



Head's lines...

What a lot of news we have to share with you at this point in the half term – and a staffing update to provide too.

Firstly, I want to let you all know officially the lovely news that Samantha Ridge, our Year 3 teacher, has given birth to a little boy Jack. Considering he arrived some 7 weeks ahead of schedule he is doing so well and will hopefully be home soon with Sam and her husband Will.

Leanne Simmonds, our SENCo, and Lucy Antysz, Reception Teacher, are also both expecting babies and will be starting maternity leave at Christmas. We are therefore busy re-organising internally to ensure classes are covered by staff the children know well. We are pleased that Mrs Rose will be teaching Year 3 and Ms Sultan teaching Reception from January. We are also preparing to welcome some new teachers to our staff – Mrs Freya Browne will be covering PPA time once a week in both Years 4 and 5 and Mrs Helen Giffin is joining the Year 3 team teaching the class on a Monday afternoon and Friday morning. We are making sure that there is a chance for both Mrs Browne and Mrs Giffen to meet the children in the next few weeks.

Alison Holliday will be covering the SENCo role whilst Leanne Simmonds is away and a thorough handover is well underway.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for coming along to the Christmas Fair on Saturday and especially to the new PA team who worked so hard in their first year to put the event together. It was a lovely enjoyable afternoon which raised money for the school but we do appreciate the effort that goes into such an event for weeks beforehand. Thank you for also supporting the PA and the school by buying the Christmas cards that the children made - I am sure relatives and friends will love receiving them.

The poppies we made for Remembrance Day this year look stunning on the school fence and it was touching that parents chose to use them as a focus for the 2 minutes silence on the 11th November. Anti-bullying week, with the message this year of 'choose respect' then saw the children engage in important learning in class and during assembly time. We also completed the training of our new peer mediators and will update you on their role in the next newsletter before Christmas.

With best wishes - **Sharon Barton**

Important Dates:

Friday 14th December

EYFS performance

@ 9.30am & 2.30 pm

Tuesday 18th December

Panto trip for Rec – Y6

Tuesday 18th December

Nursery party

Thursday 20th December

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 20th December

Nursery end of term

Friday 21st December

End of Term @ 1.30pm

Monday 7th January

INSET day

Tuesday 8th January

Start of Term @ 08.55

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd

Half Term holiday

February 2019



We are pleased to announce that Rainbow Club will start again after Christmas for parents and pre-school age children. The Club will now be held on a Monday morning from 9.00am in the Community Room and will be led by Sheila Thorpe our parent support worker in school.

The first session will be on Monday 14th January.

We do hope that parents will come along to join in the fun with arts and crafts, toys, songs and stories.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for their support for Children in Need activities. In total we raised an amazing £327.49.

On the day the very enthusiastic members of school council organized a dress up day, a 'welly wanging' competition and 'Guess Pudsey's middle name'. Winners were Elliot in Y6 for the name (which was Joe), Leo in Y1, Josh Y5 and Tim Angove for the welly throwing. Well done everyone for taking part.



Cross Country

The Camp School Running Club have now competed in 3 cross country events. Their training, hard work and determination has paid off with most of them improving on their previous positions and the school creeping up the Hertfordshire schools cross country league table. It's been fantastic to watch the Camp white and green PE shirts pushing further forward as they race against up to 120 other school children like a stampede. But it's not just about competing. Some of the children simply enjoy being active, training hard and playing running games as they get fitter, faster and gain the ability to run further. The last Cross country event was held in true cross country conditions...it was muddy and raining which all adds to the fun.

Here's what some of our athletes said:

"I loved beating my personal best each race" Josh.

"I feel so nervous before cross country that I wish I was someone else who wasn't doing it....then afterwards, I'm so glad I'm me" Eliza.

"A good experience. It feels hard when you are doing it but feels great afterwards." James.

"I was so happy to move from 97th place to 62nd place in the next race. I've learnt how to pace myself and sprint at the end and that's why I did so much better. It was brilliant". Lucy C.

"Its made me enjoy running more and helps me run faster in football matches." Aidan

"Its really good fun and everyone cheers you on. I like trying to get better every time." Eve.

We have a break from fixtures until the next event in February but some of the club members have registered and been taking part in the Junior park run at Leavesden Green. This is on every Sunday at 9am and is suitable for ALL abilities under the age of 14. We want to encourage as many children (and families) to take part. The events are completely free and all you need to do is register with Park Run.



We do appreciate that there have been lots of letters coming home recently and thank you so much for your support in getting these completed and sent back as soon as you can. Spare copies of letters are always available at the office if needed.

Eddy the Penguin show

We were all entertained by the amazing year 1 & 2 show last week. The children performed with such confidence and the singing voices were loud and clear throughout. The audience also heard some very important messages about the role we all have to play in environmental issues such as recycling and reducing energy use. This fitted in perfectly with our Eco work this term on reducing plastic pollution.



Reminders:

Admissions tours are happening in school now for children who may want to join our Reception in September 2019

We also have dates for visits and stay and play sessions in January for children who will be eligible to start in Nursery in September.

Please contact the office for further details

