

News on the Nineteenth

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LEARNING CONSULTATION EVENINGS

It was lovely to see so many families at the consultation evenings.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child reach their potential.

TEA AND TOAST

Please join us on **Wednesday 7th March** in the **Community Classroom** at **9am** for tea and toast. We will be discussing Mental Health and Well-being as we work towards a Well Being Award.

ENRICHMENT DAY

On **Thursday 8th February** we had a hugely successful enrichment day. We were delighted to welcome **Ashleigh Nelson**, English sprinter who specialises in the 100 metres. She was the fastest sprinter in the world at the age of 15 and was selected to represent Great Britain at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and be part of the Great Britain Relay Team in 2014.

Ashleigh spoke to the pupils about her journey and career in professional sport and the time, dedication and resilience required to become an Olympic champion.

She showed her medals to the children, inspiring many of them.

After assembly, Ashleigh led fitness activities for every year group - the pupils thoroughly enjoyed her workshops and were full of praise for her.

Thank you to all that attended the family mile after school; we were very pleased with the turn out.

We hope you maintain the healthy lifestyle as a family in the future.

Thank you for your donations which will help fund our athletes to compete.



NURSERY ADMISSIONS HAVE CHANGED!

Admissions to nursery schools and nursery classes in schools are now managed directly by the schools and not by Herts County Council.

If you wish your child to attend Wormley Nursery, or the nursery classes at Rye Park, Cranbourne, St Augustines, Broxbourne or Sheredes Schools you need to fill in an application form at the school.

All applications must be handed in by **9th March**. Letters offering places will be sent out on to parents in the week beginning **26th March**, and you will have until **20th April** to accept or refuse the places you have been offered.



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance is back up to **96%** but we must aim for at least 97%.

We have had to issue fines to a few families when attendance falls below acceptable levels.

Obviously unless children are sick, they need to be in school to learn.

READING CHALLENGE TERM



Don't forget the Reading Challenge at Wormley School this term.

The government expectation is that children in **Year 2** can read **90** words a minute and children in **Year 6** can read **150** words per minute. They need to read with this fluency to cope with the tasks/tests

Therefore, daily practice is the only way to improve fluency.

We have invested £1800 in new reading books across the school so the children will have more choice in the books they take home to read. We have been advised to change books less frequently and encourage children to read and re-read the same book to develop greater fluency and deeper understanding.

We are able to tell which children are reading regularly by looking at their *reading records*. This helps us to decide who needs extra support. Please record in the reading records when you read each day.



Children can collect raffle tickets as rewards for reading at home and in school - in fact anywhere! There is a prize draw each week on a Friday and a Grand Prize Draw at the end of term for *3 sets of family vouchers for a trip to the cinema!*

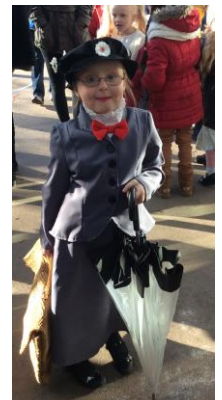
We are also running a *Sponsored Reading Challenge* this term in conjunction with *Osbourne Books*. This will raise funds for more books to add to our class libraries. *Please sponsor your child.*



WORLD BOOK DAY

1st March is *National World Book Day*.

Children can dress as a character from a favourite book for the day.



Don't make reading a chore - make sure it's an enjoyable experience. Save a 10 minute time slot each day to snuggle up with your child and share a book, poem or magazine. Take it in turn to read to each other. Choose books they enjoy. Praise them for their reading.

Please encourage and read *with* your child as much as possible, at least every day, whatever their age. This *will* make a difference and will support your child to achieve their potential.

Thank you

**POETRY/READING WEEK -
26th February - 2nd March**

We have planned a **Poetry/Reading Week** to promote the importance of reading broadly, from a range of texts, and to encourage an enjoyment of poetry.

There are lots of planned activities:

- Children's poetry recital for parents on **Thursday 1st March** in the **KS1 hall** (Y1/2 9:15 - 9:45, Y3/4 10:00-10:30, Y5/6 11:00-11:30, Reception 2:15-2:45)
- Class paired reading
- Book Swop Shop
- Dress Up

On **Monday 13th March** we have a visiting author, **Karen McCombie** and her great series -

St Grizzles School.

With a definite whiff of St Trinian's about it, St Grizzle's is a laugh-out-loud, middle grade read.



Karen McCombie will be visiting years 3, 4 and 5 for hour long session after lunch on **Thursday 8th March**. These year groups will be able to buy books.

Order forms and letters will be sent out nearer the time for a signed copy.

We look forward to her visit!

SCHOOL HOUSE SYSTEM

We have now launched our brand new house system- each one named after British Olympians.

The new house names are: **Trott, Farah, Whitlock and Ennis.**

Four house captains have been selected from Year 6 to lead their house:

Ennis House: Kevin Mushagala, Lizzie Merson, Megan Lane and Daniel Lipatov

Trott House: Nathan Mollison, Georgie Demetriou, Jenson Lawrence and Meliz Duman

Farah House: Caelia Gyamfi, Tathan Riley, Abigail Matthews and Zach Dunklin

Whitlock House: Ellie Wyatt, Harry Mottram, Joe Fitzgerald and Tilly Mottram.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

11th March

Gifts for Mother's Day will be available in school to purchase on

Thursday 8th March.

Prices - £2 per gift



MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Join us at St Laurence's Church for a Mothering Sunday Service at 9:30 am.



**OUR VALUES FOR THE MONTH IS
FORGIVENESS**



This term we are exploring **Salvation** in preparation for Easter and thinking about **forgiveness**.

The children will be learning that the Bible says that Jesus died on the cross so that anything that we might do wrong, might be forgiven.

This is what Christians believe.

We can all learn to forgive others for their mistakes just as we like to be forgiven for ours.

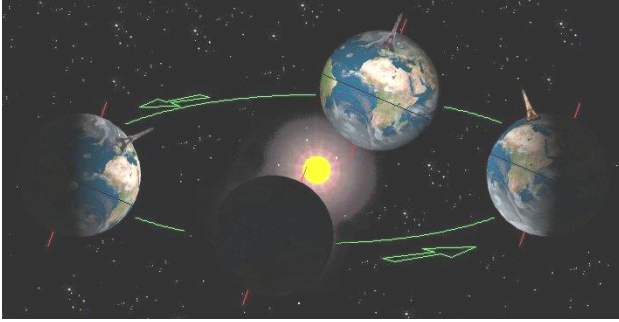
"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2018

9th - 18th March

This year's science week - *Space and Time* - has a focus the Earth in Space and the concept of Time.



Children will be working scientifically by: investigating the Earth as a planet in a solar system, comparing the time of day at different places on the Earth; creating simple models of the solar system; constructing simple shadow clocks and sundials; looking for, and measuring, shadows, and finding out how they are formed and what might cause the shadows to change; looking for patterns in what happens to shadows when the light source moves, using shadow puppets;

exploring falling paper cones or cup-cake cases, and designing and making a variety of parachutes and carrying out fair tests to determine which designs are the most effective; exploring resistance in water by making and testing boats of different shapes; exploring the effects of air resistance by observing how different objects such as parachutes and sycamore seeds fall; designing and making a variety of parachutes; carrying out fair tests to determine which designs are the most effective.



Since the best way to learn is through first-hand experience, we have arranged a **YR-Y5** visit from a *Planetarium* on **Wednesday 14th March** and two **Y6** trips to *The Science Museum* on **Tuesday 13th March** and **Thursday 15th March**.

Throughout the week we will follow up specific learning linked to each year group's unit of learning from the Science National Curriculum. The children will watch some of the amazing science documentaries

Please see the follow up letter for more details.

BOOSTER CLASS

Booster Club has started for some of our Y6 pupils.

If your child gets an invitation to come to the club, don't forget.

A special time for extra revision and help in areas you find tricky!

Be prepared for Secondary School

SMOKING/VAPING

A reminder - it is unlawful to smoke or vape on school grounds or just outside the gates.

It is unhealthy for children to walk through smoke whilst coming and going to school.



SWIMMING

On **Wednesday 31st January**, pupils from Year 5 and 6 participated in the Hoddesdon District School Sports Association Swimming Gala at The John Warner School. Nine schools from the surrounding area took part in a fiercely competitive event.

The group of pupils who attended performed with grit and determination, which resulted in them finishing third overall! All the pupils who participated should be extremely proud of themselves.



THE DRAGON'S APPRENTICE

The Dragon's Apprentice teams presented their projects to the Super Dragons in the boardroom last week.

Once again, the Super Dragons were really impressed by the confidence and entrepreneurial skills of all the children.

We are immensely proud of the children for not only doing so well in the competition but for inspiring so many others.

They will make their presentations in one of our assemblies this term.

WELL DONE TO OUR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS!

YEAR 4 OPERA PROJECT -

Our Y4 children will once again have the opportunity to be involved in an opera project with three local schools.

The opera this year is *Maria Stuarda* - a tragic opera in two acts, by Gaetano Donizetti, to a libretto by Giuseppe Bardari. The opera is one of a number of operas by Donizetti which deal with the Tudor period in English history. The story is loosely based on the lives of Mary, Queen of Scots (Mary Stuart) and her cousin Queen Elizabeth I.



The children will learn about the opera in detail and then watch a children's performance at Sheredes School on **Wednesday 27th June**.

TIME OUT FOR ADHD & AUTISM

This 6-week course is designed to meet the needs of parent/carers and to help them build on existing skills in supporting their children with **ADHD** and **Autism**

Mondays 10am - 12pm

on

14th, 21st May, (no session 28th May), 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June 2018

(all sessions must be attended)

at

KIDS East HUB, Hamels Drive, Hertford, SG13 7SP

Please book online at www.add-vance.org

Places are limited and this course is always popular and oversubscribed, so please do book early to avoid disappointment

Please note, this course is only open to Hertfordshire residents

A free daytime course for parent/carers of children aged 5-14

Run by specialist ADHD/Autism Trainers from ADD-vance

The ADD-vance ADHD and Autism Trust

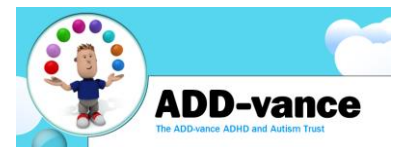
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WATER BOTTLES

Please take care - water bottles are often spilling in children's book bags and leaving damaged, soggy books.

LOST PROPERTY

There is so much lost property, un-named and therefore unreturnable, including many coats, shoes and bags.

We are holding the lost property in Reception until the end of the week when it will be disposed of.