



THE OWL

July 2019 Summer Term



Diary Dates: Please check the website for updated diary dates.

July 2019

23rd Leavers Assembly (9.05am)

23rd Leavers Event (1.15pm)

September 2019

2nd INSET Day

3rd INSET Day

4th Term starts – Children return to school

11th FoRS Welcome Breakfast (8am)

10th PE Club starts

18th Swimming lessons start

End of year production

We hope you enjoyed our End of Year Production of the Bee Musical. We are sure you will have been just as proud of your children as we were. From the collection, we raised £132. Thank you.



Staffing for September.

Unfortunately, we will be saying farewell to two staff members at the end of term. Mrs Samuels who has been here since September has come to the end of her contract and support staff reorganisation means that she won't be needed in September. In addition, Mrs Willmott, who has been providing additional cover for Night Owls on two sessions per week, has decided not to continue in September. This means that there is a post available for two or three sessions weekly from 3.15 until 5.15pm. Please look out for an advertisement if you know of anyone who might be interested in fulfilling this role.

Mrs Harvey's retirement means that it is time to welcome Mrs Vicky Wittich to the role of Headteacher. Mrs Wittich will take up the reins on 1st September and a number of you have already had an opportunity to meet her.

Watering Rota

We need 6 willing volunteers to water our vegetables and other plants over the summer holiday please. If everyone can cover one week of the holiday, the load can be shared. Any ripe or ready produce may be taken as a thank you. There is no need to come if it rains.



Renewal of Free School Meals application for September 2019

As with last year, this summer free school meals will be automatically renewed if your child is currently receiving a free school meal. Letters will only be sent to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a meal.

If you have not already registered your child for Universal Free School meals, could you please register at:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

This particularly applies to reception children in September.

30 Hour Childcare

To find out if you are eligible and how to register, please visit this website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parents



As a school we have extended our Nursery provision into the afternoons for all 3 and 4 year olds. Childcare will be available from 8.45-3.15 Monday to Friday for eligible families. There will be a charge to cover lunch and playtime. Those parents who are not eligible for the 30 hours funding may pay privately for afternoons. Additional wrap around care can be paid for separately.

PE and swimming kits and school uniform

Please take time over the summer to make sure that your child's PE kit, including trainers, still fits them and that the kit is all there and named. PE kits need to be kept in school as they may be used on days other than the designated PE day. Likewise, please check swimming kits. Please make sure your child has a swim hat if their hair is longer than collar length. It will also need to be clipped away from the face while swimming. **Please make sure that all new uniform is named before the term starts as it all looks very much the same in September.** Pink checked summer dresses may continue to be worn until the October half term holiday. As the weather is likely to be changeable in September, please make sure your child has a coat in school every day.

Proposals for opening hours at QEII Urgent Care Centre

NHS East and North Hertfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the local GP-led NHS organisation are seeking views on proposals to a change to opening hours at the Urgent Care

Centre (UCC) at the New QEII Hospital. The UCC is very well used during the day, with an average of 118 people using the centre during a typical 24 hour period. However, between 10pm and 6am, on average less than one person per hour uses it.

We want to hear local people's views on a proposal to close the UCC during the hours it is used infrequently, between 10pm and 8am. During this period, highly skilled nursing staff currently based at the UCC could instead support patients with serious or life-threatening conditions in the A&E department at the Lister Hospital.

Find out more and share your views on the challenges and proposal by Wednesday 4 September, 2019 at

<https://qeiiucc.enhertscg.nhs.uk>

If you need urgent medical help at any time please call NHS 111, it is free and open 24/7

Reading books

The school reading scheme books have all been collected in but we would urge all parents to ensure that your children continue to enjoy reading over the summer holiday. The libraries are running their annual summer reading challenge again this year. The theme for 2019 is 'Space Chase'. Please visit your local library for details.



Thank you from Mrs Harvey

Mrs Harvey would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to her Retirement Tea Party on Friday. She will try to thank everyone individually for supplying cakes and contributing towards gifts but wants everyone to know that their efforts and generosity were very much appreciated. She would also like to thank children, parents, staff and governors for their support over the past nine years.



Farewell...

We would all like to wish all the 'Leavers', including those moving on or moving house, the very best of luck in their new schools. You will be missed. We would love to hear how you are all getting on.

And finally...

All the staff at Reed First School would like to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

