



Panshanger Primary School NEWSLETTER

20th July 2017

End of term

Lots of exciting events have been happening in school over the last couple of weeks as we come towards the end of another academic year. The children in nursery came to school dressed up and had a 'pirate day', Year 3 enjoyed a 'Roman day' and the whole school have been introduced to the new library reading challenge based on a theme of Animal Agents. Year 6 spent a day in their new secondary school; they also had a moving on workshop run by the Assembly Angels. Year 5 spent a day at Gosling enjoying a variety of sports including boxing and Taekwondo, the Reception children performed a lovely class assembly sharing their work with family and with the rest of the school and the PTA held a very successful end of term disco / BBQ.

Forest School

For the last 6 weeks, the children in Year 1 have been travelling to Panshanger Park Forest School once a week to experience learning outside of the classroom. They have been taking part in a range of activities including building fires, shelter building and exploring the wildlife. They have really enjoyed their sessions and have been complimented on their knowledge and their behaviour by the staff at the centre. Well done Year 1!

Children's Fair

This takes place tomorrow from 10.00 - 11.30 a.m. parents or other family members are welcome to join the children to go around the fair. Please send children in with small change, preferably 10 or 20p's in a labelled purse/wallet.

Attendance and holidays

As we are nearly at the end of term we would like to congratulate the children who have managed to attend school every day this term and for some every day this academic year. This is an amazing achievement as it can be quite a challenge to not pick up all the coughs and colds that go around. These children will receive their certificates and badges in assembly on Friday (if they manage to keep up their great attendance). We also have 2 children in Year 6 (Sam and Charlotte) who are on track for 100% attendance for the whole of their time in Key Stage 2 - the last 4 years - fingers crossed they manage to get to school for the last couple of days!

Whilst we fully appreciate the financial reasons why families book holidays in school time we can only authorise them in exceptional circumstances. Learning in school is sequential and the children build upon their knowledge therefore missing a week of school can mean they have significant gaps in their knowledge. It is with this in mind that the Governors will be reviewing our policy and may have to resort to charging families who persistently take time off school for holidays during term time (keeping Panshanger in line with many of the local schools). Please find attached another copy of our term dates for 2017 - 18.

Year 6 SATs results

KS2 SATS Results	Panshang er School	Children working at greater depth (HA)	National
Reading <i>Average Scaled Score</i>	72% 104.6	28%	71% 104
*Writing (TA)	75%	25%	76%
**GPS <i>Average Scaled Score</i>	84% 106.25	25%	77% 106
Maths <i>Average Scaled Score</i>	78% 104.2	19%	75% 104
R, W, M combined	69%		61%

*Writing is teacher assessment only, no SAT paper

**GPS = grammar, punctuation and spelling

Very well done to our Year 6 class who have worked so hard this year to achieve these excellent results. They will go to secondary school ready for the challenges that await them.



Uniform

Looking forward to September please remember our school colours are navy and jade green. The polo shirts, sweatshirts, PE tops and cardigans are available to buy from the school office whilst skirts, dresses and trousers can be bought from many local shops including most of the supermarkets. We do not allow any uniform to have logo's on so please be aware of this when buying items. We also ask that the children have a pair of indoor shoes to change into during the day - plimsolls are ideal for this. Haircuts should be no shorter than a "number 2" cut. Fashion gimmicks such as tramlines or logos are not acceptable. These expectations are in line with those of the local secondary schools.

Charity

We are very pleased that during the year we have managed to raise over £1000 for local charity. The School Council voted for the Isabel Hospice to be our main recipient and we have raised money through the collection after our Christmas productions and through the Childrens' Fair. Other charities we have supported have been Comic Relief and MacMillan. Thank you to all the parents and children who have helped us support others showing our understanding of British Values.

Swimming Money

We still have a lot of money outstanding for the cost of the swimming lessons at Hatfield; we are closing our accounts for the summer on the last day of term so please bring any outstanding money to the office by Friday at the latest. We will be making the decision whether to carry on swimming at Hatfield in September as the school cannot run this at such a loss.

School Clubs

A clubs form will be sent home on the first day back to school. The clubs will not start until week commencing 18th September.

Premier Sports will be continuing their afterschool clubs on Fridays as below :-

Dance	-	Years 3 - 6
Football	-	Years 1 - 3

Please go to the Premier Sport website if you would like to book and pay online for these.

There will also be a new Gymnastics club starting on a Monday afterschool which will be run by Rising Stars. It will be for children in years 3 - 6 and will cost £4.00 per session, so £20.00 for the first half term. Letters will be sent out as soon as we return to school.

School Meal charges for the Autumn Term

The price of a school meal will still be £2.40 per day, so £12.00 per week. The charges for the next half term are as below :-

£84.00 for meals taken everyday (35 school days)

£50.40 for 3 meals per week (21 meals taken)

£33.60 for 2 meals per week (14 meals taken)

£16.80 for Friday fun lunches (7 Fridays)

Please bring payment in on the first day back of term, Monday 4th September for the week ahead.