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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

Surveys

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed your thoughts via the parent/carer survey. This is a great opportunity to share your views. The link is below for anyone who wants to do it at the last minute. This survey will close at midnight tonight!

<https://goo.gl/forms/dEQd14sl8B5eLZxh2>

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Megan S and Jack VG

5R – Keira M and Evan M-J

Willow S – Kickboxing

3B – Georgia J and Megan W

5F – Ella W and Elsie H

George R – Swimming

4H – Eden J and Amelia T

6M – Betsie Y and Luca P

Jack VG – Swimming

4DR – Noah W and Estella M

6C – Mia W and Grace H

We love hearing about any achievements outside of school and Mr Hall is happy to announce them in collective worship on a Tuesday.

Parent Governor Election

You should have received an email from the office with details of a vacancy on our governing body. We currently have one vacancy for the role of parent governor. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please complete the nomination form and return it to school. Beth Townsend (Chair of Governors) and I will be available in school to discuss the role with anyone who wants to know more between 9.00 and 10.00 on Thursday 25th January.

Online/Internet Safety

Mrs Ing has recently completed the training to be a CEOP Ambassador (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) and will be sharing her training with staff in a series of training sessions so that we can keep your children as safe as possible. If you want any information on internet safety for your own practice at home, the following links may be useful:

[BBC](#) – Keeping children safe online

[CEOP](#) – Child Exploitation and Online Protection

[Ditto](#) – Online safety magazine for schools and parents

[Thinkuknow](#) – child friendly internet safety site

Headlice

We do have some extra visitors in school at the moment so it may be worth spending some time checking your child's head. Useful information can be found by clicking on this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Vision

In light of the recent SIAMS visit and as part of their ongoing work, governors are reviewing the school vision. Mr Hall and I will be seeking views from staff and children and a working group of governors will be tasked with looking at the information gathered and presenting it to the whole governing body. We will keep you updated on this process as we work it through. I have placed some suggestion cards in the office so please fill one in if you wish to add your view to the discussion.



Around School

School has been a hive of activity this week and, as usual, the activities taking place in classes have been very varied. I have seen Year 3 looking at rocks in science. The boys seemed particularly enthused by this topic and we may very well be developing the geologists of the future. Year 4 have been busy learning about the Anglo-Saxons in history and the lasting impact that they have had on this country. Year 5 were baking biscuits this week but to make things slightly more challenging the recipe was written in French! One of the highlights of the week for me was when Nadia C (5R) came to the office to show me the spreadsheet she had been working on in ICT. Her use of formulas was so accurate that I am thinking of asking her to cost up the new furniture needed for my office. Finally, Year 6 have started their Maths Buddy system and are supporting younger pupils with their Maths skills. Well done to 6M for a great assembly this morning!

Office Update

The office team have asked me to remind parents to make sure that any absence is phoned in on the school absence line before 8.30am. Picking up the phone messages is the first task undertaken each day, so calling in the absence will make sure that we have the register up to date by the time it closes for the morning session. Please do not e-mail with on the day absences. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

Be Bright Be Seen

Well done to the following children who won the Be Bright Be Seen poster competition:

Megan Williams (3B) Emilia S (3I) Max B (4DR) Ava W (4H) Merryn D (5F) Darcey G (5R) Milly B (6M) and Ruby I (6C)

Thanks to our Junior Travel Ambassadors (Tom R, Livia V, George B and Laura H) for organising the competition.

Important Dates

Event	Date/Time
Buddies Disco for children	Friday 19 th January 19.00 – 20.30
Years 5 & 6 - Netball festival at Tring School	Wed 24 th January
6C Class Collective Worship	Friday 26 th January 09.15
Young Voices	Tuesday 30 th January
Year 3 – George’s Marvellous Medicine	Wednesday 31 st January
5F Class Collective Worship	Friday 2 nd February 09.15
House Games - Years 3 & 4	Friday 2 nd February
Quiz Night	Friday 2 nd February 19.00 onwards
Hertfordshire Cross Country Run event – Years 5 & 6	Saturday 3 rd February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 6 th February
Lent Church Service	Wednesday 7 th February 13.30
5R Class Collective Worship	Friday 9 th February 09.15
House Games - Years 5 & 6	Friday 9 th February
End of half term	Friday 9 th February - School closes at 15.30
Back to school	Monday 19 th February
4DR Class Collective Worship	Friday 23 rd February 09.15
Poet Visit – James Carter	Tuesday 27 th February
4H Class Collective Worship	Friday 2 nd March 09.15
Buddies Disco for children	Friday 2 nd March 19.00 – 20.30
3I Class Collective Worship	Friday 9 th March 09.15
SEN Reviews	12 th and 13 th March
3B Class Collective Worship	Friday 16 th March 09.15
Parents’ Consultation Evening	Tuesday 20 th March 16.30 – 19.00
Parents’ Consultation Evening	Wednesday 21 st March 16.30 – 19.00
End of Term	Thursday 29 th March - School closes at 13.30

Kind Regards
Mr Gary Stanley