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MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Parent's Evening

There will be two parents' evenings for parents of all KS2 children on Tuesday 17th May and Wednesday 18th May.

Sheets will be available in the main reception from *Wednesday 11th May, after school*. Please sign for an appointment to meet with your child's teacher either on *Tuesday 17th May between 6.00pm and 9.00pm* or *Wednesday 18th May between 3.40pm and 6.30pm*.

Parents can sign for an appointment to meet with Jennie either on *Tuesday 17th May between 6.00 and 7.30pm* or *Wednesday 18th May between 3.40pm and 5.00pm*.

KS1 and EYFS parents will be receiving a written report on their child's progress at the end of the summer term. There will be an opportunity for you to discuss this with the Class Teacher then.

Sports Days

These will take place on the following dates:

KS2 (Y3-Y6)	-	Friday 1 st July 1.30 – 3.30pm
KS1 (Y1 & Y2)	-	Tuesday 24 th May 1.30 – 3.30pm
EYFS (N & Rec)	-	Tuesday 24 th May 10.30 – 12.00 noon

In the event of wet weather, a reserve date for each Key Stage will take place as follows:

KS2 (Y3-Y6)	-	Monday 4 th July 1.30 – 3.30pm
KS1 (Y1 & Y2)	-	Wednesday 25 th May 1.30 – 3.30pm
EYFS (N & Rec)	-	Wednesday 25 th May 10.30 – 12.00 noon

SATs Week – Y6

This begins on Monday 9th May and is a very important week for all Y6 children.

KS2 Summer Production

The KS2 Summer Production will be held on *Monday 27th June and Tuesday 28th June*. There will be an afternoon (2.00pm) and evening (7.00pm) performance on each of these dates. Year 4, 5 and 6 will be performing in all four performances with Year 3 Lisbon performing in both Monday performances and Year 3 Padua in both Tuesday performances. Numbers for the evening performances will need to be restricted, so we will be sending home two tickets for each family.

We would be grateful if you could return any unwanted tickets to the school office so they can be reallocated. We do not expect the demand for seats at the afternoon performance to be as great, therefore numbers will not be restricted for this performance.

All children in the school will have seen the play. We therefore ask that you **do not** bring them again to the evening performance. Children below school age should be brought to the afternoon performance and **not** the evening performance and for safety reasons buggies must be left outside the hall.

Please make sure you organise baby sitters in advance as *all* children who attend our school as well as pre-school children, will be refused admission. It is very upsetting for parents to miss their child's performance because they have not made the appropriate arrangements and also for the staff who have to take this action.

Y5 Parents

Parents of any child currently in Year 5, who might apply next term for a place in Y7 in 2017 at any of the Consortium schools under test criteria, will need to register with the Consortium. The best way to do this is via the SW Herts Admissions Consortium website www.swhertsschools.org.uk, but postal registration is also possible.

Registration to sit the tests will open on Tuesday 3rd May and close on Friday 17th June.

It is important that parents make sure that their child is eligible for a place at a preferred school under that school's admission criteria. These are published on each school's website. If the child is not eligible, there is no point in that child taking any of the tests.

The test centre will be allocated, based on primary school postcode, by Monday 4th July. This has absolutely no bearing on parents' eventual secondary school preferences.

PFA

The Chair of the PFA is now on maternity leave and unable to take the lead in organising events at the current time. There are no meetings planned and numbers attending recently dwindled to five. This year we have had to cancel the table top sale in November and the fashion show in April, due to lack of interest making it impossible to be confident in organising future events.

Whilst we are very grateful to Year 1 parents who organised the successful Christmas Fayre, to our treasurer, our current Chairperson and to all parents who regularly support our events and help in school, we are extremely concerned about the viability of the PFA.

For the PFA to continue we need a strong committee who are committed to planning each event, organising helpers, purchasing stock/food/drink, obtaining licences, unlocking the school, moving furniture and equipment in order to set up, preparing food, running each event safely and then staying to clean up and clear away afterwards. We need a group of parents who are prepared to accept full responsibility for all these things.

If you are able to help in this way we need you to give your details to Katie Savva, (parent in Y3), Susana Canossa (parent in Y5) or the school office. If we receive sufficient help we will organise a meeting and notify these volunteers. If we are not able to continue with the PFA in this way, we need to find an alternative way of raising money.

One idea that has been suggested is to increase school fund contributions to £2.00 each week. These are voluntary donations which go a long way in enabling us to provide resources to make your children's learning fun and enjoyable. Without this income the school would really struggle to improve its provision. If parents continue to support us by making school fund contributions, it would really help to reduce the shortfall in the absence of a PFA. We would continue to monitor the willingness of parents to reform the PFA until this, once again, becomes an option. Obviously the social aspect of the PFA is a real asset in enabling our families to come together and get to know each other. It has also significantly contributed to our valuing the cultural diversity which exists at St. Anthony's and, for these reasons, will be greatly missed.

If we are able to reform the PFA I can assure those who commit their time to organising events that they will be well supported at their functions. We are grateful to the huge numbers of parents who do this. However, without more parents coming forward to do all the hard work behind these events and taking total responsibility for all the organisation involved, we are unable to continue at the present time.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Reception

Odhran K who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Lucas P who achieved Award 4 of the ASA Duckling Award Scheme for swimming.

Year 1 Lisbon

Lucas BN and Taylor W who both won medals for playing well in a football tournament.

Year 1 Padua

Daniel S who achieved Stage 3 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Year 2 Lisbon

Adam W who received a badge for playing well in a Tag Rugby Festival.

Isla B who passed her ASA Stage 3 Award and 10m Distance Award for swimming.

Year 2 Padua

Daniel U who achieved Stage 4 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award.

Robo U who won a 'Player of the Match' trophy from West Herts Youth FC.

Year 3 Padua

Dominic D who passed his Tae Kwon Do grading and was awarded 9th KUP.

Year 4

Gabriel L who passed his grading for 6th KUP in Tae Kwon Do.

Kawaka W who won a medal at Karate for learning all the moves.

Amber C who achieved yellow belt in Karate.

Year 5

Hanna R who achieved the ASA 200m Distance Award for swimming.

Jakub S who passed his Tae Kwon Do grading for 9th KUP.

Leon Z who passed his Grade 1 Electric Guitar Exam with merit.

Aaron G who achieved Stage 8 of the ASA National Plan Award for swimming and also the 600m ASA Distance Award.

Our congratulations also go to:

Nell F	-	Year 2 Padua
Harry O'H	-	Year 3 Lisbon
Alex D	-	Year 3 Lisbon
Filip R	-	Year 3 Lisbon
Dominic G	-	Year 3 Lisbon
Oliver F	-	Year 3 Padua
Hanna R	-	Year 5

Who each received a medal as well as the team trophy for coming third place in a tournament.

Oliver F also won a trophy for being best goalkeeper.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 2nd May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tue 3 rd May	Nursery retreat session – Pentecost Y6 Literacy Booster Class after school
Wed 4 th May	Reception retreat session - Pentecost
Sat 7 th May	Y6 Booster Day – Maths and Literacy
Mon 9 th May	KS2 (Y6) test week
Tue 17 th May	Y5 Living History Day at Hatfield House Late KS2 Parents' Evening 6.00 – 9.00pm
Wed 18 th May	Early KS2 Parents' Evening 3.40 – 6.30pm
Fri 20 th May	Y3 classes visit to Hudnall Park to support their 'Rocks and Soils' topic
Tue 24 th May	EYFS Sports morning 10.30 – 12.00 noon - Parents invited KS1 Sports afternoon 1.30 -3.30pm – Parents invited Y6 Cricket Competition at Watford Boys Grammar school
Wed 25 th May	Reserve Sports morning for EYFS 10.30 – 12.00 noon (if wet on 24 th May) Reserve Sports afternoon for KS1 1.30 – 3.30pm (if wet on 24 th May)
Thu 26 th May	Sponsored Walk - PFA
Fri 27th May	Term ends. School closes at 2.30pm
Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June	Half term holiday
Mon 6 th June	School resumes
Tue 7 th June	Y4 Tennis Tournament at Watford Girls Grammar School
Wed 8 th June	Esafety evening for ALL parents – 7.00pm. Details to follow
Fri 10 th June	Y2 visit to the Roald Dahl Museum
Mon 13 th June	Y6 residential week on the Isle of Wight
Fri 17 th June	Y2 Fathers' Day assembly. All parents welcome
Tue 21 st June	Nursery parents meeting at 7.30pm – 'Preparing for Big School'
Mon 27 th June	KS2 Summer Production Performances at 2.00pm and 7.00pm by Y3 Lisbon, Y4, Y5 and Y6 classes
Tue 28 th June	KS2 Summer Production Performances at 2.00pm and 7.00pm by Y3 Padua, Y4, Y5 and Y6 classes
Fri 1 st July	KS2 Sports afternoon 1.30-3.30pm – Parents invited
Mon 4 th July	Reserve Sports afternoon for KS1 1.30-3.30pm (if wet on 1 st July)