



Newsletter 2

Friday, 21st September 2018

Dear Parents,

There is a slightly more autumnal feel to the air as I write this week's newsletter. Although the sun is shining, the wind is certainly adding a fresher feel! No doubt it will not deter our Year 3 and 4 pupils who are experiencing a water sports activity day at Stanborough Lakes. Years 5 and 6 returned from their visit yesterday having had a fantastic time, and in assembly this morning, stand up paddle boarding and raft building seemed to be the favourite activities. The children were, as always, a credit to the school and there was teamwork on display in abundance – either when encouraging one another to try something new or deciding on how best to construct their rafts.

The KS1 playground surfacing was completed yesterday and, once the children have been taught how to play on their new equipment safely, it will be accessible from next week. May I remind you that no children are allowed to play on the equipment before or after school. Please make sure everyone who collects your child knows this, as there are often pre-school children who are allowed to play on the equipment.

Next week we will be visited by our School Improvement Partner, Helen Jones who will be working with Governing Board and the Senior Leadership Team to ensure we continue to build on the school's successes of last year through our School Improvement Plan, which will shortly be available on the website. This week we received a letter from Rachel MacFarlane, The Director of Education for Hertfordshire, congratulating us on the school's KS2 results and we will continue this year to work on different approaches to teaching English and Maths to ensure the best possible provision for all our children. More details will follow later this half term.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend,

Kind regards,

Suzanne Webb

Uniform reminder

Thank you for ensuring the children are smartly dressed for school. May I remind you that long hair should be neatly tied back and hair bands/hair bobbles should be plain and in the school colours. No jewellery or wristbands should be worn. Please also double check names are on labels of sweatshirts and cardigans and all children should have PE kits in school every week.

KS1 Snacks and Lunchtime

Snacks

This term we are asking the children to take their snacks outside at playtime - 10AM.

Free fruit and vegetables are provided but if your child wants to bring their own snack please ensure that it is a healthy snack. No cake, biscuits or crisps please. Can I also remind you that many cereal bars contain nuts (as well as a lot of sugar) and we do have children in KS1 with nut allergies.

Snack Ideas

Any fruit or vegetable (grapes and cherry tomatoes cut appropriately)

Apple and cheese

Plain rice cakes and banana

Hard boiled egg and cucumber

Carrot sticks and plain crackers

Pitta bread and cold chicken

If your child brings in a snack tub. Please make sure it is labelled

They still have a drink of water or milk when they come in from play. Please can all children have a labelled water bottle to drink from throughout the day.

Lunch

If you provide your child with a lunch from home can you also make sure that the contents offer balanced nutrition to sustain them through the afternoon.

Many thanks

Mrs Brennan

Data Collection

To help us ensure that our pupil contact information is up to date and allow us to promptly get in touch with parents and carers, please advise the school office of any changes to your details. During the course of the half term, we will also be asking parents to securely confirm the accuracy of the data we hold.

Stanborough Lakes Lost Property

We have a bag of lost property left over from this week's Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 excursions to Stanborough Lakes. Please come to the office if you have any items missing as they could be in the bag!

Also, the cake tin pictured here was left at the summer fete last term. If it's yours, please could you come to the school office to claim it - unfortunately there's no cake inside!



Katherine Warrington School

We are pleased to inform you that Katherine Warrington School Open Day is at Rothamsted Research Centre on Saturday 6th October from 10am to 2pm. Heads speeches will commence at 10.30am, 12pm and 1.30pm.

Thank you.

Tony Smith - Katherine Warrington School www.kwschool.co.uk

Walking in the Air

Hitchin Band are in search of vocal soloists to audition to sing "Walking in the Air" as the highlight of a production of the Snowman at Harpenden Public Halls on Sunday 9th December. We will be performing live music to accompany the animated film, with a special adaptation of Howard Blake's original score.

We would like to open the opportunity up to children in the Harpenden area. There will be two performances on the day, at 10:30 and 11:30 am. We are looking for boys or girls to take part, aged between 8 and 16 (boys must have an 'unbroken' treble voice).

Please register your child's interest by submitting an application by Saturday 6th October. We will then circulate audition material by email and ask for mp3 recordings to be submitted by Saturday 20th October for shortlisting.

Please see the flyer attached for more information.