



## STAFF UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER

At this time of year, schools are always busy planning for the September term, specifically the teaching team as the deadline for changes happens at the end of May. Whilst some things are still to be finalised, there are some pieces of news that I can share with you now.

Although this is really happy news for her, I am very sad to tell you that **Mrs Nichols** will be leaving us at the end of term. As you know, Mrs Nichols is an utterly fabulous SENCo, and it would appear that Herts for Learning agree! She has been appointed to work for HfL as a SEND Advisor from the autumn term and I know she will be fantastic in her new role, training and supporting other schools across the county. From September, Mrs Stewart will be taking on the SENCo role and over the rest of this term will be working closely with Mrs Nichols to ensure a smooth handover. Although Mrs Nichols will be sadly missed, I know that Mrs Stewart will do an equally wonderful job leading inclusion across the school and of course she already knows all our children and families very well.

In more 'happy for them, sad for us' news, **Mr Jefferies** will be moving onto pastures new at the end of term, taking on the new challenge of teaching secondary pupils. He will be working at The Priory School and I have no doubt that he will be just as successful there as he has with us at St Ippolyts. Thankfully, we are not losing him completely, and he will still be working one day a week leading some of our PE.

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff to our staff team – **Miss Gray** will be joining us in the autumn as a Sports Apprentice, working in PE lessons and clubs across all classes. You might have already spotted Miss Gray as she has been helping out on some of our sports events this term. We can't wait to have her on board!

We are currently in the process of finalising the staffing for September and the class teachers will be announced in your child's report pack later this term.

### Year 5/6 Reminder



Thank you to the Y5/6 parents who came along to the PGL meeting last night. It was lovely to have an in-person meeting once again! Just a reminder that competed forms need to be back with us by next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May please.

**CAUTION**

**THINK BEFORE YOU PARK**

**YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE**

## **PARKING...AGAIN**

It saddens me greatly that despite all the reminders and appeals in newsletters, a select few parents continue to make unsafe parking choices, specifically at the top of the driveway. Not only is this putting lives at risk, but it does not fit with our school values of showing care and respect for each other.

When you choose this school, you do so in the knowledge that it is an old Victorian building in a rural setting with no parking facilities. If being able to park close to a school building is an important priority for you, you may need to consider whether a rural village school is the right choice for your family. Thankfully most parents utilise the plentiful parking on the hill and walk the short distance up to the school; I am so grateful to these parents – thank you.

It is also disappointing to hear that recently there has been some aggravation between parents over parking which has included swearing and aggressive exchanges in the presence of children. We would not accept or tolerate this behaviour from our pupils, and the same goes for adults.

Please be aware that instances of aggressive behaviour between parents may result in a formal warning letter being issued and ultimately could lead to those parents being banned from the school site.

I urge you all once again to make safe, respectful parking choices to protect all members of our school community, and to model to your children that the rules apply to everyone. Thank you.

# Class 2 Assembly TOMORROW 9.15am

Class 2 parents are warmly invited to come and watch the Class 2 assembly tomorrow. The assembly will start at 9.15am and you can have two seats per child.

If you have babies or pre-schoolers they are welcome to attend, all we ask is that you take them out if they are unsettled or making noise. **Please also note that we do not permit photographs or videos at class assemblies.**

## SPORTS DAY 2022!

**Please look out for the programme coming home today**

This year's Sports Day is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm** (weather permitting). In the event of Sports Day being rained off we have a reserve date booked in for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

A big thank you to Mr Jefferies for organising Sports Day and we are also delighted to have some of our ex-pupils from The Priory coming back to help on the day. We can't wait!

Children are asked to wear a plain coloured T shirt in their house colour along with their usual PE shorts, sun hat/cap & well-fitting trainers/plimsolls. They will also need a bottle of water.

**Seacole-Red, Faraday-Yellow, Bronte-Blue, Morris-Green**



## Class and team photos

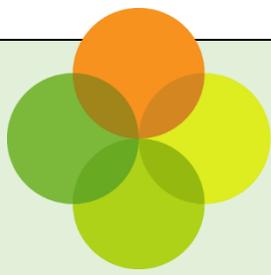
A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.**

## A reminder about dogs

Please be reminded that **dogs should not be brought into the school grounds**, even if held in your arms. **The exception to this is official assistance dogs, who should not be approached or fussed when wearing their working jacket.** Please could you explain to your child about not approaching working assistance dogs. **Many thanks for your cooperation.**



**NO DOGS**



# Arbor

Most parents have signed up to the Arbor App/Parent Portal, which is amazing, and we thank you for getting on board.

It is important that you create an account, as without access to Arbor you will not be able to pay for school dinners or give consent and pay for upcoming school trips. We are hoping to move all our current paying/consent/bookings on school gateway over to Arbor in the next few weeks, so please ensure you don't miss out by not creating an account. Thank you

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Leave your bags on the village green by 9am

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

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We **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



## Jubilee Street Party - next week

A reminder that children are invited to come wearing red, white and blue clothing for the street party next Friday.

## Practice for Sports Day

As you might already know, next week is Sports day and all the classes have been working very hard in their P.E lessons in order to be ready. This Tuesday, Class 6 had an amazing time with their buddies in Class 1, practicing lots of fun, sporty activities at the field. Some of those included chest push, tennis ball throw, shuttle run and long jump. Others were the bean bag throw and kicking a ball through hoops placed in a football net.

While doing the tennis ball throw, you can point ahead of you with your left hand ( if you are right handed ) or your right hand ( if you are left handed). Your dominant hand should be holding the ball. Then you bring your arm forward and try to throw the ball as far as you can. Class 6 was very impressed by Class 1's technique and had to work hard to throw as far as their buddies could!

The shuttle run was very fun to do and involved lots of short sprints to two posts that were perpendicular to the ground. You had to keep running around the posts until 30 seconds was over and you had to count how many times you managed to run between the posts. Class 1 and 6 were very fast on this activity and if they get any faster, it might be difficult to see them on sports day!

Overall, it was a very nice time and Class 6 enjoyed it immensely and we are sure that our buddies did too, as they were very tired later in the day.

