



Panshanger Primary School NEWSLETTER

7th November 2017

'Wear it Wild Day'

On Friday 20th October the children took part in a range of activities where they learnt more about endangered animals. Their lessons raised awareness about why numbers of some species are declining and what we can do to help. The children really enjoyed a visit from a company called 'Spirit of the Wild' where they had close encounters with many different animals and birds.

Thank you to Mrs Waring and the Eco Council for highlighting these issues to the whole school. At the end of the day a vote was taken and the children of Panshanger have decided to give the money they raised to the World Wildlife Fund to adopt a sea turtle

Sports

As usual at Panshanger we encourage the children to be as active as possible through their school day. The sports council - lead by Mrs Claridge - have been working hard writing a newsletter to keep everyone up to date, please look out for this in book bags today.

Art Gallery Pictures

Thank you to all parents and carers who supported the Art Gallery and who now have a lovely framed picture of their child's artwork. We raised £179.40 which will go towards the outside play equipment project.

PTA news

Already this term we have held two very successful Film nights which were as usual well attended and a fabulous Fireworks evening last Saturday. As you will remember our aim for the last year has been to raise money to replace the activity trail in the playground. With this aim in mind we have recently contacted several play equipment companies and

have received quotes for the work to be completed, all very exciting and we will keep you informed with final plans.

Please remember that as a parent of a child at Panshanger School everyone is a member of the PTA, we have our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December. I am sure the committee members would appreciate as much help as possible in organising what is our biggest event of the academic year.

Dinner money payment

The online payment system for school dinners is now up and running and seems to be working well with lots of parents using this to pay for lunches. The School Gateway app is easy to add to your mobile or computer. You can add this by going to :- <https://login.schoolgateway.com>

If you encounter any problems logging in please come and see Mrs Brenchley or Mrs Edgell in the school office.

HiP visit

Just before the half term break we had a visit from our HiP (Herts Improvement Partner). The primary purpose of the visit was to analyse the 'outcomes' for the pupils, making use of formative assessment information (2017 SATs results), in year assessments and monitoring of the childrens' current books. We are very pleased to report that she agreed with the school judgement that the outcomes are good (this remains in line with our past Ofsted report)

Poppy Appeal

We still have some poppy appeal items for sale (50p or £1.00) or a donation for a poppy. The children can come and buy these from the school office.



Christmas Play Tickets Requests

The Christmas Play ticket request forms are being sent home later on this week. There will be 3 performances for each of the Infant and Junior Plays and 2 performances for Nursery and Reception. Please complete all relevant sections on the form. **Please note that for the Infant and Junior performances tickets are restricted to 3 PER FAMILY** (if any become available nearer to the performances we **MAY** be able to allocate more. Please return all forms **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER.**

Christmas Lunch / Spring Milk Requests

These will be sent home later on this week. The whole school Christmas Lunch takes place on Monday 19th December and the cost of the meal is £2.40 (for children in Years 3 - 6), infant meals are free. Any dinner money cheques to be made payable to HCL. The cost of milk for the Spring Term will be £14.00 (except for Nursery children who have no charge). Any milk money cheques to be made payable to HCC - **PLEASE DO NOT PAY MILK AND DINNER MONEY ON THE SAME CHEQUE (they are different accounts)** Please return all forms **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER.**

PTA Non Uniform Day - Bottle donation

The children are able to come to school in Non-Uniform this Friday 10th November in exchange for a bottle for our Christmas Fair. The bottle can be anything from shampoo to champagne - please make sure all bottles are in date and unopened - thank you.

School Vacancy

The school is in need of a full time Site Supervisor on a temporary contract from mid-December until mid-March (the exact dates are not quite known yet). The main responsibilities are: site security, health and safety, general maintenance, liaison with specialist companies and there is an element of classroom cleaning involved in the job.

If interested please contact the school office for more information and an application form. The school would aim for there to be a hand over period so that the person appointed feels confident in their new role.