



Panshanger Primary School NEWSLETTER

6th March 2017

Feeling Good Week

During the first week back to school the children took part in a range of activities. Some of the most popular were the lunchtime sessions where we had a disco / sing a long and a 'Just Dance' session.

Many thanks to the children in year 6 for helping to sort out all the music for the varied requests by the younger children. These helped the children to 'Feel Good' and be ready for their afternoon learning. At the end of the week we held 'Panshanger has Talent' and as usual staff were amazed and impressed with the confidence and expertise of the many children who chose to take part.

ESafety workshops

ESafety workshops were held for both parents and children and proved to be very informative and interesting. Our presenter (one of the ESafety advisors from Herts for learning) was so impressed with our childrens' behaviour and knowledge that he emailed the following to the school:

'I have rarely seen pupils displaying better behaviour in the hundreds of Herts primary schools where I have delivered eSafety sessions.'

The information from the parent session has been placed on the school website. It contains many useful web links / addresses where help can be found if parents are concerned about their child's safety online.

School Journey

The payment books will be coming home this week to children in Years 5 & 6. A further payment of £100 needs to be paid **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 29th March.**

Book Week

Thank you to all the parents who helped their children to dress as their favourite book character last Friday. Do look out for photographs coming to the Gallery soon!

The children looked amazing and a lot of thought had obviously gone in to their costumes. During the week they took part in a range of book / reading related activities e.g. creating a book character from a wooden spoon / dance drama workshops relating to the BFG / Where The Wild Things Are and listening to the author Antony Lishak talk about his experience of writing books. Here is part of an email he sent to school following his visit:

'Throughout the school the children's behaviour was exemplary and there was a strong sense of knowing how to have fun, while still showing respect and consideration for others.'

This captures the ethos of our school perfectly.

Advance Notice of change to School Meal Charges

Hertfordshire Catering Limited have informed us that the cost of a school dinner should be increasing by 5p per day from April 2017 making the daily cost of a meal to £2.40. There should not be another charge increase until April 2018. So this means for the Summer term the cost of school meals will be £2.40 per day, £12.00 per week.

Also HCC have informed us that the Summer Term milk charge will be £13.86. Pink forms to follow soon.



HCL Food Tasters

The kitchen will be holding a food tasting session available for parents and children to try a selection of small bites from the current menu this Thursday whilst the consultations are taking place. Please pop to the counter to have a look!

Ready Steady Read - Sponsored Read

Please return all sponsor forms and contributions to school **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 13th MARCH** to enable us to choose more brilliant books for our school. Thank you.

School Photographer

The school photographer is in school this Friday 10th March to take class and sports team photographs. Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform and also make sure they have their PE kit in school. School sports kits should not be at home if you have any please could these be returned to school washed immediately. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Orders

The orders are being sent off tomorrow so if anyone else would like to place an order and use their WBD book voucher to take a £1.00 off the cost, please send it into school first thing in the morning.

Reminders:

- Year 4 trip to British Schools Museum, Hitchin this **Thursday 9th March**.
- Class and sports team photos **Friday 10th March**
- Year 1 class assembly **Friday 10th March**
- Dance festival at Hawthorne theatre **Monday 13th March**
- 'Adults only' PTA Quiz night **Friday 17th March - Only 2 weeks to go, get your teams together now!** Ticket request forms were sent home last week.
- Cross country at Sherrardswood **Monday 27th March** (new date).
- Reading information meeting for KS2 parents **Thursday 30th March**