



Panshanger Primary School NEWSLETTER

20th January 2017

Staffing News

Mrs Meins, our school cook, will be leaving Panshanger at the end of this half term after working with us for 3 years. This will be a very sad occasion as she is a huge asset to the school. She has developed great relationships with the children and the staff and her whole school Christmas lunches, over the years, have always been amazing. We are obviously very sad that she is leaving but wish her all the best with her promotion to Contract Supervisor. Mrs Meins has been training Mrs Golding for the last month who will be taking over as our new cook once she has left.

Healthy lifestyles

The children have been spoken to recently about the snacks they bring in for playtime and the sorts of things that are most suitable e.g. fruit / vegetables. As a 'Healthy School' we are trying to foster a love of healthy eating in all of our children. Mrs Edgell has been looking in to purchasing alternative 'healthy' options for the snack bar on a Friday which the children will be trying over the next couple of weeks.

To help with this the children who bring in their own packed lunches are also being questioned about some of the items they have in their lunchbox e.g. bars of chocolate and sweets which are not suitable for school. If one of these items is found in their lunchbox your child will receive a note home asking them to leave it in their lunchbox and eat the item at home.

Please be reminded that Panshanger is also a nut free zone, as we have children who are severely allergic to a variety of nuts so please avoid sending anything into school which may contain nuts.

Sporting News

On Tuesday, two teams of Year 4 children travelled to Sir Freds to compete in the final of the speed stacking competition. They performed admirably (as our children always do) and Kane was the fastest boy in the whole competition! An amazing result.

On Monday, we will be having skipping workshops for the children in Reception - Year 6. The company website is www.skip2bfit.com where you will see more information about the activities the children will be taking part in.

KS1 Maths Evening - 25th January 7pm

Thank you to all the parents who have returned forms saying they will be able to attend the session. There is still time to return the form if you wish to come. It should be informative and help explain some of the methods that we use in school.

The KS2 Maths Evening will be held on Wednesday 8th February at 7pm, a letter will be sent home next week to parents and carers.

School Journey

The first £100 towards the school journey needs to be paid **NO LATER THAN Wednesday 29th March**. Payment books and more information to follow.



Website Gallery

Mrs Edgell is busy uploading photographs of some of the recent activities and trips that the children have taken part in onto the Gallery section of the school website.

Please have a look. If you have not returned the form giving your permission for your child's photo to be placed on the website please return it as soon as possible.

Class assemblies

Just a reminder that class assemblies begin next **Friday 27th January** with Year 5 sharing some of their present work with the rest of the school.

For the Year 6 parents we have had to change their assembly to **Thursday 23rd February** as they have been invited to the opening of the Airbus Educational centre in Stevenage on Friday 24th Feb. More information will follow about this event. It sounds like a great day out with lots of hands on practical science experiences for the children

Reading letter

Parents of children in Reception to Year 6 should have received a letter earlier in the week linked to reading (If you have not seen this please check in your child's book bag as everyone was given a paper copy to take home.) The new reading system will begin next Friday 25th when if the reading record has not been signed at least 3 times the children will be asked to read during their playtime. As explained in the letter we will still be rewarding the children for their efforts with prizes for 5 reading entries a week.

Scholastic Book Orders

If you want to place an order from the small leaflet that went home last week, please return the order form including payment (no cash please) **NO LATER THAN Wednesday 8th February.**