

## Value

Our value for this half term is Friendship

"Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there."

Anon

## Welcome back

Welcome back everybody and we hope you all had lovely holidays. We are looking forward to our summer term which will be full of hard work but plenty of fun too. We welcome Mr Murphy who will be with Mr Anstey in class A4 this term as part of his student placement.

## Clubs and activities

A reminder that all clubs and activities start again next week.

## Holiday work

A very big thank you to Mr Stockton for organising more improvements to our lovely school during the Easter holiday. The Key Stage 2 boys' toilets have been renovated and redecorated beautifully, Reception's sand pit has been transformed to a beach scene, the zebra crossing has been re-painted and we have a very smart internal door to our school office. Many thanks to Sophie and Ben's granddad too for painting our Music Room and donating the lovely bench. The latter is on display at the front of school and will shortly be relocated to the KS2 outdoor area. We are most appreciative.

## Local Authority grading

We are delighted to say that our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner, Judith Allcott-Watson, graded us as outstanding in all areas on her visit in March. "Leaders and governors have created a culture that enables pupils and staff to excel." Please see report extract attached.

## Comic Relief

Thank you to all who came to school dressed in something red and made a donation for Comic Relief. We raised a fantastic £350.

## Hertfordshire County Show

We have 35 complimentary child tickets to the Hertfordshire County Show, which takes place on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May at The Showground, Dunstable Road, Redbourn, AL3 7PT. If you would like one of these, please contact the office and they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. In addition, we have one family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). If you would like to be entered into the draw for this, please contact the office by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

## PE kit

Please make sure your child has their correct PE kit in school every day. Everyone requires:

- Coloured 'house' T-shirt, (purchased from school - £3 each)
- Plain black P.E. shorts
- Plimsolls for outdoor games

You may also wish to provide a plain black tracksuit for use when the weather is cold. All items must be named clearly.

## Pupil Premium

For every child registered for Pupil Premium, the school receive additional funding which is spent on raising the attainment of those pupils. If you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding, your child could access a range of additional benefits, including extra help in class, additional resources, free school trips and visits and one free club per term.

If you think that you might be eligible for free school meals and are not currently registered, please complete the simple online application form which can be found at: [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals) Once you have registered your child, please speak to the School Office to claim a new school jumper or cardigan.

## Tesco Grant

**TESCO**

## Bags of Help

We are delighted to announce that we have been chosen as one of the charities to be supported through the Tesco "Bags of Help" scheme. The money will be used towards the renovation of our Nature Reserve and running a Forest School. **Please vote for us** when shopping at Tesco during April. Just put your token in "our" box, which is the one on the right in the Welwyn Village Tesco.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its Bags of Help initiative across England and Wales. The scheme sees three community groups and projects in each of around 200 Tesco regions awarded grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 - all raised from the 5p bag charge.

[www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp](http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp)

Term Dates: 2016-17	
	<b>Summer Term 2017</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 4 cricket coaching starts
26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	High 5 netball competition - Stanborough School
26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 2 Great Fire of London
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday - school closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	KS1 Gymnastics Competition
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 Cake Sale
8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATS week
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Quicksticks competition
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 tennis competition
12 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Indulgence Evening
17 <sup>th</sup> May	TAP event

17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Globe Theatre
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Handball festival
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Quicksticks final Welwyn Garden City Choral Festival - Campus West
29 <sup>th</sup> May - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	Half Term Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 PGL residential trip
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 trigolf tournament
9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Year 1 Cake Sale
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Top up swimming week
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	PTFA Fathers' Day Gift Shop
14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Gosling athletics
15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Music Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Cricket tournament
16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Reception Standalone Farm
16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	PTFA Fun Run
17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10.30 am Choir sing in church for Welwyn Festival
21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Swimming gala
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	French Day
28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Year 2 Kew Gardens Trip
30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	INSET day - school closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET day - school closed
5 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30 pm Choir concert in church
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Commonwealth Games event
8 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA end of year family barbecue
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Disco
12 <sup>th</sup> July	7-side netball tournament
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Budge Up day
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Production
20 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am Leavers' Eucharist in church Year 6 Leavers Production
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Term ends 1.30 pm
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Occasional day - school closed
	<b>Term Dates: 2017-18</b>
	<b>Autumn Term 2017</b>

30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	INSET Day - school closed
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	INSET Day - school closed
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	INSET Day - school closed
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Autumn Term commences
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term Holiday
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	INSET Day - school closed
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Term ends 1.30 pm
	<b>Spring Term 2018</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Spring Term commences
12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term Holiday
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Term ends 1.30 pm
	<b>Summer Term 2018</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Summer Term commences
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - school closed
28 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term Holiday
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET Day - school closed
25 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day - school closed
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary transfer day
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Term ends 1.30 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET Day - school closed
24 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Occasional days - school closed