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Opening doors to our future.

"Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our new weekly newsletter! I hope that this will give you regular insights into the exciting things going on in school as well as helpful reminders.

PE Days

From next week PE lessons will be moving to different days in each class. Please see the table below so that you know when your child needs to wear PE kit to school.

Class	PE Days
Reception	Thursdays
Year 1	Mondays and Thursdays
Year 2	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year 3	Mondays and Wednesdays
Year 4	Fridays (Swimming)
Year 5	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 6	Fridays (double lesson)

Year 6 Danbury Residential – 17th -18th June

We would like to invite all parents in for an information meeting about the residential trip on Thursday 9th May at 3.20pm. We will be giving you an overview of the activities, sleeping arrangements and kits lists so attendance is strongly advised. Please let us know if you cannot make it so that we can get an information pack to you.

Opening doors to our future through excellent attitudes towards learning...

This week's headteacher's awards went to the following children for fantastic attitudes to learning and exemplary behaviour. As part of their award they were also able to enjoy hot chocolate and a biscuit with Mrs Cox! Well done to all of them!

Reception: **Thalia**
Year One: **Josh**
Year Two: **Maya**
Year Three: **Dorsey**

Year Four: **Hannah**
Year Five: **Hope**
Year Six: **Julia**



Opening doors through our Christian values: Respect, Responsibility, Community, Friendship, Forgiveness, Courage.

Opening doors to our future through our Christian values...

REMINDER: Parent Forum – Tuesday 23rd April at 1.30pm

As you may know our existing Christian Values have been in place for several years and so in order to make sure that they are aligned to our new school vision, we are going to work as a school community to refresh these. Therefore, I would like to invite all parents/carers to attend a parent forum to discuss possible new values on **Tuesday 23rd April at 1.30pm**. Please just call or email to office to let us know that you are coming so that we can ensure that we have plenty of tea and biscuits for all!

Opening doors to our future through enrichment activities...

Clubs

You will have seen the summer clubs letter earlier this week and we are really happy to see so many pupils signing up to them. Below are the clubs available this half term for those that missed it. Please be reminded that choir is already full and preparing for the Harlow Music Festival.

Summer 1 (6 weeks/5 weeks for teacher led clubs – start on 22/04/24)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Multi-Sports Club Sports Cool Year 1- 6 PAID CLUB Hall 3.15pm-4.15pm	Karate Club (Limit 20) Pro- Karate Academy Years 1-6. PAID CLUB Hall 3.30pm-4.15pm Children will be supervised from 3.15- 3.30pm while they get changed for the club.	Hip Hop Pop Yr 2-6 PAID CLUB Hall 3.20pm-4.20pm	Sting Performing Arts PAID CLUB Hall 3.20pm-4.20pm Please see specific dates with company.	Laser Tag Club Sports Cool PAID CLUB Years 1-6 Hall 3.15pm-4.15pm
	Times Tables Club Mrs Doychinova Years 3 and 4 (Limit 20) 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Wellbeing Club Mrs Dutton Year 6 Classroom 12.45pm- 1.15pm	Football Club PAID CLUB Year R-6 Outside (Wear Appropriate Clothing/ shoes) 3.15pm-4.15pm	Quiet Club Miss Ryde Years 1-6 Year 5 Classroom 12.45pm-1.15pm
			Choir Mrs Coote Year 4-6 Year 2 Classroom 3.15pm-4.15pm Young Voices - full	Chess Club Mrs Doychinova/Mrs Cox Years 3 – 6 (Limit to 20) 3.15pm – 4.15pm
			Gardening Club Mrs Cox All Years (Limit 20) 3.15pm-4.15pm	

Opening doors to our future by supporting local and national charities...

Coming up: Mini Marathon Fundraiser – Tuesday 30th April



On Tuesday 30th April that whole school will be taking part in a whole school ‘Mini Marathon’ to raise funds that will go towards a new wooden gym trail as sadly our current one can no longer be used. The children and staff will be running or walking all or part of 2.6 miles around our school field. **Sponsorship forms are**

coming home today so please look out for them. If any get misplaced, please ask the office for another copy. The children will be having a collective worship all about the event on Monday next week.



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General Reminders:

Football at Playtimes

As the weather gets better there will be more opportunities for the children to play football on the field at break times and lunchtimes. We have shin pads in school, however, these can run out when a large number of children want to play. If your child has a pair of shin pads that they would like to use, they are welcome to bring them in but we would ask that they are named please.

Uniform

Please be reminded that children must wear the correct school uniform every day. Jumpers must be plain red, school-style ones and not hoodies or sweatshirts of any other kind.

PE tops should red t shirt and a plain black hoodie/zip up top. Black shorts or jogging bottoms should be worn on PE days.

Shoes must be either black school shoes or trainers, depending on whether your child has PE that day.

If you have are having any financial or other difficulties that prevent you from purchasing the correct uniform, please let us know so that we can investigate how we might be able to support.

Upcoming dates:

Summer 1:

Friday 26 th April	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 2 nd May	Year 2 Trip – RHS Hyde Hall
Friday 3 rd May	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday School closed
Wednesday 8 th May	Year 5 Visit – Harlow College
Friday 10 th May	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 13 th -17 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 17 th May	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 21 st May	Whole School Sports Day
Friday 24 th May	Whole School Class Photos Year 4 Swimming (last Session)
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half Term School closed

Wishing you and your families a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

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Head of School

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