



# Newsletter

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## Welcome Back to the Summer Term!



A very warm welcome back to all our children and families at the start of this final term of the school year. I do hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. The summer term is already packed with lots of exciting events and activities including sports day, the KS2 summer production and of course School Journey to PGL Barton Hall. **There was a list of summer term diary dates in the last newsletter before we broke up, but please do keep a look out in the newsletters for additions or changes as the term progresses.**

## Values Education

### *This half term's Value is Service*

In our Collective Worship on Tuesday we started to think about our focus Value for this half term which is 'Service'. Over the coming weeks we will be thinking a lot about how we can be of service to others through helping, volunteering, putting other people's needs first and supporting charity. As before, we have sent home an information sheet with ways you can support this value at home. The Values badge this half term will be awarded to children demonstrating the value of Service in and around school.

## PE & Sports this term

A reminder that all children need to have their PE kit in school all week please. Sometimes classes will do an extra PE session at short notice and not on the 'usual' PE Day, especially as we approach sports day. Summer PE Kit is **navy blue shorts and a white T-shirt** (with a cardigan or fleece if it is chilly) but not long trousers/leggings/joggers. Thank you.

## Year 6 'SATs Breakfast' & Early Bird Club

Once again we will be offering our Year 6 children a breakfast in the week of SATs, commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May; the children have brought a letter home about this today. During that week (Monday – Thursday only), Early Bird Club will be based in Class 1 so children will need to enter via the Class 1 gate by the main doors.

## Class 1 Assembly

Class 1 parents are warmly invited to join us for the Class 1 assembly on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm**. We do hope you enjoy hearing all about what the children have been learning this term. After the assembly refreshments will be provided if we have a few volunteers from Class 1 parents to help.

## Non Uniform day

A reminder that Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for filled tombola cups for Fair in the Square. Cups were sent home at the end of term.

## Summer Term Clubs

Please make sure all club forms are returned by 9am tomorrow morning so that places can be allocated in time for next week when the activities will start. Thank you.

## School Uniform, fleeces etc

All children should now be in summer uniform. Also, a reminder that you can purchase school fleeces from the office and these are perfect for outdoor wear in the spring/early summer and can also be worn for outdoor PE activities if the weather is still a little chilly. We also stock summer baseball caps, ideal for summer. It is important that **all children continue to have a coat in school every day**. The weather is quite changeable and a long lunchtime play can become quite chilly. Many thanks.

## Curriculum Information Leaflets

With this week's newsletter you will receive a parent curriculum information leaflet outlining the work your child will be doing in class this term.

## A date for Y5 & Y6 parents

We will be holding an information evening on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm** about our forthcoming School Journey to Barton Hall. At this meeting we will issue kits lists, luggage tags and essential paperwork so it is really helpful if you can make it. More details will be sent home nearer the time but for now if you could 'save the date' that would be great. It usually lasts around an hour maximum. (Please note that this is a meeting for parents only; children will have their own meetings in school time)

## Packed lunches

As with previous years, during the rest of the summer months, children who have packed lunches will have the option to eat outside on the grass and at the picnic tables when the weather is suitable. This is to ease congestion in the hall as a larger number of children have packed lunches during the summer and they often spend a large proportion of their lunchtime queuing for a seat and missing much of their playtime. The children will be fully supervised by a dinner lady as usual and drinking water is still provided, the same as when they are in the hall. If the weather is not suitable (wet/cold or too hot) the children will eat indoors as usual.



## Class 2 cake day



**Next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

With this week's newsletter:

- Cake day letter – Class 2
- Curriculum leaflets
- SATs breakfast letter Y6 only
- Values sheet on Service

*R Peddie*  
Headteacher

# Hitchin Schools Fair in the Square

## Saturday 6th May

We have a non-uniform day on Thursday 4th May for any children returning filled cups. Thanks in advance for your support.

The PTA would be very grateful if you could fill the cup (sent home before the Easter break) with small toys, pens, rubbers, packets of sweets etc, anything you think a child would like to win! Please remember that all SWEETS MUST BE WRAPPED.

We also need volunteers to staff the stall in Hitchin town centre on Saturday 6th May. If you can help please contact Clare Fletcher on 07969 09 80 70 or email her at [cmcfletcher1@aol.com](mailto:cmcfletcher1@aol.com). Thanks.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class 2 Cake Day - 28th April

Class 1 Assembly - 5th May

Fair in the Square Saturday - 6th May.

Bags2school - 19th May.

Class 1 Cake Day - 16th June

Summer Fair - 30th June.

*Class 2 Cake Day*

*Next Friday!*

*Cakes 25p each at  
breaktime.*

*Thank you in advance to Class  
2 for supplying the cakes*

**LOLLIES**

To all parents who collect their child on Fridays....

Please could you spare half an hour from 3.00 to 3.30pm to help the PTA sell lollies after school? Any offers of help very much appreciated!

For all PTA related matters, contact us on:  
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