



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

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Local Residents

This week I met with a local resident about the parking issues on Wisden Road near the nursery entrance of our school.

I appreciate that parking is a challenge and that roads become very congested in the morning and at the end of the school day.

I would ask you to be mindful of parking outside the houses on 308 Wisden Road as it is a private road and the residents have the right to be able to park outside their own homes without their cars being obstructed.

Further, I would hope that all members of our school community were courteous and polite to local residents and respectful of their views. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Attendance

Good attendance is 96% or above. The table below shows class attendance percentages for the last two weeks. All classes achieved over 96% in the week beginning the 31st October which is excellent.

Classes	w/b 17/10	w/b 31/10
N	91.2	98.7
R	97.4	98.1
Y1	98.7	99.3
Y2	98.0	98.7
Y3	98.3	97.3
Y4	92.8	97.2
Y5	90.0	97.7
Y6	94.3	97.3

Primary Applications

The application process opened on Monday 7th November for Nursery parents to apply online for their child's Reception/Primary place at school. The closing date for applications is Sunday 15th January. For more information you can contact Admissions on 0300 123 4043 or online via:

www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

If you would like help with making your application or do not have a computer at home, please come to the school office and Mrs Thomas or Mrs Desborough will be happy to help you.



Value of the month

This month's value is: **Peace**

"All we are saying is give peace a chance."

John Lennon

This value is poignant as we remember those who have lost their lives in service on Remembrance Sunday.

Please send in any 'Book of Fame' nominations for examples of the values that your child demonstrates outside school.



Governor Report: Clare Miller

I would like to say a very well done to our Year 4 class for their powerful dramatisation on the history of Diwali. Each child had a part to play during this assembly, acting out the legend of the Hindu Festival of Lights through dance, acting and song. The children explained to the school how Diwali is celebrated and looked at the spiritual values the festivities represent. A beautiful and vibrant assembly enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mrs Shergill for organising the assembly.

Fundraising Events

Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for organising the recent fundraising events. The following amounts were raised:

Halloween Cake Sale:
£228.30

Bags2School:
£132.00

We have had a great response to the children Christmas card and gift packs created by each child in school. This new school project, organised by the fundraising committee, and is a lovely way to send personalised cards and gifts to friends and family.

Graffiti Busters Scheme

If you see any inappropriate graffiti, or broken glass in a park, please report it to Stevenage Borough Council on telephone number 0800 136661. The Council will endeavour to remove it within three hours of receiving the call.

Christmas 2016



Please be advised that ticket prices for concerts and the cost of baubles will increase this year. We use the money raised to provide the resources needed for the school and the children over Christmas. Last year we were not able to cover all the cost of Christmas. We do not envisage another price rise for many years. Baubles will be £1.00 and concert tickets £2.00 for adults and £1 for children. We are grateful to all parents for their continued support.

Year 1

On Thursday 3rd November, Year 1 were visited by Stevenage museum. They had an interesting morning investigating old and new toys. The children even learned how to French skip and how to play cat's cradle.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning and Year 1 learned about different toys from their parents' and our grandparents' generation! Thank you to Stevenage museum for a wonderful experience.



Polio Day

Thank you for all those families that contributed to the charity event 'End Polio Now'. The school raised £193 for the Stevenage Rotary Club in support of this worthwhile cause.

Cycling Proficiency

Well done to all the children in Year 5 and 6 who have taken part in cycling proficiency this half term. It is an important skill and prepares children well for secondary school.

Congratulations: Lucy Baldock, Joshua Booyse, Madison Brooks, Erica Buckwell, Alex Craig, Thomas D'Gama, Isla Edwards, William Honeysett, Emily Hunter, Ellie Johnston, Phoebe Mayhew, Kahlen Miller-Dineen, Tallulah Ridley, Mia Schneider, Brandon Vincent, William Perry, Toni Abema M-Duku, Teddy O'Brien, Harley Butcher, Harley Grayling, Jake Norris, George Page, Connor O'Sullivan, Sasha Booyse, Jake Merriman, Mia Khoury, Sienna Garner, Jayden Thompson, Isabelle Wright, Jenson Baker and Fletcher Stewart.

Library Visit

Reception and Year 1 were visited by Inka from Stevenage library. She read "This Book Just Ate My Dog!" and "Jacob O'Reilly Wants a Pet" to the classes. The children had a lovely time and were keen to join the library if they had not already.

Reading Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the recent reading workshop organised by Mrs Mandell. Jane Andrews delivered an informative and interesting session about reading at home. For those

of you who were not able to make it, the key messages were:

- Share and enjoy books together in an enjoyable and relaxed way.
- Read what your child is interested in and avoid 'reading homework' battles
- Talk about books, help your child make links to their own experience and have fun.
- Play games that build vocabulary and talk about new words.
- Children are never too old to be read too!

I would also like to thank all the staff who came back to school for the meeting. Everyone at Trotts Hill is committed to providing your child with the best possible learning experiences and we value the partnership we have with our parents.

Young Voices Choir

Mrs Cornish and Mrs Flack would like to thank the O2 choir for their hard work and commitment so far this term. We have been working hard to teach all the songs for January's performance and are now meeting twice a week in order to perfect our repertoire. T-shirts and tickets have all been ordered, but will not be delivered until after Christmas. Pupils can find some of the songs and dance moves by searching YYTV on YouTube to help them practice at home.

New Town

Today, we officially celebrated, Stevenage being 70 years old. Classes shared some work in a special and we had a cake, prepared by Mrs Donovan. Mr Speller was able to join us and share his knowledge of Stevenage.

Childcare Provision

Hertfordshire County Council has a statutory duty to ensure that Childcare provisions are in place for children of all ages. In order to support parent's needs, HCC are kindly asking if you could take a few moments to complete their online survey:

surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/Sufficiencyparentsurvey/

The survey closes on 23rd December and your contributions will be of benefit to all Hertfordshire families.

Football Match Report

Yesterday, Year 5 & 6 played against Round Diamond in a football match. There were two different games, and the score in one was 4-7 to Round Diamond and the other match was 4-2 to Trotts Hill.

Everyone played amazingly, but the men of the matches were Jake Norris, for being our goal scorer and using amazing teamwork, and Hayden, for being a great goalie. In the other team, men of the match were Connor O'Sullivan for being a great defender and Dion for scoring a hat-trick. Thank you for taking the time to read our report.

William Honeysett & Arun Mehan Year 6