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Friday 15th September 2023

Meet the Teacher

We had a fantastic turnout for the Year 6 meeting today. Thank you to those who were able to come along! The other meeting dates are detailed below. We aim to start the meeting as soon as all the children have arrived and been registered. The Year 6 parents did a magnificent job of waiting patiently and signing in efficiently today. They were fortunate enough to have glorious sunshine to wait in. We look forward to seeing more of you as the weeks progress.

Year 4 – Friday 22nd September

Year 5 – Friday 29th September

Year 3 – Friday 6th October

Tring Festival of Fore

If you are attending Tring Festival of Fire on Saturday 4th November, please use the code BIS23 when buying your tickets. This will raise much needed funds for the school. Thank you!

Morning Snack

As a school we have made a commitment to reduce the amount of rubbish we generate, in particular single use plastic. One of the ways we manage this is by our morning snack policy. Morning snacks should be something which is healthy. We have noticed a lot of children eating crisps at break time which is generating plastic waste and is not particularly healthy. Our feeling is that children are heading to their lunch boxes and reaching for lunch items rather than the delicious snack you have probably packed for them to eat at morning break. We will be asking children to return crisp type items to their bags so please make sure they have a healthy snack with them each day. For more info or clarification, please contact Mrs Reeve.

Economic Exclusion Audit

On Wednesday we will be having our Herts CC Economic Exclusion Audit which is being carried out by an advisor from HfL Education. Every school in the county will be receiving one of these audits over this or the next academic year. We are pleased to welcome this audit at a time when the cost of living increase is impacting many members of our school community. If you have not already completed the survey, please do so by following [this link](#) (I hope it is still open!). Completing the survey will help us to change policy and practice for the better. The audit will be attended by myself, Jane Guest and Di Ivory (school governor). I will write to you afterwards detailing some of the main points.

Spelling Bee – Tring School

Mrs Rapsey from Tring School has invited local primary schools to take part in a Spelling Bee on Thursday 5th October. They will be using the spellings from the Statutory Spelling Lists from the National Curriculum. These words can be found on our website. We will be running 'heats' for the Spelling Bee in the week beginning 25th September for all those children who wish to be considered (it will not be compulsory!) We will let parents know who will be taking part in the Spelling Bee by the end of that week and they will be invited to Tring School to attend.

Mrs Clark

Behaviour for Learning Champions!

Congratulations to the following children who were the Behaviour for Learning Champions last week!

6C - Anya R and Josh B

6M - Alba S and Tilly E

5H - Callum H and Astrid G

5DR - Bunny BB and Layla MK

4H - George M and Annabel S

4A - Finley C and Sebastian B

3I - Ellie H and Lyle G

3S - Edward V and Ektaa M

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:



3I – Mabel A and Paisley P
 3S – Reuben S and Mollie H
 4A – Arthur M and Elle B
 4H – Magnus M and Isabelle HW
 5DR – Gabe B and Jasmine W
 5H – Zac M and Wills H
 6C – Thomas B and Betsy L
 6M – Austin H and Archie G

Outside Honours

Melody B – BRFC Player of the match
 Annabel H, Scarlett D and Astrid G – Netball
 Scarlett D – Cricket
 Elle B – Blue Peter Badge
 Ellis M – TTFC Player of the week
 Frankie B – TPCC Bowler of the Year
 Freya S – Red Belt in Karate
 Alfie Just – Green Belt in Karate

Around School

Year 3 have been busy improving their place value knowledge in Maths this week. Year 4 really enjoyed their first swimming session of the term. Year 5 have been looking at the power of ten in Maths and Year 6 have had some great PE sessions with Coach Lee. Next week, Year 3 are going to be writing setting descriptions based on the Stone Age. Year 4 will be creating newspaper reports. Year 5 will be getting hands on with some Anglo-Saxon artefacts and Year 6 have their Wise-Up day which is always very popular.

Term Dates for 2024/2025

The term dates for this year and the next academic year are now on the website. They can be found [here](#).

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of key dates for the Autumn Term. We will add to this as we progress through the school year. New dates will be highlighted.

Wednesday 20 th September	Year 6 - Wise Up Day (Letter sent 11 th September)
Friday 22 nd September	9am – Year 4 Meet the Teacher
Friday 29 th September	9am – Year 5 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 3 rd October	Year 3 Trip – Chiltern Open Air Museum (Letter sent 8 th September)
Friday 6 th October	9am – Year 3 Meet the Teacher
Friday 13 th October	2pm – Harvest Festival in St Peter & St Paul Church (details to follow)
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th October	Fun, Fit & Fruity Week (details to follow)
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 6 th November	SEN/PPG Parent Meetings during the week (details to follow)
Monday 13 th November	Year 6 - Weighing & Measuring (Letter sent 8 th September)
Monday 13 th November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 15 th November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 15 th November	Year 5 – Anglo Saxon Day (details to follow)
Monday 20 th November	2pm – Music Celebration (details to follow)
Wednesday 22 nd November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 24 th November	Occasional Day (school closed)
Monday 18 th December	Nativity – Evening Performance in St Peter & St Paul Church (Details to follow)
Wednesday 20 th December	9.30am – Christmas Service in St Peter & St Paul Church (Details to follow)
Wednesday 20 th December	1.30pm – School closes for Christmas

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley