



## Head's lines...

It has been lovely to see so many parents in school over the last few weeks, at sports day, attending parent consultations or supporting at the Summer Fair. What a hot day we had this year but huge thanks to the PA for organising such a lovely event and raising so much money too! Having had a very successful 'sausage sizzle' event at Bunnings and with so many bookings for the 'Camp out' it looks like our running track will become a reality very soon.

Year 6 have started their transition sessions to help prepare them for secondary schools and will all get to spend the day in their new settings next Thursday. We will also run our own internal transition sessions that day when all pupils get to spend time in their new classroom with their teacher for next year.

We invite you all to come and join us on Thursday this week between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on our Open evening. This is a perfect opportunity to share in the learning that your child has taken part in this year but also to look ahead at the next class and across the school at all the work that is on display.

I will also have the new whole school photo on display during the event so you can decide on any orders you wish to place. This year we have some formal class photos that you can order as well as the more informal pictures taken for the year book which will be displayed on classroom doors this week. We are also introducing a new PE top from September and I will have samples for you to see and details of how to order. A separate detailed letter about uniform will follow shortly.

Best wishes

Sharon Barton

### Important Dates:

Afternoon Nursery assembly 3pm	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Open Evening (4:30-6:30pm)	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Foundation Stage Sports Day 1:45pm	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
PA Camp Out	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> -Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 5 & 6 performance	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 at secondary schools	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Reception class trip	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Music assembly 9:10am	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Term ends (Nursery)	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Leaving assembly 10am	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
End of Year parties	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Term ends (Reception – Y6)	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 1:30pm
Term starts 8:55am	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September

## Building site safety

The children were recently reminded of the dangers of building sites and how they and the workers could keep themselves safe. This was thanks to a visit from a representative from Bugler developments who have buildings presently under construction in Grosvenor Road, St Albans. A poster competition was launched and the picture below shows the winners from each year group being presented with book tokens for their winning entries. The winning designs will now be made into hoardings to be used on the actual site.



## Spelling Bee finalists...

Congratulations to the 3 children from Year 5 who represented Camp School at the University of Hertfordshire Spelling Bee final last Tuesday evening.

Miss Rapson, and proud parents, were there to see Adam, Fran and Thomas Denial compete with children from across the County in what proved to be a very tense final. Well done to you all for getting to the final. Some of the words were really very tricky.



## Theme week 'Connecting to nature'

Our theme week this year started with the exciting arrival of a mysterious egg on the roof which proved to be a great inspiration for some fantastic English and science work across the week.

We then braved the elements for our thoroughly enjoyable whole school trip to Aldenham Country Park where a range of physical activities kept everyone active, learning new skills such as orienteering, fire lighting, shelter building and identifying animal habitats.

On Wednesday we were joined by a group of amazing volunteers so that every child got to experience either den building, pond dipping, planting in the allotment or Forest School. Thank you so much to Fred Goulden, Gill Kentish, John Back, Jan Walker, Tess Machling and our student teachers for giving up your time to lead these activities.

In mixed age groups across the school, we spent Thursday with an art focus, learning new skills such as whittling, paper making, weaving and wire sculptures. You can see some of these on display at Open evening later this week.

The end of theme week saw the official opening of our new allotments and a chance to celebrate all that has been achieved.

## Busy sporting times...

Summer is always a busy sporting time but this year seems particularly so. William Houghton, from Year 6, plays for St Albans Primary Schools District Football Team and took part in the National finals on 10th June, representing the South East. The team reached the final but sadly after a 0-0 draw lost out on penalties.

Our whole team represented the school very well at District sports this year, and showed great team work and sportsmanship. First places went to William and Meeka who both won the 100m and the long jump. You have both been excellent sporting ambassadors for the school this year – and should be proud of all your achievements.

All the children tried their best in each event and supported their team very vocally in our Sports Day. Congratulations to the winners this year, Wembley.

Oaklands College have hosted a number of sporting events including a basketball day and Primary World Games where our pupils got to meet celebrity footballer Leigh Nicol, who has played for Arsenal Ladies and currently plays for Millwall.



*We're thinking about running a parents and helpers gardening group at the allotments on Tuesday mornings. If you can spare some time between 9.00 and 10.00 we're hoping to get a little bit of regular help with light jobs like watering, tidying up after the children, weeding around where they have planted and picking and preparing vegetables that are ready to eat. It'll be run on a casual basis – just look in if you're free, but not if you're busy. If you're possibly interested please join us on Tuesday 18th July at around 9.00 am to have a look around and find out what's involved. Refreshments provided. No need to book. This will be a **women-only** session but we'll have other opportunities for mixed groups so just leave your name with the school office if that would be of interest.*

