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JUNIOR
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

13th July
2017

We're nearly there!



Autumn term 2017

Autumn term starts for all children on Monday 4th September.

On this day, your child will be given a welcome letter to take home that contains important information about the organisation within your child's new class, timetabling, homework, PE kit etc.

Open Session

Parents are warmly invited to an open session on Wednesday 13th September 3.30-5.00pm. This is an informal opportunity for your child to show you around their new classroom, see any work that they'd like to share with you and for you to meet their new class teacher and teaching assistants. If you have any queries about how your child is settling into their new routines, this would be the perfect chance for you to discuss this with the class teacher.

Herts Catering will be hosting a taster session in the dining hall during the open session, so please do try some of the tasty dishes that will be on offer as part of the first half term's school dinner menu.

Jousters Childcare (After School Club) will also be opening their doors to you as part of our open session. The club will be up and running from the start of term, so this will be a perfect opportunity for you to pop over to the mobile classroom and see a session in action. Jennie Denton, the owner of Jousters, will be available to answer any questions that you might have. Places are still available, so please contact Jennie direct if you wish to book your child in before the start of term.

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Year 5 & 6 Production -WOW!!

Our Year 5 and 6 children bowled us over with their talents this week by putting on a wonderful performance at their end of year production. Well done to all of you; you were all amazing and should be so proud of yourselves!

Thank you to all the staff that were a part of this; without their dedication and time, events like this just wouldn't happen.

MSA Vacancies

Beginning 4th September we have **two vacancies** for **mid-day supervisors (MSA)**. The hours would be 11.45 am - 1.15 pm daily and you would be part of the team that ensures the wellbeing of our children at lunchtime, both in the dining room and on the playgrounds. As a member of staff working with the children, we would need to ensure a satisfactory DBS for the successful applicant and you will be asked questions around safeguarding at interview. If you love working with children, feel that you share the common ethos and values of the school and would like to be part of our team please contact Mrs Britton (Headteacher) through the office on 01462 892156 or admin@st-marysjm-baldock.herts.sch.uk.

Summer Fundraising towards our play equipment

A **HUGE thank you** to everyone who came to our Summer Fair last Friday or contributed in some way to helping out with stalls, donations of raffle prizes etc. The event itself was well worth the effort and the weather certainly helped.

I'm delighted to be able to say that we have raised a grand total of

£ 1,585.83!!!

Our special thanks go out to all the wonderful companies that donated prizes, food and their services to help with our fundraising:

Stanborough Lakes	360 Play
Airspace	Stevenage Leisure
Gordon Craig Theatre	Shaun Clark & Anne Rodriguez (singers)
Tesco	Peter Stirling (sound man)
Morrisons	Letchworth Sports & Tennis Club
Sainsbury's	
Broadway Cinema	
Fit 4OCR	
Lost World Golf	
A Pampered Me	
Autumn Physiotherapy	
Sports Therapy 4 U	
Standalone Farm	

Lunch money

From September, all school meal payments will need to be paid **in advance**. This can be paid termly, half termly, weekly or on the day before your child has lunch. A school lunch costs £2.30

PARENTMAIL/CLASS DOJO

If you have not already done so, please register for Parentmail to receive school information electronically and Class Dojo to be able to communicate with your child's teacher. Both are used by the majority of our parents, but we still have a few parents who have not registered. If you need any help with this, call in at the school office and we will be happy to help.

Library summer reading challenge

Once again, we are offering children an additional incentive to read their way through the summer by awarding a book token and certificate to every child who completes the Library Reading Challenge. This will be open to children in Years 3-5. The Record Breakers Library Reading Challenge is absolutely free - just go with your child to sign them up, choose 12 books at a time and enjoy the peace, whilst they enjoy the reading! Reading is key to all learning - without fluent reading skills, children will struggle with the level of work in the junior school. They will only improve with practice. Why not read the books together? Happy reading!



Diary dates

Tuesday 18th July End of term assembly celebrating the children who have shown greatest effort in their work. Parents are invited to join us for this assembly at **9.00am**. Parents of children receiving awards will be notified in advance.

Tuesday 18th July Year 6 end of term outing to Airspace in Stevenage 4-5pm.

Thursday 20th July Year 6 leavers party (morning. Children need to come into school in their uniform and bring party clothes to get changed into. Treats and prizes will be provided!

Friday 21st July 9.30am Church Service at St. Mary the Virgin Church. All parents welcome.

Friday 21st July 1.30pm End of term.

Autumn term dates

Wednesday 13th Sept Open session

Tuesday 17th October Parents Evening 5.30-8pm

Weds 18th October Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm