



# Panshanger Primary School NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Welcome Back

It was so good today to see all the children and families coming into school for the beginning of a new term. We are welcoming back 'old friends' and introducing new people to Panshanger Primary School. After 34 years working with us (including most of the summer holidays) Mrs Coleman has retired from the school and we would all like to wish her all the best for the next part of her life. It is great to have Mrs Edgell and Mrs Brenchley working together in the office - please bear with us as we all get to grips with the new routines. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mrs Michelle Boylan as our new Deputy Head, she will be teaching year 6 this year.

## Attendance

At Panshanger we are very proud of the excellent attendance of our pupils. Our figures of approx. 96% are above the National statistics which is a testament to the fact that parents and children value each day at school. It is incredibly helpful for the school when parents ring before 9.00am to explain an absence so staff are not worried about a child's welfare. We do also require a written note confirming the reason for absence on the child's return to school.

## Parent Information meetings

At the start of another academic year we would like to welcome parents to a short information meeting where each class teacher shares class specific information e.g. topics covered, PE times, adults working in the class etc.

We understand that these times will not be convenient for all parents however for most of the classes the children will also listen to the information and the class newsletter will contain most of the same material.

## Dates:

Wednesday 6th Sept. - Yr. 5 8.45am

Yr. 4 3.00pm

Thursday 7th Sept. - Rec. 8.45am

Yr. 3 3.00pm

Friday 8th Sept. - Nur. 11.20am

Monday 11th Sept. - Yr. 2 8.45am

Tuesday 12th Sept. - Yr. 6 8.45am

Wednesday 13th Sept. - Yr. 1 8.45am

These dates are also to be found on the diary dates that are accompanying this newsletter.

## PTA Swimming

The pool is now closed for PTA swimming after another very successful season. Many thanks to all those who have helped with supervision and / or supported the pool this year and to Reece, Callum and Sydney for their life guarding services.

A very special thank you to Mrs Burt, Ms Parsons and Mr Watts for all their 'behind the scenes' work, monitoring the water quality 3 times per day, 7 days per week and balancing the chemicals to ensure the water quality was maintained and to Mrs Reed for overseeing the pool. Without the team's commitment and hard work, we could not keep the pool open.

## Bikes

At Panshanger we encourage the children to be active and to ride their bikes / scooters to school. For the safety of everyone, please can we remind you that bikes / scooters need to be walked up the drive and in the playground. If children are seen not following this rule they can be asked to dismount and walk sensibly by any member of the school community.



### **Swimming at Hatfield Pool**

Children in Years 6 & 4 will be starting swimming at Hatfield Swimming pool next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Letters will be sent home later this week. Please ensure that your child brings all the correct kit for swimming on Thursdays. Thank you

### **Dinner Money Charges**

The dinner money charges for this first half term are detailed below. Please ensure all payments are made ahead of meals being taken, your child may be refused a lunch if the payment has not been made.

The price of a school meal will still be £2.40 per day, so £12.00 per week.

£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 tomorrow (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>) if your child is having lunch this week.

### **School Photographer**

The school photographer will be in school next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September to take individual and sibling photographs. She will also be here from 8.15a.m. to take any family photographs. Please queue at the door across the bike quad for these. Thank you.

### **Year 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony Camp**

Year 3 will be visiting Celtic Harmony Camp on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Letters will be sent home tomorrow, please look out for them.

### **Clubs**

All afterschool and lunchtime clubs start week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. A clubs form is being sent home today as a paper copy to everyone. If you would like your child to join any clubs please complete the form and return it to school **NO LATER THAN Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**SEPTEMBER.**