



PANSHANGER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Holt BEd. (Hons).

Friday 25th February 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term, we seem to have experienced all 4 seasons with the weather this week and the children have enjoyed watching the hail / snow / rain / sun and of course the wind.

Funeral

The funeral of our late Chair of Governors, Mike Larkins, took place this week. Very sadly for the family this has been a very long drawn out affair and hopefully the funeral may provide some feelings of closure. During the service it was repeatedly mentioned how much the school meant to Mike and how big a part of his life we all were. This was lovely to hear, but also came as no surprise. Mike spent a considerable amount of time in school talking to staff and children and was regularly seen completing his health and safety walks around the school with Mr Watts. Mike has been associated with Panshanger for over 25 years, he appointed me in 1999! His loss will be felt for a very long time within the school.



Year 6

This week, our oldest children completed a STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) workshop based on elements of computer programming. They spent the morning working on a BBC microbit project. They were tasked to program the 'car' to travel around a circuit. The workshop presenters were very impressed with the children's knowledge / skill level / manners and behaviour.

Work on site

Work is continuing well with the swimming pool, thank you again to all the members of the school community who, through the PTA, have raised large amounts of money to ensure this necessary work goes ahead. Next week, we will have additional contractors on site when work begins on the installation of our solar panels. Work begins on Tuesday, although deliveries may be made on Monday as the roof scaffolding and materials are delivered. The work should be finished by the end of the week. The children will not be using the 'small playground' during the day and I have explained that many parents use this entrance at the start and the end of the day. Any problems with access, please contact the office or see Mr Watts.

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Next week

On Thursday, Year 3 are going out of school to visit Mill Green museum and the Roman baths. Thursday 3rd March is also World Book Day; we will be completing a range of activities including a Buddy Assembly, **but will not be dressing up on this day.**

Friday 4th March, the children in Reception to Yr. 6 will be watching a live version of Jungle Book, this will be when we are asking the children to **dress up as animals.** We will continue work based on this theme the week after. The children will also be given their World Book Day book token which they may like to use at our school book fair later this month.

Monthly Challenges

Thank you to all the children (and their parents) who have completed the February challenge. This involved listening to a range of musical genres and trying to recognise which ones they liked or disliked. I have received some excellent pieces of work explaining how the music made the children feel.

For our **March challenge**, I would like the children to create a picture of one of their favourite book characters. This can be drawn, painted or collaged (using a range of media). Please send the pictures into school as we are going to display them and create a Panshanger Book Tree.

PTA Challenge

Many thanks to all the families who took part in the PTA challenge, the children have certainly been very creative in their attempts to raise sponsor money, they included: litter picking / baking / sporting challenges / house work and many more. We are all very grateful for the money raised which will be used towards the refurbishment of the swimming pool. A final amount will be shared with parents when the cash and online payments have been out together.

Comic Relief Day - Red Noses for sale

We have a limited amount of Red Noses in school for children to buy from next week. They are £1.50 each and we will initially limit them to 1 per child so everyone has an opportunity to buy one. They will be on sale at morning break times. Please send your child into school with the correct money. Thank you.

SchoolGrid

Please be reminded that as from Monday 28th February you will not be able to order your child a school lunch without credit on their account. This does not apply to Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

PTA Second hand Uniform sale - today at 2.00 p.m.

Please remember the PTA are running the second hand uniform sale today in the small playground by the dining room.

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