



# Panshanger Primary School NEWSLETTER

26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## End of Term Challenge

What a lovely way to end last term with children working in their Buddy Groups on the Spring Challenge! The Buddy Leaders were fantastic, making sure that everyone in their group was fully involved and engaged throughout. The resulting 'Bake Off' models were so creative, and judging them proved to be very difficult. The 'Flake' team led by Tia in Year 6 were this years winners with 'Smarties' and 'Ripple' a joint second and 'Wispa' coming third. Well done everyone!

A big THANK YOU to Mrs Coleman for organising and resourcing the Spring Challenge; all her hard work for the children is greatly appreciated! Thank you also to the PTA for providing the prizes.

## Attendance Stars!

Congratulations to the 73 children who managed 100% attendance last term and particularly well done to Year 6 who as a class had the best attendance for the Spring term!

If your child is absent from school please can you telephone the office by 9.00 a.m. to let us know the reason for the absence. Following a visit from the attendance officer yesterday we have been advised that **any absences that we have not been notified about will be marked as unauthorised.**

## Chance to Dance Competition

On Monday some of our children from Years 5 & 6 took part in the 'Chance to Dance' competition held at the Gordon Craig theatre. The children performed brilliantly and you could see from their faces that they really enjoyed themselves. We are pleased to let you all know that Panshanger won and we now have a fabulous trophy on display in the school reception area!

## Key Stage 2 SATs

These take place during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May. As in previous years the Year 6 children can come into school from 8.00 a.m. to have some energising activities in the hall to get them ready for the day.

## Class Newsletters

These will be on the school website by the end of this week.

## YR6 Parents Sex Education talk, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Kate Stuart (ex school nurse) will be in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15 p.m. to give a talk to Year 6 parents about Sex Education. If you would like to attend the session please complete and return the slip on the letter that was sent home.

## Year 5 K'nex Challenge

Last week the children in year 5 took part in the K'nex challenge. They all worked really hard in their pairs to problem solve creating a bridge with a moving part. There were some very inventive ideas throughout the class but the overall winners judged by the K'nex representative were Amy and Isabelle.

## Bikeability Level 2

This takes place next week starting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for children in Year 5 who have signed up for the course. Please send the payment of £25.00 into school before Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. The children will need to bring a bicycle in a road worthy condition to school as well as a properly fitting safety helmet. Bicycles can be left along the hedge outside the Year 5 classroom.

## School Journey to Derbyshire - 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June

There will be a meeting for parents of children in Year 5 and 6 who will be taking part in this year's school journey to Derbyshire on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will last about 30 minutes. All parents and children are expected to attend. Should you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to talk to Mrs Kay or Mrs Holt.

## Class Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us at 8:50 a.m. for the following class assemblies:

- ❖ Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June            Year 1
- ❖ Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June        Year 4
- ❖ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June        Year 2
- ❖ Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June        Yrs 5 & 6 - School Journey
- ❖ Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July            Year 3
- ❖ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July         Reception

❖ **Leavers Assembly:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1:20 p.m.

## Nursery Allocations

The Nursery class allocations went live on Tuesday and parents will have needed to accept their place by next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Most parents have already done so but those that haven't please either accept or decline the place so we have enough time to allocate the space to someone else. Thank you.



### **Welwyn School Music Celebration**

Year 6 children have been invited to take part in the Welwyn School Music Celebration which will be held at the Hawthorne Theatre on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. This will be held after school hours, further details of when will follow soon in a letter sent home to pupils. There will also be a Teacher and Parent Choir performing on the same night, if you would be interested in taking part please see the leaflet being sent home separately.

### **Dinner Money Charges**

As detailed on a previous newsletter the cost of a school meal has now increased to £2.40 per day. The charges for this half term are as follows :-

£64.80 - for lunches everyday (27 days)

£14.40 - for Friday fun lunches (6 Fridays)

£43.20 - 3 days per week (18 days)

£28.20 - 2 days per week (12 days)

Please ensure payments are made ahead of the meals taken, so if you haven't already done so please bring in money for this week tomorrow. Thank you.

### **Hertfordshire Music Service**

The Mid Herts Music centre are able to offer the following instrumental lessons :-

Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon, French Horn, Trumpet and Trombone.

Individual or paired lessons are available please see the school office if you think your child may be interested in any.

### **Fidget Spinners/cubes**

We have noticed a small number of children have started bringing Fidget Spinners/cubes into school recently. Although we appreciate the rationale behind these items they have however caused a distraction in the class and already some have been lost resulting in arguments between the children. Please could these items not come into school.

Please could children refrain from bringing toys in from home unless specifically asked for by the teacher. Thank you.

### **Clubs**

The club timetable for the summer term was sent out last week, and the clubs begin next week from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Athletics club will not start until the week after - day to be confirmed (we are waiting for Sir Freds to confirm the use of their field).

### **Swimming in the School Pool**

School swimming sessions will begin soon but they can only run if we have sufficient parental help to supervise the children whilst the lesson is being taught by a member of staff. In order to comply with current requirements, anyone wishing to help must have a current DBS certificate. If you think that you might be able to help with swimming, please see Mrs Coleman now to check whether you need to apply for a DBS as it takes several

weeks for these to be processed by the Local Authority. Thank you.

### **Outside Equipment before School Hours**

Please can we remind you that children are not allowed on any of the outdoor play equipment out of school hours.

We have noticed a number of children playing around the tepee area and also on some of the climbing frames before school starts.

### **PTA Swimming Supervisors**

If you would be interested in being one of our Pool Supervisors for the PTA swimming sessions please let the office know as soon as possible. A DBS check would need to be taken together with 2 references (forms will be given to you when you apply). A meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. for all supervisors to attend.

### **Visits and Visitors**

- Year 6 singing at Hawthorne Theatre on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May (more information to follow)
- Children in Nursery and Reception will be visiting Aldenham Country Park mid June, date to be confirmed in the next week.
- KS2 Athletics at Gosling - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 3 Author visit, Juliet Desailley - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

### **Hertfordshire County Show**

We have been given a small amount of 'Child Free' tickets for the upcoming Hertfordshire County Show on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like any please come to the office to collect them. They will be given out on a first come basis.

### **PTA 'Prep for Summer' Day**

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May we are holding a 'Prep for Summer' Day, we will need lots of parent / family members help to prep the swimming pool alongside other areas of the school for Summer. The BBQ will be lit and you are welcome to bring your own food to cook on there. Drinks will be provided by the PTA. If you are able to help at all between 9.00 - 5.00 that day please let the office or Debbie Leech know as soon as possible, thank you.

### **PTA Film Night**

Unfortunately this event has been cancelled due to the last of U rated films available at this time.

### **Sainsburys Vouchers**

The Sainsbury's vouchers will be finishing on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. If you have any at home please bring them into school as soon as possible, the collection box is in the hall where the children can post them.

### ***Midday Supervisory Role***

*We are looking for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our lunchtime team. If you are interested in the position please collect an application form from the school office. A Data and Barring check and references will be taken.*