



Panshanger Primary School NEWSLETTER

22nd January 2018

Activity Trail

What an amazing experience it has been for both staff and children to watch our old equipment being dismantled and the new apparatus installed. Work has now finished and we are going to spend time introducing the children to the new equipment this week.

It is considerably more challenging than our old 'trim trail' and will enable the children to cover a part of the PE National Curriculum which has previously been hard for us to achieve. Children are expected *'to take part in outdoor and adventurous activity which challenges both individually and within a team'*. Before the children use the equipment at lunchtimes / play times we are planning to make use of it during class PE lessons to allow the children time to explore, to discuss with them the potential risks and to help them to recognise their limitations and how to be safe!

Please ensure that none of the children are tempted to use the equipment before or after school.

Again a huge thank you to all members of the school community who through the fund raising of the PTA have enabled the school to go ahead with the project.

Online Payments

Thank you to all the parents who have already made use of the new online payment options which now also includes payments for trips and the ability to give consent for upcoming activities.

If you are already using the online system for paying dinner money please remember to check the balance on a weekly basis to ensure your child's account is in credit, thank you.

We will of course continue to accept cash / cheque payments in the office but if you are interested in setting up an account with the SchoolComms gateway and need help please talk to Mrs Edgell or Mrs Brenchley, who will be happy to help.

Year 5 Class assembly

Just to remind the parents of children in Year 5 that we have changed the date for this assembly. **The new date is Wednesday 28th March at 8.50a.m.**

The year 3 class assembly is on Friday 26th January at 8.50a.m.

Year 6 visit - O2 Young Voices 30th January

You should by now have received a letter with final details of the O2 Young Voices event which was sent home last week. Just a reminder to year 6 parents who ordered their tickets for the concert through school that they are ready to collect from the school office.

Bike ability - Yrs. 4 / 5 / 6

Thank you to those parents who have already returned the bikeability forms, if your child would still like a place on the Level 2 or 3 course please let Mrs Edgell know today as she has to inform the trainers of numbers.

For the Level 2 course (Year 4) please return all forms by Friday 2nd February.

The children are expected to have a correctly sized bike which is in full working order and have to wear a well-fitting helmet at all times.

Future Dates:

Feeling Good Week - week beginning 5th Feb.
Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 6th February



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Well Being

Mrs Reed has recently begun collating evidence of the work the school does in relation to mental health and well-being. She has spoken to members of staff and the children in KS2 have completed a questionnaire in class. The next step is to ask for the views of the parents - please see separate information letter and questionnaire being sent home today as a paper copy. **Please complete and return by Friday 2nd February.** Thank you.

PTA News

Please look out for the PTA newsletter and a list of future dates and events - these were given out last week.

Disco - Friday 26th January 5.30 - 7p.m. - please put your ticket request forms and payments in the PTA postbox as soon as possible.

Sponsored Lego Walk - Friday 9th February - more details to follow.