



Friday Update



15th February 2019

SERIOUS CONCERNS:

I simply cannot believe that the last Friday Update's plea to help with parking and consideration towards our neighbours and each other has fallen on deaf ears. I have had three serious complaints this week.

- 1) One from a neighbour who has taken pictures of a car blocking her drive.
- 2) The second from a neighbour who had their drive blocked causing her to be late for work, she reported the number plate and said the driver of the car was very rude to her.
- 3) The third one was between two parents. One who was driving the wrong way down our voluntary one-way system causing other cars to back up because there wasn't room to pass. When asked to reverse back a little to allow them through, the driver became very rude, using incredibly bad language and even left her car and ran towards the other driver in a very threatening manner. This was witnessed by several other parents who rang the school horrified at these actions. It was also in front of the children in both cars, what sort of an example is this for our children? We have had many e-mails from parents who are concerned with the safety of the children at the end of the day. It seems such a shame that the actions of a few are ruining it for so many and ruining the wonderful reputation this school has always had.

The weather is improving now and there are parking spaces in the roads around the school within a 5 minute walk. Perhaps you could consider parking a little further away and walking the last bit to school? This would alleviate the parking problem considerably and give parents and children a bit of exercise and fresh air and the chance to talk to each other. Please can you help with the problem of parking outside of school as much as you can, this is a problem that affects all schools but it really is an accident waiting to happen outside the school gates every day.

Hedgehogs enjoyed their visit from the firemen who came with their fire-engine. They looked great this week dress as local community heroes, we had some wonderful doctor, nurses and police outfits etc. on both the children and adults.

Year 1 started last week with a fantastic Victorian Day. The children experienced what it was like to learn in Victorian conditions, and also enjoyed learning to use skipping ropes and hula hoops. Thank you so much for your efforts with the costumes, they were very much appreciated and they helped to immerse the children into our history.

Year 4 displayed their wonderful art work to parents in the school hall this week. Thank you for supporting their exhibition. It was amazing what they had been inspired to achieve after our Arts Workshop earlier on this term. Well done children.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

We are having a special day in school where we are promoting the love of reading. Please can children bring in their favourite reading book from home. We are **NOT** asking the children to dress up for World Book Day. School Uniform to be worn.

Comic Relief – Friday 15th March

We are asking children to wear their own clothes to school but with their jumper or t-shirt worn back to front, with a £1 donation towards this wonderful charity. Thank you

PTFA Quiz – A letter was sent home this week with the information about our PTFA Quiz on Friday 8th March. This is a fun night with a chip supper. The teams are in groups of 8, why don't you try to get a team of family or friends together, come along and join in the fun. Please can you complete the form and return to school by Wednesday 6th March. If you are unable to get a team of 8, the PTFA will put you in another team where possible. This is a great social event but we need you there to make it a success. Thank you

We are running very low on pants and socks for children in lower school. If your child has grown out of underwear that is still in good condition, we would be really grateful for any donations. Thank you.

Lunchtime Supervisor – If you would like to become one of our Lunchtime Supervisors working from 12.15 – 1.15 p.m. Monday – Friday term time only please collect an application form from the school office. Thank you

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day dates are:

Hedgehogs and Year 1	Monday 1 st July	9.30 – 12.00
Years 2, 3 and 4	Tuesday 2 nd July	9.30 – 12.00
Years 5 and 6	Tuesday 9 th July	9.30 – 12.30

Dates for your Diaries:

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February – School Closed – Half Term

Monday 25th February - School Closed – Staff Training Day

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day – please can children bring book to school

Friday 8th March - PTFA Quiz night with chip supper

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief Day

Friday 15th March - Zoo Lab visiting Year 1

Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th March – Year 4 Hooke Court Residential

Monday 1st April - Parents Evening to see teachers 3.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 3rd April - Parents Evening to see teachers 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.

Friday 5th April - School Closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30 p.m.

Masses and Liturgies this term

Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday Liturgies for whole school

Wednesday 13th March 9.15 a.m. Year 6 Mass led by Class 6MR

Wednesday 3rd April 9.30 a.m. Whole school Mass at St. Joseph's Church

You are always welcome to join us for our Masses and Liturgies – we would love to see you.

We hope you all have an enjoyable half term holiday.

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If you have any concerns please contact our designated Safeguarding officers
Mr. McDermott, Mrs. O'Donoghue, Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Hardwick.*