



THE OWL



July 2016 Summer Term

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

July 2016

21st Leavers' Play (6pm)
22nd Leavers' Assembly (9.05am)
22nd Leavers' Do (1.15pm)
22nd End of Term (2pm)

September 2016

1st INSET Day
2nd INSET Day
5th Children return

Farewell and welcome

As the school year comes to a close, we are saying 'goodbye' to a number of members of staff and children. We would like to wish Miss Fryer, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Sell good luck and happiness in their new schools and look forward to hearing how they are getting on. Mrs Sell will return on September 9th so that we can say a proper farewell to her. I would also like to wish our Year 4s a happy time as they move on to their Middle schools. We look forward to welcoming Miss Caroline Panter to our teaching staff in September. Miss Panter will be teaching the Infant class three and a half days next year with Mrs Rand job sharing and teaching the remaining one and a half days. They are already planning some exciting topics for next year. There will be a Leavers' Assembly at 9.05am tomorrow when we will share memories of the Year 4s and staff moving on.



Staffing for September

The Juniors will be taught by Mr O'Hare with the support of Mrs Rozier every morning. The Infants will be taught by Miss Panter (Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and Wednesday mornings). Mrs Rand will teach on Wednesday afternoons and all day on Thursdays. Mrs Smith will continue to support on an almost full time basis. Mrs Tansley will continue to lead the Early Years team which will include Mrs Kershaw (Wednesday to Friday afternoons) Mrs Chisnall (every morning) and Mrs Rozier (every afternoon). In addition, Mrs Kershaw will cover Mr O'Hare's planning, preparation and assessment time on Thursday mornings. The office staff will remain as it has been this year with Mrs Scally working four days, not Wednesdays, and Mrs Kinghorn working Monday to Wednesday 10am until 2pm. Meet the Teacher sessions will be

arranged for the week beginning 12th September with the day to be confirmed but a leaflet with useful information specific to each class will come out in the first week back.

Whole school trip to the seaside

We all had such a lovely day at Walton-on-the-Naze. The children behaved impeccably and really well together. We were pleased and proud that two different groups of people praised the good behaviour of our children. Although a range of activities had been planned for the children, they wanted to spend the whole time paddling and digging in the sand. With beautiful weather as well, it was a really successful and enjoyable day out. I would like to say thank you to staff who helped on the day and to Miss Jakeman, Mrs Harrison and Mr Craker who joined us on the trip.



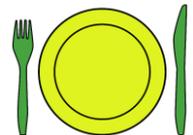
School meal

We have decided to keep the cost of our Junior school meal at £2.30 and not to increase it as previously reported.

Universal Infant Free School Meal Registration

Please can parents of children starting in reception, year 1 and year 2 register their entitlement for Universal Infant Free School Meals online at

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Free School Meals

If you believe you may be entitled to benefit related free school meals, please apply at

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Hertfordshire Council

The Hertfordshire County Council website has changed to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

Extended childcare survey

Childhood Support Services is carrying out a childcare survey to gather information which will help shape childcare services for Hertfordshire parents in the coming years. They are encouraging parents with children 0-14 years to take part in this survey which you can find at surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/6Q371/

FORS News

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Our End of Year round up.

So it's the end of one very busy FORS year. The launch of our library fundraising campaign has meant that we've really ramped up our efforts, and all of the FORS team would just like to say a huge thank you to every single one of you for helping make a difference. Whether you have bought raffle tickets, made cakes, attended our ball, donated items, supported our events by either attending or by manning one of the many stalls we've had, every single contribution has helped move us closer to our fundraising target of £30,000.

To give you an idea of how those funds look at the end of the year, we thought we'd give you a quick breakdown of what we've raised and spent. Our aim with this drive is to fund the library build, whilst ensuring that none of the luxuries that FORS supports the school with are impacted. We have agreed a budget of £1,600 to buy these items, which this year have included iPads in the Early Years classroom to help the smaller children develop their phonics skills. We have helped with the school panto at Christmas and the coach for last week's trip to Walton-on-the-Naze. We have replaced the CD player in the Early Years classroom, providing multiple sockets so that several children can listen to music at the same time, without distracting the entire class. We have thrown an end of year party for the whole school, and have bought the leavers gifts that will be presented on Friday morning. All of this in addition to the monies we are raising to help make this library dream a reality.

So the figures. Drum roll please! At the end of this year, we have spent our allocated £1,600 on things to make your child's school life that little bit nicer. From the library pot, we have spent £900 on the moveable bookcases to help run the library trial, and that will go into the new library to hold stock once built. And at the end of the year, after a very lovely top up donation of £1,000 from the Parish Council, the library fund stands at an absolutely amazing £6,115.35!! That makes us 20% of the way there. So again, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Leavers Tea

The last event of the year is our leavers tea. This will start at 1:15 on the field, where we will be providing refreshments for a donation, selling strawberries and cream and second hand uniform, and drawing the raffle for the End of Term hamper. We'd love to see you there!

Finally, a thank you from me, to every member of the FORS team who give up their time to make these things happen. Without their help, none of this would be possible. This organisation relies on the kindness of others, and these ladies give up what time they have to help make a difference to the lives of the children at this school. Thank you ladies, as ever you are truly amazing. If you are interested in being a part of FORS, and would like to help make a difference, please speak to a member of the committee. We'd love to have you join us! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*Charlotte
Chair*

Davis Cup Tennis Trophy Tour

As part of the nationwide Trophy tour, the Davis Cup is coming to Hertfordshire. The event will be at the Hertfordshire Sports Village in Hatfield on Sunday 18th September, between 11am – 3pm. There will be coaches on hand to demonstrate techniques and tactics of tennis; interactive games and challenges and of course the cup itself will be on display. This is a free event and will give people a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see and be pictured with the impressive Davis Cup Trophy.



Road Safety Partnership Day

Please come along and enjoy the road safety day on Sunday 4th September from 12.30-4pm at County Hall, Hertford SG13 8DN. The day will encompass serious issues alongside fun activities. Many attractions include an interactive crash car, bouncy castles, opportunities to sit in fire engines/police cars, competitions and the landing of the Air Ambulance plus delicious food stalls and much more.



All profits raised from this event go to Hertfordshire Air Ambulance to help with the continued delivery of their great service within Hertfordshire.

Local NHS advises parents to be prepared for minor injuries and illnesses this summer

As the summer holidays are approaching, a bit of planning can help you to be prepared for summer fun and the inevitable knocks, scrapes, stings and grazes that adventurous play brings. Most minor injuries can be treated at home with a first aid kit, so now is a good time to check you have everything you need. Ask your local pharmacy for advice if you're unsure. Pharmacists can give you advice about the types of low-cost, over the counter treatments that are right for your child.

To find out what a typical first aid kit should include, search the NHS Choices website: www.nhs.uk. You can also find advice online about how to treat bites, stings, bumps, bruises and common childhood health complaints in the NHS Childhood

Illness booklet, approved by Hertfordshire GPs at:
www.enhertsccg.nhs.uk/childhood-illnesses

If you need further medical help or advice, but it's not a 999 emergency, it's now really easy to find the help you need in England or Scotland, even if you're away from home. The NHS 111 free telephone service is staffed by local teams of fully trained advisors, supported by experienced clinicians. They will ask questions to assess your symptoms, then direct you to the local service that you need. That could include making you an emergency doctor's appointment, finding the nearest urgent care centre, minor injuries unit, late-opening pharmacy, despatching an ambulance in an emergency or sending you to A&E.

NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week across England and Scotland. Calls are free from mobiles and landlines. If you're visiting Wales, call 0845 46 47.

Parent View

It is now more than three years since our last inspection by Ofsted. Due to our 'good' grading, we could now expect a 'light touch' inspection by HMI at any time and the inspector will want to know the views of parents. Although this might not happen this term I would like you to be aware that you can access [Parent View](#) at any time, updating your views if you wish. There is also a link on our website under the Useful Links in the Parent Section. On the main Parent View page, click on the orange puzzle piece – 'Give your views now' then click 'register now' to create an account. Your views are anonymous and I would ask parents to do this now as, taking your views into account will help us, as a school, to deal with any issues as they arise.

Thank you for your time.



Please be aware there is a new Privacy Notice (Data Protection) policy published on our website.

And finally...

Thank you all for your ongoing support this year. I look forward to seeing you all in September and hearing how those who have moved on are settling into their new schools. Have a safe and happy summer holiday.

