



Visits to Our School

I am pleased to inform you that we have had several visits from our Improvement Partners over the last two terms. They have looked in depth at our English, Maths and Science teaching and learning across the school. All the visitors have been very impressed at the high standard of teaching and learning in these subjects across all year groups. They have praised the professionalism of the staff, both teachers and teaching assistants, and their knowledge of their subjects. They spent some time talking to the children, who spoke very well of their learning and how much they enjoyed coming to school. The children were also asked if they felt safe and happy at school, to which the overwhelming majority of the children said they did.

We have also been fortunate to have an Early Years specialist visit us every term to advise on the latest guidance. She has been very impressed at our early years practice, and in fact we were invited to host a training session for other teachers to come and see our practice, which was very successful.

Attendance Update

Our attendance was improving and reached 93.4% before the Easter break, which was catching up to the national average. Unfortunately, with so many unauthorised holidays being taken before and after Easter our attendance has dropped to 93.2% while the national average has risen to 93.7%. This is such a shame as so many families and children made a real effort to improve their attendance. Hopefully over this term we can work together to improve children's attendance at school.

Celebration

Our school is 50 years old this year!
We are planning a celebration on Tuesday 11th July from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.
We are hoping that past pupils and parents will come and visit and share their memories with us.
There will be more information about this event as the planning unfolds.
Please save the date.

Uniform

Hopefully summer will arrive soon!
Summer dresses, culottes or grey short can be worn. A reminder that open toed sandals should not be worn please. Thank you.

Opening Times

The new opening times have been successful.
We have now increased The After School Club hours from 3:15pm to 5:15pm.

Damage to the School

I would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who has supported us in trying to recover property that was stolen on Saturday. A resident has returned play tyres and 2 Diddy Cars that were left on his property (one damaged). Our site manager has repaired the damage to a garden area. We are awaiting a quote to repair the electronic gate. Other items damaged are being replaced. For added security we will now be padlocking all sets of gates and all sheds. Two sheds will be moved to a more visible area. Hopefully these will be a deterrent and we will have no further incidents.

Calendar Dates

May 15th - YR4,5,6 Swimming begins
May 17 – Governors meeting 7:00pm
May 18th – YR Parent activity 2:00pm
May 23rd – Y3/Y4 Artists workshop
May 24th – Y1 Parent activity 9:00am
May 26th – YR Parent reading 2:45pm
May 29th – Jun 2nd - Half Term

Jun 5th – YR–Y6 Robotics workshop
Jun 6th - YR-Y2 Ark Farm visiting am
Jun 6th, 13th, 20th, 28th – Y4 to the Edge am
Jun 8th – PTA AGM 7:00pm
Jun 9th, 16th, 30th, Jul 7th – YR5 to
Stanborough Lakes

Jun 12th – Class photos
Jun 15th – PTA Movie night
Jun 16th – YR Parent reading 2:45pm
Jun 20th- 23rd – YR5 York trip
Jun 28th – Y1 Knebworth House
Jun 29th Parent Council 10:00am
Jun 30th – Y3 Henry Moore Gardens
Jun 30th – YR Parent reading 2:45pm

Jul 5th – Y1 Parent assembly 9:00am
Jul 8th – PTA Summer Fair
Jul 11th - YR4 Verulamium
Jul 11th – 50 Years celebration 5-7:00pm
Jul 13th – Y6 Transition day
Jul 19th – Sports Day
Jul 21st – Leavers assembly
Jul 21st – End of term 2:00pm

Sep 1st – Occasional day –School closed
Sep 4th – Inset Day – School closed
Sep 5th – Children back to school