



Head's lines...

How can we be over a month into the new academic year already? School has a really positive energy at the moment - all the children are now feeling very settled into their new classes and are enjoying the variety of learning experiences being offered across the curriculum.

I know that each class offered transition meetings, outlining the day to day arrangements in class and details of topics and class timetables. I am sure you found these useful - copies of the class newsletters, as with all major communication, is on the website.

It is lovely to finally have a chance to discuss some of the changes that took place over the summer, including some major alterations to our Nursery. We now have a number of children in the setting for 30 hours a week so needed to think carefully about how lunchtime arrangements could be seamlessly accommodated into the day. The cloakroom was moved, a wall knocked down and then with new paint, flooring and furniture the area is providing a clean, bright learning environment for our youngest pupils.

It was great to see so many of our new Nursery and Reception parents at the PA fun afternoon a couple of weeks ago. A relaxed few hours where the children played in the grounds and adults chatted in the sun, with the running track in full use, as it is every playtime and lunchtime! The classes are also making good use of the track during the day to build their skills in running the daily mile. What a wonderful asset for the PA to fund jointly with the school, using some of our sports premium funding. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. The PA has certainly had a busy start to the term with another sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday and their AGM.

In school we have launched a project to see how we can reduce food waste. This will be overseen by the ECO Committee and more details will be included in a future newsletter. It fits well with other work we have planned for this year with a focus on healthy living.

With very best wishes - Sharon **Barton**

Important Dates:

Choir performance	Sunday 15 th October
Parent consultations	Wednesday 18 th October 5 – 7:30pm Thursday 19 th October 2:40 – 5:30pm
Half Term	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October
School Photographs	Monday 6 th November
Year 1&2 Performance	Tuesday 28 th & Wednesday 29 th November (details to follow)
Foundation stage	Wednesday 13 th December
Nativity	(details to follow)
End of Term	Tuesday 19 th December 1:30pm

The School Council are organising donations for our Harvest assembly. Please send any contribution in by this Friday 13th October at the latest. All items collected will be donated to the St Albans & District Food Bank. For more details of what items were suggested please refer to the letter from the sent out last week. Thank you in advance for your support for this very worthy cause.

Positions of responsibility

At the start of each year the children in Year 6 put themselves forward for some of the leadership responsibilities available. They either have to deliver a speech or write an application letter stating why they believe they are the best person for the job.

Congratulations go to our newly elected President and Vice President of the School Council – Oliver and Violeta. I know both of you have already very efficiently organised the first election across school and have your representatives on board for a busy term.

Congratulations too to Anna and Liam, our Bronze sporting ambassadors and Betty and Harry our Health ambassadors. Training for these roles was completed this week at University of Hertfordshire and I am sure you will all lead the Sports Council well in the year ahead.

Oliver & Violeta



Betty & Harry



A new long-term visitor

The children were all very excited when I shared in assembly that we now have a new school pet. Sheldon the tortoise has his own special enclosure in the quietest place we could find in school. As you can imagine, he has been inundated with visitors to say hello but the special jobs of feeding and bathing him go to children whose names are in the Golden Book that week.

Sheldon has already inspired some excellent report writing and science research and his length and weight are being carefully monitored too! As tortoises can live for between 50 – 100 years it was possibly quite a long term decision for the school!



Well done to our football and netball teams who have started playing the first of a number of fixtures over the next few weeks. They have great enthusiasm and are really beginning to perfect their teamwork skills against some tough competition. Your help in transporting the children and of course cheering them on is much appreciated.

Our running club is ever popular and the children have already represented the school well in their first cross-country event at Colney Heath School. Well done to all those that took part on what turned out to be a rather damp afternoon.

Disney Filming

Over the summer holidays we were pleased that a number of boys from upper key stage 2 took up the opportunity to be in the next Disney film remake!

They had long days, taking the coach to Caddington, but thoroughly enjoyed the experience and especially the on-set catering. We look forward to watching them when the film comes out at cinemas – but not until March 2019!

Road safety

Road safety has been an issue that the Governors of the school have been supporting with for many years, with on-going concerns about the nature of the road and the dangers it poses to our pupils and their families.

The school and local community were deeply saddened by last week's accident and are keen that no further tragic incidents occur. A letter has therefore been sent to all key stakeholders asking for action or support to make the road safer for our pupils and families to cross. There is no crossing on the road and, despite the efforts of the school, parents, pupils and governors, the position of School Crossing Patrol has remained vacant for over three years.

School Governors Louise Larkins and Jennifer Mitchell hosted a meeting for parents last Friday to update them on what the governors and the school have been doing on the road safety campaign and to try to recruit volunteers for ongoing action. The PA is now looking to source high visibility vests for children to wear as they walk to school.

Our advert for a 'lollipop person', produced by the children, tries again to recruit to our vacant crossing patrol position. Please do call the number if you know anyone who may be able to fill even part of this post.

We would like to ask our families once again to drive and park carefully around school, particularly not to stop or park on double yellow lines.

LOLLIPOP PERSON

Camp Primary and Nursery School!

if you are interested please contact Hertfordshire county council Heather Hill: 01992 556815

A lollipop lady/man is needed at Camp primary and Nursery School, the pay is £7.90 per hour! Job share available

The road in front of our school is considerably busy so were in desperate need of a lollipop person

Camp School is a small, welcoming primary school that has a nursery as well.

WANTED



We are keen to develop and improve our school website. Is this an area that you feel you could help with? In design, web rankings or technical specifications?

Or are you willing to offer a parent's perspective on what you want to see on the website? What data you need to access quickly or refer to frequently?

Please let the school office know if you are keen to be involved.