Friday 29th March 2019

Elm: Reuben, Zara

Dear Parents/Carers, Reasons to Celebrate!

"Whatever words we utter should be chosen with care for people will hear them and be influenced by them for good or ill." – *Buddha*

We have had a very busy, very full term — Spring has only really just sprung (as can be seen in the weather!) and yet, the children have had a great 'spring time' of learning. However, they are most certainly ready for a rest over the Easter holidays!

This week, I talked to the children about choosing their words carefully with each other — showing kindness, and respect, through their actions and words. I shared with them a wonderful book — Have you filled a bucket today? - by Carol McCloud. It talks about each of us carrying an invisible bucket to hold good thoughts and good feelings about ourselves. The book focuses on everyone remembering to show kindness in our actions and words so that we can fill each other's buckets (and our own!).

House Points:

Merit Awards:

Ash: Ella, Finley, Violet, Anna



561 St Alban

St Nicholas

586 St Hilda

St Francis

Value this half term:



"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others." (Colossians 3.13)

The Book Fair grand total...

Thank you for your fantastic support of the book fair. This year your wonderful purchases raised a whopping £650 in commission for us to spend on books for our class libraries. Well done!

Musicians Next Term

Next term, our musical pupils will be able to sign up to play as we come into the hall during assemblies on Wednesdays and Fridays. Do encourage your child to sign up if they'd like to play!

Farewell!

Mrs Kate Whitby, Y3 teacher, leaves us at the end of next week. We are very sad to see her go, but wish her well for all that is to come and thank her for everything she has done to make learning fun for her class!

Although we still have one more week to go, if I don't get chance to say it in person - on behalf of all the staff and pupils, I wish you a happy Easter and a restful break!

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Diary Dates

New dates are in bold.

March 2019	
Friday 29 th	EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm
	PTA Mother's Day Flower Sale — 3.15pm
	PTA School Disco, 5.15pm (EYFS + KS1), 6.45pm (KS2)
April 2019	
Tuesday 2 nd	Y3/4 Show Afternoon Performance, 2pm
Wednesday 3 rd	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale — 3.15pm in the Hall
	Y3/4 Show Evening Performance, 6.30pm
Friday 5 th April	• Easter Service, 9.30am in School (All Welcome!)
	Spring Term finishes at 1.15pm
	PTA Tuck Shop — 1.15pm
Monday 8 th – Mond	ay 22 nd • Easter Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 23 rd	School re-opens for the Summer Term
Friday 26 th	KS2 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm
May 2019	
Friday 3 rd	EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm
Monday 6 th	BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed
Friday 10 th	KS2 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember not to send your children into school with products containing nuts — this is to protect children and staff with allergies. Thank you!

School Meal Price Change

Herts Catering have announced they are increasing school meal costs by 10pm due to rising food costs. The rise will take effect after the Easter Holidays — please note the new meal cost will therefore be $\pounds 2.60$.

PTA News

We have lots of lovely things to help raise money to support our school. This year, we are supporting the development of the Forest School approach, and new IT equipment (quite a few pupil laptops are showing their age!). Please do support our efforts — by joining in or by helping out — or both! Thank you!

Pupil Disco - Friday 29th March 5.15pm (EYFS + KS1) and 6.45pm (KS2)

£2 on entry + Disco Reply Slip
Tuck Shop, Disco goodies, Pocket Money Toys

<u>Second Hand Uniform Sale – Wednesday 3rd April 3.15pm</u> Stock up on uniform!

Last Day of Term Tuck Shop - Friday 5th April 1.15pm

Come and buy an end of term treat!

NEXT TERM:

PTA Quiz Night • Clothing Bag Collections • Summer Fete: Saturday 6th July 2019

Thank you for your support!

Y2 Class Assembly

Y2 gave us a wonderful treat with their Class Assembly last week. Well done to everyone for remembering their lines, actions and sharing their learning.



Y3 & Y4: Splash!

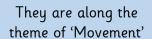
The children have been working very hard to prepare their production — Splash! The singing, actions and words have been rehearsed, costumes are hanging ready and finishing touches to props are being made.

We're looking forward to seeing it next week — don't forget to bring your tickets!



Y6 Art Work

Y6 have been creating their sculptures using wire and gloopy papier maché!



They will be on display in the classroom and main entrance once complete!







Mobile phones and dogs

Please can we remind parents not to use their Mobile Phones while on school grounds and we are a dog free school site (however cute/cuddly they may be!).

Thank you.



THUNK...

At home, find some time to have a 'Thunk' moment — A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light. Have fun thinking/talking about them!

Does your dog/cat/horse love you the way you love it?