. We sent letters on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> January with all the details.

\*Lunch and dinner



## READING FLUENCY PROJECT

A group of children from 6K, 6O'B and 5T took part in the Reading Fluency Project last term, which is run by Herts for Learning. The results of progress were astounding, with all children making at least one year's progress in their comprehension! In a couple of cases, children in year 6 made three and even four years progress. We are really proud of the children and hope that this encourages them to read more and enjoy books. We also hope that the children use the strategies of text marking and reading for prosody in order to help aid them with their comprehension.

## BOOK CLUB



This spring term we have a book club with Miss Emerick. Children from Years 3 and 4 have it on Tuesdays from 12.30pm to 1pm and for Years 5 and 6 it's on Thursdays from 12pm to 12.30pm. at the school library. Your child can still join in next week, if they like reading and sharing their opinions about the books.

## Highest Attendance this week

**3M 99.3%**

**5T 98.1%**

**5W 97.4%**



Please continue to encourage your children to log on and practise their timestables. Lots of tournaments have been set up for next week.

## STATIONERY SHOP

We hold a stock of some basic stationery items at school and children can bring money to purchase the following:

Highlighters: 20p; Glue Stick: 50p; Erasers: 20p; Sharpener: 30p; Colouring Pencils: £1.10

## REMINDERS

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



**Watford Museum**

There is a new project at the Watford Museum called 'PERFORM TRANSFORM'. They offer series of free arts activities at the museum for people of all ages to take part in, including family groups. By the end of the PERFORM TRANSFORM project you will have participated in creating a new installation exhibit (to be presented at Cheslyn House) that has been co-created with local residents. First workshop is taking place on Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of February from 10am to 12pm - more details in the flyer attached to your email with newsletter.



**Herts Haven Café - A safe, welcoming space, with professional workers to support you with your wellbeing when you need it.  
Watford Palace Theatre**

**Monday 3.30pm to 8.00pm. For 10 to 18-year-olds – drop in, no appointments.  
Here is a link to a fun, digital therapeutic intervention supporting 7–12-year-olds to manage their worries, fears and anxieties [Lumi Nova - WithYouth](#)**

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**There is a 10% sale on uniforms on mapac, from Thursday, the 25<sup>th</sup> January until Wednesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> January.** Enter: JSP24 at checkout [www.mapac.com/education/parents](http://www.mapac.com/education/parents)



## 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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