



Head's lines...

How can it be half-term already? The weeks have gone so quickly but I do know that many of the children are ready for a well-deserved rest after working so hard in their new classes.

Please do take note of the important dates opposite. Next half term is always busy with two performances and class assemblies plus the lead up to Christmas activities. I know that lots of classes also have curriculum linked trips or workshops booked in too. It certainly looks like being an exciting few months ahead.

It has been lovely to have a chance to talk to so many parents over the last 2 days as you attended parent consultation appointments. So many positive conversations about how well children have settled with new teachers and are enjoying the challenges in their new year groups. Please do be reassured that we welcome you to come and talk to class teachers or one of the senior leaders in school at other points in the year too. Catching staff at the end of the day is often better than the morning or contact the school office to make an appointment.

Thank you to our PA for organising an enjoyable, informative and well attended pamper evening last Friday. We have recently asked the PA to consider supporting us to install an all-weather track so that the children can continue to run the daily mile even when the colder weather arrives. They have applied for a grant to do this and now need your votes – please see the details on page 2 of how you can support this bid.

Finally I want to wish you all a very happy and relaxing half-term holiday. I look forward to seeing you back at school on 31st October.

Best wishes

Sharon Barton

Important Dates:

Half term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
Back to school	Monday 31 st October
School Photographs	Monday 7 th November
Year 3 & 4 trip	Wednesday 9 th November
Y6 Class assembly	Thursday 10 th November @9.15am
Y5 Class assembly	Thursday 24 th November @9.15am
Y1&2 performance	Tuesday 29 th & Wednesday 30 th November (further details to follow)
Y1 &2 Lego workshops	Friday 2 nd December
Christmas Fair	Saturday 3 rd December
Foundation Nativity	Wednesday 14 th December
Christmas dinner	Tuesday 20 th December
End of term	Wednesday 21 st December 1.30pm
Start of Spring Term	Thursday 5 th January 2017

Wonderful Wonderlab...

'Being in the Wonderlab was like exploring the future' said an excited Fran when I asked for her feedback on the recent trip. It certainly sounds like Year 5 had a wonderful sleepover experience at the Science Museum, although I am not sure exactly how much sleep there was going on. A range of exciting hands-on activities kept the children engaged until quite late in the evening and then again from very early the next morning. Pearl particularly enjoyed the friction slide in the Wonderlab – and was able to explain how it had helped her understanding of forces. 'One of the best life time experiences' both girls summarized for me – certainly something all the children will remember for a long time to come.



School Photographer

We have organised for a photographer to visit us to take photographs of all children, individuals and family groups, on **Monday 7th November**. If you would like to have a photograph taken with younger pre-school age siblings please come along to the school hall on that morning at 9am.

'Schools in bloom'

Camp School picked up prizes again at this year's 'Schools in Bloom' competition. We received a Highly Commended for 'Perfect Pollinators' and first prize in the 'Vibrant Vegetables' category. Mrs Sultan and two of our Greenspace gardeners went to the St Albans City and District Council Chambers for the awards ceremony. Huge thanks must go to our Eco-Committee, the 'Greenspace' members, our school gardeners, allotment volunteers and the allotment plot holders for all of their time and hard work, which led to us being successful in the competition.

Our allotment area is a great resource for the school and our community, and we are so excited that the Camp Community Group bid for an outside building in the allotment area will receive some funding from the Tesco bags of help scheme.

Please do vote for the scheme when you are in a local Tesco store between 31st October and 13th November. The more votes we receive the higher the grant we will be awarded.

Please also support the bid that the PA has submitted for funding to establish an all-weather daily mile running track. Follow the link below to vote:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-3450>

You can share this link with as many friends, family and community supporters as possible so they can vote for your project. Everyone you tell can cast 10 votes. The more support we have, the better the chances of getting funding for this cause. Thank you.

Netball tournament

Last week 6 of our netball team travelled to Harpenden to take part in the Hi-5 netball tournament. They played really well in their first official games and showed great team spirit. The team had some more competition on Monday after school when they bravely took on the teachers – I think the final score was a draw! After half term the team is looking forward to taking part in more local matches.



Camp Community Group

Camp School, Camp Road, St Albans, AL1 5PG



Tesco has teamed up with Groundworks on its initiative to share the revenue from the 5p charge levied on single use carrier bags. They've shortlisted our...

ALBAN WAY CARER PROJECT

Our bid's for a garden retreat, outdoor art and music are and nature trail in the Camp School allotments – to be used out of hours by family carers of people with support needs and disabilities and by the children when the school's open. Please vote for us!

There will be special booths in these Tesco stores from 31 October to 13 November:

- Hatfield Tesco Extra
- St Albans Tesco Metro (St Peter's Street)
- St Albans Tesco Express (Hatfield Road)
- Harpenden Tesco Express
- Welwyn Garden City Tesco Express

TESCO Bags of Help

New menu

Please see the new school meal menu starting after half term on the school website or at the school office.

Just a reminder that children should not arrive at school before 8.45am in the mornings – unless they are attending breakfast club.

A member of staff will be out on the playground to supervise each morning from 8.45 am until the bell goes at 8.55 am.



We love that parents and children enjoy staying on the playground after school. However, at the end of the day staff are in meetings or preparing for the next day and will not be on duty. Children can only be on the playground at the end of the day under supervision by a parent or carer.