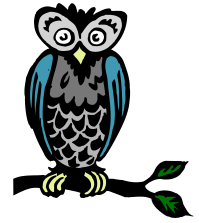




THE OWL

October 2016 Autumn Term



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

November 2016

- 4th Year 1-4 Visit to Mitsubishi Electric
- 8th Parent Consultations
- 12th Open Afternoon (2-4pm)
- 13th Remembrance Sunday
- 14th Individual School Photographs
- 18th Children in Need Day
- 21st Last Clubs this week (except Zumba)
- 24th Bag2School Collection
- 24th FORS Christmas Shopping Boutique (6-8pm)
- 28th Last Zumba Club

December 2016

- 1st Decorations Day
- 1st Celebration Assembly (2.45pm)
- 2nd Occasional Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- 9th FORS Christmas Wrap
- 13th Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal (9.10am)
- 14th Christmas Play (2pm)
- 15th Christmas Play (6pm)
- 16th Early Years Nativity (11am)
- 21st Celebration Assembly (9.05am)
- 21st Carol Service & End of Term (2pm)

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Scally back and thank Mrs Kinghorn and Mrs Neale who have worked so hard to maintain the efficiency of the school office in her absence. We are continuing to plan for Mr O'Hare's absence and we will keep you informed of any staff changes.

Trip to Mitsubishi Electric

The children in Years 1-4 have been given the opportunity to visit Mitsubishi Electric in Hatfield for a morning of workshops related to sustainable energy. They will be accompanied by school staff and will be given a snack and drink while they are there. They will, however, need to bring a packed lunch on that day as we aren't due back in time for a school lunch. The morning, including coach travel, has been funded for us through JCW Energy who



service our air-conditioning units and is part of a programme of educational sponsorship through industry. **Please be aware, as stated in the letter, that the children need to be in school for 8.30am.**

Parent/Teacher consultations

Letters for appointments went out before the holiday and should be returned as soon as possible. In Mr O'Hare's absence, Mrs Harvey will meet with parents of children in the junior class. All consultations will take place in the junior classroom and the indoor bowls club will take place as usual in the hall at 3.15pm.

Open day

Our annual open afternoon is planned for Saturday 12th November and is fast approaching. As in previous years, it would be useful if we could have some well-behaved children to show visitors round, they will be chaperoned, and to demonstrate some of our learning activities. We would also like some volunteers to tidy up the outside of the school in preparation for the open afternoon. A separate letter will be sent home later this week.

Individual photos

A photographer from Van Cols will be in school on the morning of Monday 14th November. Photographs will be taken of all children individually and with their siblings in school. It is possible to take photos of older and younger siblings as well as whole families first thing in the morning by prior arrangement. Please let the school office know to enable us to work out timings.



Poppy appeal

Poppies will be on sale starting on Thursday this week. Members of the School Council will visit classrooms every day of the following week for children to contribute to the Poppy Appeal. The collection tin will be in the school office if any adults would like to donate.



Children in Need

Once again we will be supporting this nationwide appeal in school with a non-uniform day. Children are asked to wear something spotty for a suggested donation of £1 to be donated to the charity.



Bag2School

Bags for your contributions of outgrown clothes are available at the front of school. Clothes, shoes and hand-bags are fine but please check the information on the bag as there are some things, e.g. duvets and pillows, that won't be acceptable. As space to store the bags beforehand is limited, please bring them to school at the start of the day of collection if at all possible, Thursday 24th November. The school is then given money based on the weight of your donations.



School Games award...

We are very proud to have achieved a Bronze Level School Games Award in recognition of the many sporting and PE activities we have on offer. This award takes into account additional activities such as after school clubs, inter-school tournaments and sports day.

... and additional PE

Besides the PE sessions already taking place on Wednesdays for Early Years, a lunch club for all children to provide physical activity as an option for play times is being trialled from 31st October on Mondays. Additional curriculum PE sessions for the Infants will focus on hockey skills.

Swimming and clubs

Extra-curricular clubs and swimming continue for another 4 weeks with the exception of Zumba Club which will finish on Monday 28th November due to a missed session. Swimming begins for another 10 weeks in the Spring Term, starting on 11th January.



School uniform

We heard at the beginning of term that our school uniform suppliers in Letchworth are retiring. As they have been unable to find anyone to take over their successful business, the shop will close in December. We are currently seeking an alternative, including online suppliers, and will give information as soon as a decision has been made. The school will buy the surplus stock held

by North Herts Schoolwear so, in the interim, limited items will still be available. There is also a fairly large stock of second hand uniform held in school which can be purchased at minimum cost.

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

And finally.....

Save the date for Decorations Day – Thursday 1st December. We would welcome adult help throughout the day. In the morning, this will be helping in workshops and the in the afternoon, we will need help displaying the decorations. An additional workshop this year is being run by Glazed Creations, which is being funded by school.

December 2016						
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