



Newsletter – February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Since returning from half term our feet don't seem to have touched the ground! The Nursery tours are in full swing and I seem to have shown a record amount of parents around the school.

I do love showing perspective parents our school as I get to capture these 'light bulb' moments as I see the children smiling, working collaboratively and give some rather tricky challenges 'a go'.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank so many of you for joining me this week to share with you the school's vision and actions following the publication of the Ofsted report. For those of you who were unable to attend or would like to join me again, I am holding another meeting on Tuesday 7th March at 9 am.

One of the requests that came out of the meeting is that whether the school could hold sessions for the parents where the school shares with parents how we teach specific maths and English skills. If this is something you would be interested in please complete the slip attached to the newsletter or speak with Mrs Guppy who is happy to collate names. The plan is to run short specific workshops across the Summer Term.

Yesterday was World Book Day and it was great to see so many different book and comic book characters. A personal highlight of the day was watching Year 6 lead the singing stories in Nursery – they even did the actions! (Much to the insistence of the Nursery children).

Also launching in March is My Maths and Purple Mash. My Maths is a web based learning platform and teachers are able to set home learning tasks. There are also a variety of games and maths activities that your child can complete. You will receive your child's login details next week.

Purple Mash covers the whole curriculum and there are age specific areas including resources for the Early Years. A separate letter with login details will also be distributed next week.

You may have noticed that a new shed has been constructed on the playground. Housed within the shed is the 'chill out' zone. This 'zone' has been created so that if children need a bit of space and take some time the children have a safe space to go. I'm sure this will be a very popular area with all children!

February has been quite a challenging month for the school team and I fully appreciate your continued support.

Thank you for your continued support

Tracy Prickett

Wear Blue

On Thursday 9th February 2017 we all wore blue to school as part of our wellbeing and e-safety week. We raised an amazing £192 which will be donated to the NSPCC to help with their work on bullying.

We're supporting

NSPCC

Sainsbury Vouchers

Do you shop at Sainsburys? Active Kids vouchers can be collected from January 2017, the school greatly benefits from these vouchers with games for use during lunchtimes and more resources for PE lessons. The box to post your vouchers is displayed in the link corridor.



Parking On ZigZags

You are reminded that it is an offence to park, stop or wait on the yellow zigzag markings in front of the school on Bennetts End Road. Parking on the zigzags blocks the view for pedestrians waiting to cross the road, this could result in an accident, especially as we are currently without a Crossing Patrol. There is plenty of space to park further away from the school or within adjacent roads, alternatively you can park at the Bennetts End shops and walk and stride.



Red Nose Day

Red Nose pens are still available from the School Office. There are three different pens available for sale at £1 each and all proceeds will be forwarded to Red Nose Day fundraising.

Bronze Award

Owen, Ali-Reza, Tori, Dylan, Lukas, Jack and Mavis – all from Year 3

Head Teacher Exemplar Learner Award

Jessica (Yr 6)

Vince (Yr 2)

Ready to Learn : Attending school every day

Year 4 – Pizza Express

Year 4 had a fun yet windy trip to Pizza Express in Hemel Hempstead. This was to learn about food making from a European country and links with our Topic work. We learnt how to make a pizza and that they originate from Egypt and not Italy as thought. Back at school we then ate the pizzas we had made. The children then wrote a recount of their trip. Here are a few extracts:

“On the tables were flour and dough. A lady told us to make the dough into the pizza shape. It was very hard and I kept making a hole in it. After a while they gave us a pan to put the dough in.”

“After that we got tomato puree to spread over the pizza and did the same with the mozzarella.”

“We added a sprinkle of cheese on the top to give it the taste.”

“Back at school we got to eat out pizzas, they were yummy! That was the best trip ever!”



Girls Football Match - The Reddings V Galley Hill

Wow, what a great game! The team consisted of Year 5/6's and one Year 3 pupil. The girls played confidently and dominated the match, they managed to keep the ball in their opponents half throughout most of the game.

The girls worked very hard as a team and listened to the advice they were given about spreading out. There were constant set ups being made by both Emily and Tori which then led to Krystal scoring an outstanding 3 goals! This is Krystal's third hat-trick. A fantastic team effort coupled with a well-deserved win.

Score – 3-0

Player of the match – Krystal Yr 6

Year 5/6 Football Tournament Report

On Tuesday 1st March 2017 the Year 5/6 Football Team went to Hemel Hempstead Football Club to take part in a football tournament with a number of local primary schools. We started the tournament off with a tough fixture against South Hill where we suffered our first defeat at the hands of some outstanding attacking play from South Hill. We then took on St Albert the Great and showed some positive attacking play with Kamron coming close towards the end of the first half. Two second half goals secured the win for St Albert the Great in what was a close fought encounter. We then took on the eventual finalists Hobbs Hill Wood who won the match 6 – 0. A fantastic effort from all of the players who showed great resilience when their backs were against the wall and kept coming forward and that attitude will shine through in coming fixtures.



To: Miss Prickett

Name of Child: Year Group:

Name of Parent:

I would be interested in attending workshops in:

(Please tick all that apply)

Phonics

Maths

English

Addition

Writing

Subtraction

Grammar

Multiplication

Spellings

Division

Writing Structures

Reasoning

Reading at Home

The best time of day: