



Panshanger Primary School NEWSLETTER

21st November 2017

Ofsted

On Tuesday 14th November the school was visited by Ofsted. Thank you to all the parents who were able to log on to the Parent View website and registered their answers to the Ofsted questions. As a school we cannot see individual comments / replies but we could see that 100% of the people who responded would recommend Panshanger as a school - thank you! We will share the final written report with parents as soon as we receive it.

Road Safety Week

This week the children will be concentrating on all aspects of Road Safety in their PSHE lessons. Children in Foundation stage will be practising how to cross the road safely.

Children In Need

The children all looked fantastic last Friday dressed up in spotty clothes and with messy hair! We have raised an amazing amount of £207.45 for Children In Need.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all the parents who have donated a bottle for the Tombola and for all the sweets and other items that are being brought into the school office. We are desperately looking for items for our Family Tombola so if you have any new unwanted items (in original packaging), any donations to school would be very much appreciated. Raffle tickets have gone home in the childrens' book bags - if you don't want to buy of all the raffle tickets please return them to school as some families would like more tickets to sell.

This is our biggest single fund raising event of the year and 'many hands make light work'. If you feel you are able to help in any way either on Saturday 2nd December or during the set-up of the stalls / hall on Friday 1st please see one of the PTA class reps or Mrs Edgell / Mrs Brenchley in the school office. There will also be a rota up outside the school entrance for helpers (even 1/2 hour of your time helps!).

Sports

Last week Mrs Quinn and Mrs McLoughlin took a team of boys and girls from Years 5 & 6 to represent Panshanger in a cross country event held at Queenswood School in Hatfield. This is a particularly popular event and there were over 70 children in one of the races. All of our children did exceptionally well and managed to complete the course (in very muddy conditions). Rhys (yr. 6) was our highest placed competitor coming 7th in his race - well done.

The football and netball teams also played matches last week. Both teams played against Springmead and although they lost they are gelling incredibly well as teams and their skills levels are increasing each time they play. Thank you to Mrs Claridge and to the parents who help - Mr McLoughlin, Mr Hornsey and Mrs Gibbs for giving so freely of their team to allow the teams to both train and play matches.

Site Supervisor

Just to remind anyone interested in the temporary Site Supervisor role that the closing date is Friday 24th November. This is a temporary post probably running from January until March (exact dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.) Application forms for anyone who is interested are available from the office.

Anti-bullying Workshop

On Friday 24th November the children in KS1 & 2 will be taking part in an Anti-bullying workshop run by a drama group called the Power of One. We have had this group in school before and the children enjoyed the experience gaining valuable information.

Year 5 & 6 Trip to University of Hatfield

The children in Year 5 & 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip yesterday to the University of Hatfield to watch an Upswing Acrobatic Aerial performance. The children were amazed at some of the things they were doing and asked super questions to find out more about the performers.



Christmas Play Tickets / Christmas Lunch Forms

Thank you to all of you that have already returned the above mentioned forms. Please note the deadline for receiving these is next Friday 1st December. Thank you.

PTA Crèche for school Christmas performances

We will be running crèches for the afternoon play performances and Foundation morning performances (dates are below) where you will be able to leave your preschool or Nursery child. If you can help with running the crèches please can you let Mrs Edgell / Mrs Brenchley know in the school office as soon as possible.

Monday 11th December - Yrs 1, 2 & 3 at 2.00 p.m

Tuesday 12th December - Yrs 4, 5 & 6 at 1.45 pm.

Thursday 14th December - Nursery and Rec at 11.00 a.m.

Friday 15th December - Nursery and Rec at 11.00 a.m.

If there is insufficient help, the crèches will not run and parents will need to make alternative arrangements for children under 4 years of age as they are not able to attend any of the performances.

E-Safety

Mrs Reed recently attended a session run by Herts for Learning where attention was drawn to schools about a new social networking app that some older children are using. It is called '*Sarahah*' and was initially created so that officer workers could compliment their co-workers / bosses through anonymous comments.

The app states '*With Your Friends. Improve your friendship by discovering your strengths and areas for improvement; Let your friends be honest with you*'.

This is a lovely vision but as adults we can see how this might be used in the wrong way!

Making anonymous comments stating personal failings about an individual may prove to be a perfect platform for cyber bullying. Please encourage any child who has used this app to report anything they aren't comfortable with.

Field Clothes

Many apologies for the confusion last week with the introduction of the children being allowed to bring in field clothes for lunch time. This has been something that has happened at school for many years as it allows the children the opportunity to be more active at lunchtime and make use of the field when the weather is not so good. We ask that the children bring in spare clothes: a different pair of trousers, a different top and a pair of outside shoes - all of these will need to be in a carrier bag so that the mud doesn't spread around the cloakroom. We do appreciate that another set of clothes can be tricky but the children will not be allowed to go on the field in their school uniform or their PE kit.

Clubs finishing for this term

Please remember that some of the school clubs will be finishing this week. Rising Stars Gymnastics club finished last night. Premier Dance and Football club will be finishing this Friday 24th November.

Football, Netball, Cross Country and Art will finish by the end of next week, Friday 1st December. Cooking Club will finish on Monday 4th December.

The new club timetable will be sent home again once we return in the Spring Term.