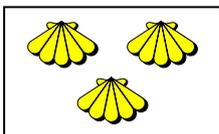


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Happy Summer!

Herts libraries Summer Reading challenge

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge in Hertfordshire libraries is "Animal Agents", a detective team with a difference. Created by bestselling Horrid Henry illustrator Tony Ross, the clever creatures use their amazing natural instincts to solve a mystery at the library. Please encourage your children to take part and bring in their medal and certificate in September.

Summer holiday activities in Herts museums

Reminder: The Museums Explorer Passport is back for 2017! Museums in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire have teamed up to offer a **free** passport for children and families to take part in a series of challenges and **free** craft activities.

You can collect your free passport from any participating Museum in the two counties and more information is available at

<https://museumexplorerpassport.com/>.

Save the date - Saturday 14th October

Helping parents to safeguard their children- conference and workshops run by Hertfordshire safeguarding children board 10-2pm at Stevenage Hertfordshire Development Centre. More details and booking information to follow in the Autumn term.

School meal prices - September

The cost of school meals for children in Nursery, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be £2.40.

Gym

Congratulations to our Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 gym teams who came 2nd and 4th at the regional competition against Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire. Well done to everyone - **Orlaith, Eddie, Harriet, Talia, Macey, Annabel, Sebastian, Charleigh-Faye, Gracie, Amy, Phoebe and Verity**. Thank you to Amy and Jenny. If you would like to join the dance or gym club please ask the office for details in September.

Outstanding trips, After School Club fees, Nursery afternoon fees and Dinner money

Can I please remind you that all outstanding amounts need to be paid by **9am Friday** to enable the office to finalise all banking before the end of term. Thank you. All money that **you do not pay for your child** stops the school providing other resources for classes.

Triathlon

Well done to the 21 Year 6 children who took part in the gruelling triathlon last week. Well done to all of them for completing the course but also to **Holly James** for winning for the girls and **Lachie Collins** for winning for the boys. A magnificent achievement by all.

Dates for the term

Friday 21 st July	Yr 6 church at 12.45 followed by 1.20pm in hall
Friday 21 st July	Finish 2pm
Monday 24 th July	INSET day
Monday and Tuesday 4/5 Sept	INSET day
Wednesday 6 th Sept	Children return

PTA

Next year we need a new committee to ensure money is provided for trips, sports equipment, Year 6 barbecue, Reception class teddies, etc. If you have any suggestions for events or want to become part of the committee we look forward to hearing from you via email to pta@highwych.herts.sch.uk. Please help us by attending PTA meetings each month and AGM on November 14th.

Goodbyes

Mrs Parkin, our KS2 TA, is leaving due to a promotion in September. We thank her for her continuous support over the past few years both in the class and as a member of the PTA.

We also say goodbye to **Miss McGarry**, **Miss Richards**, **Miss Kirby** and **Jess Douglass-Black** who leave us for other ventures. We wish them well. We say goodbye to **Mrs Albon**, who has taught in Year 1 for the term and thank her for stepping in.

Scarecrow weekend

The church are organising another scarecrow weekend on 9th and 10th September. If you have some spare wellies and would like to plant flowers in them please give them to the church by 6th September.

Lost property

There is a lot of lost property including lunch boxes still left unclaimed. If you know you are missing items please collect them before the end of the day on Friday as these will be thrown away during the holidays as we do not have the space to keep such items. Many thanks.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child takes home their PE kit at the end of term.

KS2 results

'Expected' standard	School	Herts	National
Reading	87%	76%	71%
Writing	94%	79%	74%
Maths	83%	77%	75%
Grammar	80%	79%	77%
Combined Reading, writing and maths	73%	65%	61%

Jobs available- Urgent required for September

If you are interested in being our cleaner (3.30-6.30), work or lead in the After School Club 3-6pm or be an MSA 12-1.15 up to 5 days a week please look on www.teachinherts.co.uk. We urgently require people to start in September.

Thank you to all the children, staff, parents and governors for their hard work and dedication again this year. I hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you back here safe in September. Best wishes to our Year 6 children as they move on to their new schools.

Yours sincerely
Mrs M. J. West
Headteacher