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Reasons to Celebrate!

Merit Awards:

Ash: Rosa

Elm: Raffael, Lara, Katherine

Y3: Poppy, Daisy, Samuel,
Daniel, Taylor

Y4: Anelia

Y5: George, Woody, George

House Points:



St Nicholas



St Francis



St Alban



St Hilda

Value this half term:



“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” (Matthew 7.12)



Name the Tiger from the Fete – helping Mr Asher in the office...

Dear Parents/Carers,

“We learned about gratitude and humility – that so many people had a hand in our success, from the teachers who inspired us to the janitors who kept our school clean... and we were taught to value everyone’s contribution and treat everyone with respect.”

Michelle Obama

Just before we break up for the summer, there’s time for one last Newsletter! I hope you have enjoyed reading about your child’s achievements this year in their end of year report. There is so much to celebrate and be proud of – your children have had a great year, and it has been a joy to see them grow over the year.

It will be very sad to say goodbye to those members of our community moving on to pastures new:

- Our Y6s as they head off for the adventures that await at secondary schools
- Staff leaving us for new posts or a well-earned retirement

However, there is also the anticipation of new possibilities brought by a new school year. New classes, new families and staff joining our school, new challenges and next steps in learning.

Staffing Changes

I am delighted to announce that we will welcome Mrs Victoria Moore as our new SENCo from September. She has already been to visit the school and begun to learn about the pupils. There will be an opportunity for families of pupils with SEND to meet Mrs Moore at our next SEND Coffee Morning (see the Diary Dates). We are also delighted to welcome Mr Daniel Roberts as our new Caretaker, and Mrs Aline Prado as a new LSA to the staff team.

PTA Fete

A huge thank you to everyone for the excellent fete – it was wonderful to see everyone having a great time and raising money to support our school. The grand total is still being finalised, but is expected to be in excess of £3200. Well done and thank you!! We’ve also raised £104 in 2nd hand uniform sales!! Look out for PTA Autumn events when we come back in September.

On behalf of all the staff, I hope you have a wonderful summer break, full of family and friends. Thank you for all your support and see you in September!

Philip Asher, Headteacher

Diary Dates

New dates are in bold.

July 2019

Friday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leavers' Assembly, 2pm in School
Tuesday 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year Service, 9.30am in School 1.15pm End of the Summer Term – school closes for Summer Holiday

September 2019

Tuesday 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School opens to pupils – start of the new school year!
Tuesday 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Swimming Lessons start (for 6 weeks)
Wednesday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the Teacher (All classes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.20pm; and again at 4.20pm
Wednesday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am SEND Coffee Morning (by invitation, for families of pupils with SEND)
Friday 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual and Family Photos

October 2019

Wednesday 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Harvest Service – in Church (Parents invited)
Friday 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Celtic Harmony Trip
Tuesday 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 National Child Measurement Programme (Nurse visit, in school)
Monday 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu Vaccines (Y1-Y6)
Tuesday 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Swimming Lessons start (for 6 weeks, excluding Half Term)
Friday 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints' Day Creative Workshops, 2.30pm Service (Parents invited)
Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half Term – School Closed to pupils

November 2019

Monday 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inset Day – School Closed to pupils
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Consultations (individual appointments with class teachers and drop in for SENCo)
Monday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.50am Act of Remembrance – in School
Friday 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Clothing Bag Collection

December 2019

2 nd – 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coram Education Life-Ed Tent in school (all classes)
Tuesday 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11am EYFS Nativity Performance 2pm KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Nativity Performance
Wednesday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Nativity Performance
Friday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS/KS1 Christmas Parties
Monday 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.00pm Christmas Service – in Church (Parents invited)
Wednesday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School Panto Trip (Rec – Y6, Rhodes Centre)
Friday 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.15pm End of the Autumn Term – school closes for Christmas Holiday

Meet The Teacher: Wed. 11th September: 3.20pm and 4.20pm

Come and meet your child's new teacher and see their classroom! The session will run twice so parents can meet more than one teacher, will last around 30 minutes, and a crèche will run for school age children in the main hall.

If you're unable to attend, any handouts will be sent home.

School Meals

Please ensure your child's school meal balance is paid up before the end of the school term. Thank you!
Please speak to Mrs Perryman for more information.

Y4 Archaeological Dig

Year 4 was very fortunate to have LP Archaeologists in school to see what treasures they could uncover on our field. As they have been studying Bishops Stortford this term, they had all been wondering what was in our school grounds before we were here. The children were very enthusiastic as they learnt how to prepare a site, health and safety and also how to dig properly to ensure they preserved the artefacts. Although the ground was extremely hard, they managed to find pieces of pottery, wood, fossilised animal material and lots of rocks and flint! The children managed to dig down to about 30cm which takes us back about 100 years! On the Friday, the Archaeologists came back to show the class some interesting finds from previous sites as well as bag up and classify our own finds.

Thank you to all the staff at LP Archaeologists for your support and knowledge, we think there are some budding archaeologists for the future and some have even now attempted to dig up their own garden (with parental permission, of course!)



Y4 Hinduism Visit

Year 4 have been very lucky this term and have some special visitors in to see them. On Wednesday, Mrs Shah came in at the end of our Hinduism topic to talk about what it was like to live as a Hindu. The children emailed her questions last week and they all learnt a lot about the religion in daily life. Thank you Mrs Shah!



Y1 Class Assembly

Year 1 performed beautifully in their class assembly recently – and given their theme of Seaside this term, it was fitting to take it outside and enjoy the sunshine and beautiful grounds! Well done to all.

Wind in the Willows

What a treat to have had this performance in school last week! Well don't to our Y6s and Y5s for their excellent production – and of course to the staff for the props and preparation that has gone into it. It was, as one audience member said – “The best production of Wind in The Willows we've seen!”



Y3 Performance Poetry



Y3 shared their fabulous performance of the Granny Rap with the whole school at our Celebration Assembly on Friday.



Sunny Weather

Please remember to send your child in to school with a hat, water bottle and (if they need it) sun cream they can apply themselves during the summer weeks. 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!

Can you be 'best friends' with more than one person? If so, what's the maximum number of best friends you can have?



Summer Adventures

Why not send us a postcard from your summer adventures?

It doesn't matter if it's a stay-cation or an exotic trip to a tropical jungle – send us a postcard to share your adventures! Tell us what you've done, new things you've learned, tried or new people you've met.

Don't forget, you can also carry on your learning through our online resources.



Join in the summer reading fun by visiting your local library and signing up – read any six (yes, only six!!) books of your choice from the library and collect special rewards every time you finish one. Finish the challenge and earn a certificate!

Bring your certificates in to school for the first Celebration Assembly of the year on Friday 6th September to receive a special Reading Merit (worth six class Merits!).

Go to your local library for more information or visit:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/about-space-chase>

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

School opens at 8.40am on Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Term Dates 2019-20

Please note the May Bank Holiday has changed (the Government moved the day for 2020).

Autumn Term 2nd September – 20th December

Inset Day: Monday 2nd September (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 3rd September – Thursday 24th October

Half Term: Monday 28th – Friday 1st November

Inset Day: Monday 4th November (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 5th November – Friday 20th December

Spring Term: 6th January – 3rd April

Inset Day: Monday 6th January (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February

Half Term: Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

Pupils in school: Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April

Summer Term: 20th April – 20th July

Pupils in school: Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

Updated Early May Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May – School Closed (NOT Monday 4th!!)

Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Inset Day: Monday 1st June (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 2nd June – Friday 17th July

Inset Day: Monday 20th July (School closed to pupils)

School closes at 1.15pm on the last day of each FULL term:

- Friday 20th December
- Friday 3rd April
- Friday 17th July

Attendance 2018-19

Our attendance over the last year has been above the national and local average at 97%, with a very low unauthorised absence rate of 0.6%. Thank you for your support and determination to prioritise your child's education this year!

Please do check the term dates above before booking your family holidays for the coming year.