

# NEWSLETTER

28 February 2025

### **WELCOME**

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back after half term.

We had a Trust assembly on the Friday before half term where we shared our E-Safety Learning from Safer Internet Day with Cherry Tree and Laurance Haines. We have put the presentation on the school website under 'Latest News' if you would like to have a look.

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. We aren't dressing up as we don't want our parents to have to have the expense of buying or making an outfit. However, we have planned for lots of exciting reading events to take place. We are starting the week with a whole school assembly about reading and then our 'Reading Cafe' will be open on Monday afternoon in the hall. On Thursday Mrs Ahmed has arranged a day of reading activities and we have some authors coming into school. Thank you to Mrs Ahmed for arranging this.

We are continuing our focus this half term on attendance and punctuality. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Doors open at 8.30am and the learning activities start at 8.40am. If your child is late they are missing out on these. If your child is unwell then please use Arbor to let school know. The school office will send out a reminder today about how to do this.

Finally, some maternity and paternity news! I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Saunders (Pear Class teacher) on the safe arrival of her baby boy this week. Also, a big congratulations to Mr Robertson who will be going on paternity leave for two weeks after the Easter holidays. A big thank you to Mr Hoque who will be teaching Year 6 Willow for those two weeks until Mr Robertson returns.

Have a good weekend.

#### Mrs Jackson



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd March: Reading Cafe in the hall. 5th March: Mary Seacole workshop Y2

6th March: World Book Day

14th March: 3pm - Book-Look for parents14th March: Non Uniform Day for School Funds

w/c 17th March: Y5 and Y6 Bikeability

21st March: Red Nose Day

3rd April: Y4 Play at 9am and at 2pm (1 hour)

3rd April: Nursery end of term

Friday 4th April 2025: End of term 1.30pm

Full term dates for for 2024-25 and 2025-26 can be found on the school website. https://www.beechfield.herts.sch.uk/termdates

### **READING CAFE**



### NON UNIFORM DAYS

On Friday 14th March, children can wear their own clothes to school in return for a donation to help raise money for School Funds.

On Friday 21st March, it is Red Nose Day. Children are welcome to come in to school in their own clothes.

The school will not be collecting donations - please make your own donation directly to Comic Relief. Please find the link below to their website: Comic Relief 2025



## POLITE REMINDERS! NO NUTS!

We have many students with nut allergies, some severe, and would ask that parents and carers please check that packed lunches and snacks that come in to school do not contain ANY nuts especially in items that contain chocolate fillings as these quite often contain hazelnut. Thank you.

### **PARKING**

We have been receiving ongoing complaints from residents regarding parents/carers obstructing driveways during morning and afternoon school dropoff and pick-up times.

We kindly ask that parents be mindful when parking in the area, as this behaviour does not represent the school positively. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

There has been a significant rise in the number of students withdrawn from school for appointments, which disrupts the flow of the school day. We kindly ask that parents and caregivers schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible. Please be aware that we cannot authorise absences for children taken out of school for parents' appointments. Additionally, Junior Adventures Group is available onsite from 7:30 to 8:30am and after school until 6pm to provide wrap-around care. Places can be booked via their website link below:

Junior Adventures Group

### **Y6 TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Lisa Sillitoe will be in school on Wednesday 5th March from 9am until 11am to meet with any parents who may have questions about their child's transition to Secondary School. To book an appointment, please email: <a href="mailto:lisasillitoe@dsplarea9.org.uk">lisasillitoe@dsplarea9.org.uk</a>

## PARENT SURVEY RESPONSE

Thank you again to the 133 parents who completed the survey, that was a great response! We will address the areas in the newsletters so you can see what action school is taking.

Communication methods:

Overall it was very positive with 94% of parents saying they prefer to receive information from school via email

11 parents out of 133 were not satisfied at all with the school communication.

There were 3 comments made about communication and 4 comments were made under the category of understanding their child's individual progress.

Action school will take to address these comments:

• Ensure emails and newsletters contain the same information.

School will endeavour to ensure this.

 I don't know what social and emotional support my child has had.

The Pastoral team will update parents when pastoral sessions end. We will start this from this half term. If your child has pastoral support then you will receive an email when the support finishes so you are aware of the impact that it has had.

· No reports from school yet .

Parents only receive one written report about their children per year and that is in July at the end of the summer term. Please do feel free to talk to your child's teacher if you want to know something about their progress, we do have an open door policy. Please don't wait if there is something you want to find out about.

### **SEND NEWS**

Please see the attached flyer from Herts Speech and Language Team with tips for promoting communication.



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