

Weekly Newsletter



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School lunches

After detailed consultation with governors, parent governors and the County School Meals Service, we will not be in a position to offer a return to the cold lunch option. The two primary reasons are around meeting the nutritional standards required and the extra labour involved in the preparation, which leads to increased costs. Please look out for our exciting new summer menus coming to you shortly.

Welcome back Miss Sabin

You may not believe it but a year has flown by and we are pleased to have Alice Sabin back on the team for two days a week on Mondays and Tuesdays, mainly in Year 2.

Cross Country

Well done to all the children from athletics club who took part in the cross country at a rather muddy South Weald on Tuesday. Particular congratulations go to Zekel Brann and Madeleine Horden-Gray in Year 6, who came 6th and 12th in their respective races, out of over 100 competitors.

Football

Tension ran high at St. Thomas's on Wednesday in a very closely fought match. The score line finished 5-4 in St. Thomas's favour after an extremely exciting game. Our children, as ever, were excellent role models and showed great sportsmanship.

Year 4 Play

Well done to Year 4 for a fabulous performance of Red Riding Hood. Please remember that pre-school children must not be brought to the performances today or tomorrow.

Book Sale - Wednesday, 25th March

A chance to donate the books that you no longer want or need and raise money at the same time. The School Council are looking to raise money that will help buy more new books for your children's classes and our Library. We are also looking to make a donation to the *Holly Trees Library, Hallmead School, Kenya*, whom we have supported for a number of years - resulting in their library being named after our school - and also shared in Assemblies, the chance to both learn about a very different school experience and exchange letters with the pupils at their school.

Books can be donated from the week beginning 16th March, via the School Office or your children's class, and then be stored until the sale day.

Classes will be taken throughout the day by their School Councillors, Class Teachers and LSAs to choose a book(s) they would like to buy.

Paperbacks 50p

Hardbacks £1

Remember, the more you can donate the more we can sell!

School discos

Tickets for the discos on Thursday will still be available until tomorrow (Tuesday). We still need volunteers for the KS1 disco from 3:15 to 4:15 pm. If you are able to help, please leave your name at the school office. Many thanks.

Breakfast Club and Dinner Money

Please could you make sure that all Breakfast Club and dinner money debts are paid up by the end of the week due to the end of the financial year. Thank you for your co-operation.

Menu

Week 3 menu - please see the website for our menus.

Forthcoming dates

23rd & 24th Mar - Y4 play
24th Mar – Y1 visit to Barleylands
25th Mar – Y5 Showcase to parents
25th Mar – Book sale
26th Mar – Queens Theatre visit to school (Little Red Riding Hood)
26th Mar – Fundraisers school disco
27th – Year 3 Roman Banquet
27th Mar – School breaks up for Spring break
13th Apr – School closed for teacher training
14th Apr – Children return to school
29th Apr – Y5 Danbury activity day
30th Apr – Musical Soiree
Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday
6th May – Y4 visit to Hampton Court
7th May – School closed for Polling Day (INSET for staff)
11th May – SATs week
20th May – Y5 visit to British Museum
21st May – Holy Trees Got Talent

Letters home

17th – Basketball Club
19th – Rounders Club for Y5 & 6
19th – Y6 Maths & GPS Clubs
20th – Football match v Doddinghurst
23rd – Swimming summer term

Attendance – 97% target

Congratulations to Birch, Elder, Elm and Maple for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).