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#### Children In Need



Thank you so much for all your donations! We managed to raise **£232** for this worthy cause!

#### Growth Mind-set

In response to parent feedback in our recent parent survey, please find attached a parent guide. I hope that you find this of use in explaining how the Growth Mind-set works and what you can do at home to encourage your child to 'grow their brains'.



#### Parking/Drop off/staff carpark

Please can we ask that parents **DO NOT** drop children off outside the school gates. Please park and walk your child/ren to the playground. There have been a couple of near misses recently and it also causes traffic jams. Thank you for your co-operation. The staff car park should not be used by parents at any time to drop off or collect children. Authorised disabled users are the exception to this rule. Thank you.

#### Uniform

Good news. After several complaints from dissatisfied parents about the quality of our current uniform provider we can now offer an alternative. To order please visit [www.theshirtmonkeys.co.uk](http://www.theshirtmonkeys.co.uk)

#### Mind your litter!

It was reported to us recently that there is a huge amount of litter accumulating in and around the park near Nightingale Road. Please encourage your children to put their litter in the bins provided, helping us to keep our community a clean and safe place to play. This message will also be given to them through school. Thank you.

#### Lunchtime Supervisor needed

We are currently looking for a lunchtime supervisor to work five lunchtimes (Mon - Fri - 11.45 - 1.15). Please contact the school office for more information if you are interested.

#### Cake Sale- Please get baking!

On **Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December**, Brooke and Roxy, from Year 4, will be hosting a cake /cookie sale during break times at school. Brooke has bravely decided to have her beautiful, long hair cut, in order to raise money for the children's charity Little Princess Trust. **The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults up to the age of 24, who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.**



If you could spare some time to make cakes for this worthwhile cause, both the girls would be extremely grateful. Let's support them!

Children can bring in money to buy cakes next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 for 25p each.



## Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair this year will be held at the Infant School on Thursday the **7<sup>th</sup> of December from 5-7pm**. There will be many different stalls, including the bottle tombola, sweet post, cake stall, Secret Santa, Lucky Dip, plus MANY more!

If you have any unwanted books, in great condition, that you'd like to donate, please send them into school anytime from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

On **Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December**, children can come in non-uniform, if they bring in a bottle for our bottle tombola stall (alcohol will be collected on the playground as the children line up, or should be taken to the school office). Please do join us for this wonderful festive event! Proceeds from the PTA will go towards the replacement of our playground equipment.



## **Admissions**

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions for the school year 2019/20 and is seeking responses from parents/carers, schools and community groups. The proposed changes are:

To amend the wording definition of 'Rule 5 - Nearest School' to include all schools and academies (regardless of status) unless that school or academy prioritises applications and allocates places on the basis of faith.

To include reference to the Shared Anti-Fraud Service in the definitions section in cases of fraudulent address verification.

To reduce the Published Admissions Number (PAN) of Watton-at-Stone primary School from 34 to 30.

The consultation period runs until 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018. Visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019) for more information and to respond online.

## Diary dates

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov** - 9am in mobile classroom - Enuresis Parent Workshop with the School Nurse

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Occasional Day (no children in school)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** - Choir to Burleigh House with Mrs Moran (Christmas Carols)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Year 3 and 4 Nativity (2pm and 6pm)

**Frid 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Non-uniform day (bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair tombola)

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Year 3 Christingle service

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christmas dinner

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christmas Fair at the Infants school

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Church service at St Mary's church, 9.30am. All parents welcome!

- **End of term**. School closes at 1.30pm.

### Spring Term 2018

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan** - INSET Day (No children in school)

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Children back in school

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Break up for half term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Children back in school

**Easter break** - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.