



Panshanger Primary School NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 25th April 2018

Welcome back to everyone for the beginning of another busy term.

End of the Spring Term

A huge thank you to Mrs Edgell and Mrs Brenchley who organised this year's end of term challenge for the children. It was very different to previous years. Working in their buddy groups the children moved around the school answering a range of general knowledge questions, if their answer was correct they were given a letter and a piece of a jigsaw. When all the questions had been answered the children returned to the hall where they were set the challenge of using all the clues to find a location in the school. It proved very challenging and hopefully enjoyable for all. The winning team was led by George, he was ably assisted by children from the other classes including: Isabella, Danny, Alex, Arielle, Finley, Ryan. Many thanks to the PTA who provided the prizes for the winning team and a small gift for all the children.

Painting

Over the Easter holidays, Mr Watts and Mr Griggs painted the school entrance, main hall and dining area. This is a large area - their efforts are much appreciated by all - it looks very smart.

Swimming Pool

On Saturday 28th April a group of parents came to school to complete the annual clean of the swimming pool in preparation for our opening on Tuesday 1st May.

The turnout was amazing and the school gates were locked again at 1.30pm - this must be a world record! The parents, working with staff, also managed to weed and generally clean up our garden area.

We are tremendously grateful for everyone's hard work and as a thank you would like to invite those parents back to school for a picnic and swim this Sunday 29th (invites for those families present have been given to the children).

Swimming

Swimming information was given out last week telling parents of the dates / times of the swimming lessons for each class please ensure your child has their full kit on the right day including a pair of flip flops or similar shoes to wear around the pool. Swimming rotas have been placed on the classroom windows, as we do need support for the lessons to go ahead, please have a look and sign up if you have any spare time.

Please remember that the children are encouraged not to wear earrings on swimming days, they will be asked to take them out (for health and safety reasons staff cannot help with this). If the earrings cannot be taken out, they will need to be taped over and the swimming hat placed over the top. If, for medical reasons, your child needs to wear goggles please ask the teacher for a letter - this needs to be signed by a parent / carer and returned to the class teacher.

PTA Swimming sessions

These will also start next Tuesday 1st May afterschool on Tuesday - Friday 3.30 - 5.30 p.m. and on Saturdays 2.00 - 5.00 p.m. Family tickets are on sale now or it is £2.50 on the door per person in the pool.



Sport Relief

We would like to say a massive thank you to all parents / family members who sponsored their child for Sport Relief - we raised an amazing amount of £762.10 !

Tennis

Last week a group of children from year 4 attended a tennis competition at SFO. This is a new competition for us and as usual the children performed very well gaining confidence and experience with each game they played. One of the groups won their section and will return to SFO for the next round in May.

Netball

On Tuesday, Mrs Claridge and Mrs Gibbs took the netball team to a 7 a side tournament at Stanborough school. Until now, the girls have played the Hi5 version of the game so this was new experience for them. They gained confidence throughout the game and demonstrated excellent team play - well done!

Football

Just before the end of term, the football team accompanied by Mr McLoughlin and Mr Hornsey attended a tournament at Monks Walk School. The weather was horrific with driving rain and cold temperatures - at one point the team were huddled in the toilets trying to keep warm! An excellent team effort took the boys all the way to the semi-finals where they were finally knocked out by goal difference - a great achievement.

Nursery allocations

The closing date for applications for Panshanger Nursery was Friday 20th April and letters have gone out to parents offering a place for September 2018.

School Journey meeting

We are planning an information meeting for the parents and children in years 5 for Wednesday 23rd May at 7pm in the school hall. This is an important meeting where all the necessary paperwork is given out and it would be great to see as many people as possible, we will endeavour to answer as many general questions as we can.

If parents have any individual questions please don't hesitate to come in and see either Mrs Holt and Mrs Kay to arrange a meeting or email to admin@panshanger.herts.sch.uk

Full payment for the trip needs to be made **NO LATER THAN Friday 25th May.**

School Clubs

Most of the school clubs will be starting next week except chess which starts this Friday 27th April (a separate letter for chess needs to be completed and returned to the office). The cricket club does not start until Wednesday 16th May.

Dinner Money Charges

The dinner money charges for this half term are as follows :-

£72.00 for meals taken everyday

£14.40 for Friday Fun Lunches

£43.20 for 3 days per week

£28.80 for 2 days per week

Please make ALL payments ahead of meals taken either online or in the office. Please also remember to check your balance regularly online to check that your child is still in credit.

PTA News

Film Night

The PTA are showing 'Captain Underpants' as the film for the next film night on Friday 4th May, ticket request forms are being sent home soon.

Quiz Night

This is taking place on Friday 11th May from 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. so get your teams together now. Ticket requests will be sent home soon!

Bag to School

The next collection for this will be on Friday 18th May so get any bags into school before then.