

Dear Parents & Carers

The boys' football team were back in action last Friday. They played extremely well on a freezing afternoon and as the game entered the closing stages the teams were tied at 1:1 with our goal having been bravely scrambled home by Reuben D. Then with the last kick of the match Hobletts Manor scored the winning goal. It was a cruel way to lose but the boys left the field with their heads held high. Thank you to all of those parents who came to support the boys, and of course, to Mr Hakner who impressed the parents by managing to coach and referee at the same time.

We are currently in the process of updating the design of the school website. An overhaul is long overdue and a new design will hopefully make our website easier to navigate with a more contemporary feel. I will let you know when we are ready to go live!

World Book Day is rapidly approaching and this year will be held on **Thursday 7th March**. Mrs Chassebi is busy making arrangements for the big day; however I wanted to give you as much notice as possible so that you can make preparations. As always, I ask that you do not go to any unnecessary expense in buying or hiring expensive costumes. To help with choosing your child's outfit different year groups will be studying different authors on the day, and we ask that your child wears a costume based on the book by one of the following authors:

Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2	The author Julia Donaldson, examples of her books – The Gruffalo, Room on a Broom, Snail and the Whale, Zog, Monkey Puzzle and many more.
Year 3 and Year 4	The author Roald Dahl, examples of his books – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, BFG, The Twits, James and the Giant Peach, Matilda etc.
Year 5 and Year 6	The teachers felt that as the children read such a range of different books that they would like them to choose their own character from one of their favourite books to dress up as on the day. Older children will be asked to talk about their character and the reasons for their choice in class.

Mrs Chassebi will be providing more info nearer the date ...

I have noticed many children mostly in KS2, are eating snacks at break time which are not allowed in school. To clarify, any break time snacks should follow our Healthy School Policy and as with the EYFS and KS1, should be either a piece of fruit, vegetable or a cheese snack. This should be sent in addition to a child's lunch, so children should not simply be taking something out of their packed lunch and eating it at break time. The teachers will be checking that children are only eating healthy snacks; thank you for your support with this matter. Can I also please remind you that all Hertfordshire Schools are **nut free** and ask that you do not send in any food items containing Nutella or nut products. Items such as sweets and chocolate bars are also not permitted in school.

Over the weekend the RSPB is holding its annual Big Garden Watch. This is a great opportunity for the children to see which birds are visiting their garden. If you get a chance, visit their website at <https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/events-dates-and-inspiration/events/details.aspx?> to register and take part.

Good luck to the girl's football team who are in action against Hobletts Manor after school today. I will let you know how they get on next week.

By the end of today the school telephone number will be changing to 01442 217893. Please make a note of this change.

Bucket Filler of the Week

Ryan VV



Stars of the Week!



Reception
Year 2
Year 4
Year 6

Charlie & Evaine
Stanley & Lucy
Luke & Cody-Rhys
Sharleez & Lahari

Year 1
Year 3
Year 5

Max B & Zebedee
Jessica S & Melissa
Catalina & Imogen

FINE DINERS....

Reception Maggie T
KS1 Lily F
KS2 Luca A



GROWTH MINDSET AWARD

For displaying a fantastic growth mindset
in your learning - Charlie F

Mathematician of the Week Teddy W



Sporting Personality Of the week - Finlay C

The award for the neatest Handwriting and Presentation
of work goes to Year 4. Well done!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP KS2 DINNER MONEY PAYMENTS UP TO DATE

Diary Dates

Fri 25 th	Girls' football v Hobletts Manor – away match
Tues 29 th	9.30 a.m. New to Nursery Tour
Thurs 31 st	Year 6 to O2 Arena – Young Voices
Tues 5 th Feb	Year 1 to Windsor Castle
Tues 5 th	Author Camilla Chester visiting KS2
Fri 8 th	Year 4 to Roman Verulamium
Mon 11 th	Reception Screening – vision/hearing etc.
Thurs 14 th	9.30 a.m. – New to Nursery 2019 Tour
Mon 18 th -22 nd	HALF TERM
Mon 25 th	Children return to school
Tues 26 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Weds 27 th	9.30 a.m. New to Nursery 2019 Tour
Weds 27 th	Year 4 swimming lessons commence
Thurs 28 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations 5.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. Nursery to Year 5
Thurs 28 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations 4.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. Year 6 Only
Friday 1 st March	9.00 a.m. Parent Forum Meeting
Thurs 7 th	World Book Day