



PANSHANGER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Holt BEd. (Hons).

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy half term in school. Over the last 6 weeks, Covid case numbers have gone up and down and I would like to thank the staff for their incredible flexibility and dedication. Whether being asked to work in different classes with very little notice or setting home learning whilst continuing to teach the children in school or indeed setting home learning when officially off work sick themselves. They have always put the children first and completed everything that has been asked of them to the highest standard. Many local schools have been forced to return to remote learning for badly hit year groups, this is not something we would do at Panshanger unless it was a last resort as we understand how hard this is for everyone.

Buddy Groups

We have tried to keep the routines as normal as possible for the children this term and have resumed activities such as Buddy groups. The children had a great time recently, working together to celebrate Chinese New Year creating lanterns and dragons. This enables the younger children to improve their speaking and listening skills and to gain confidence whilst giving the older children opportunities to practise leadership skills and negotiating powers.



Governors

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body if a parent / grandparent is interested in assisting with the strategic running of the school. Our current parent Governors are: Mr Keith Handley (son in Yr. 3) Mrs Tina Mjekiqi (sons in yrs. 3 & 6) and Mr Aaron Rodway (daughter in Yr. 1). If you would like any further information regarding what being a Governor involves please speak to them or ask in the school office. This is a voluntary role and there is an expectation to attend meetings throughout the year, also to complete some monitoring sessions (talking to children / sitting in lessons etc.) It is a rewarding role.

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Feeling Good Week

This week has had a slightly different feel to it as it is Feeling Good Week, when the children complete a range of different activities. We had so many children wishing to take part in the Talent Show that we ran 3 separate sessions; they shared dancing / singing / magic / jokes / instrument playing etc. The skill level was incredibly high and the confidence to perform in front of the teaching staff and the rest of the school has to be celebrated.

After school club

As you will have seen in a recent email, I have been consulting with Rising Stars about the possibility of their organisation running an extended after school club at Panshanger. This is something I have been thinking of for the last few years but Covid has made it very difficult to plan ahead. If you would be interested in your child taking part, please fill in the survey before Friday 18th February so Rising Stars can see the viability of the club. We have worked with the company for many years, they offer part of our PE provision with trampolining for our oldest children, and the activities they provide for the children have always been excellent.

Traffic

Following on from the recent PTA meeting where the state of the parking and the speed of some of the vehicles on Daniells was discussed, the School Council met and are going to be writing to one of our local councillors to see what can be done. A recent 'speed and volume' survey has been completed by HCC and I have received notification that they are considering giving the road a 20mph speed limit.

Thinking Day

Tuesday 22nd February is World Thinking Day when guides and scouts remember the work of their founders Lord and Lady Baden Powell, the children are very welcome to wear their uniforms to school on that day if they would like to.

World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 3rd March, we will **NOT** be dressing up as book characters on that day, but instead would like the children to come dressed as animals on **Friday 4th March** (please don't feel you have to spend lots of money buying costumes, a pair of homemade ears / a tail will be just as good). We will begin our celebration of books and reading on that day with a whole school production of Jungle Book which will be followed by linked work the following week.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term break, ready to come back to school on Monday 21st February.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Holt

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