



16.6.2023

Dear Parents,

This time last year the first line of my Parent Letter was, "The sun truly shone on us all this week." Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of this week.

Sports Day

Disappointingly, we had to cancel Sports Day today. The rain yesterday evening and the few short sharp showers this morning vindicated the decision.

Yesterday I said we would reschedule for the 12th July. **This is now NOT going to be the date.** Apologies but we had hoped we could squeeze it in then but the last Rock Steady Concert was also scheduled for then and cannot be moved without losing some band members to trips or transition to high school visits. Also, St Nicholas cannot send any Sports Leaders to help on that day.

We are looking at another date and I will confirm when that is on Monday.

Other Faiths - Islam

Last week the children learnt about different aspects of the Islamic faith. They showcased the work they had done on Monday afternoon. Groups of children moved around school looking at work and asking questions of each other. It was a wonderful way to share learning.

Ordering Lunches

Please can you ensure that you have ordered your child's lunch in advance. The office and kitchen staff have spent a lot of time this week chasing people who haven't ordered.

If your child hasn't ordered, they will need to wait until the rest of the group have got their lunch to see what is left. We cannot over cater to match the number of children not ordering and it isn't fair for those who have ordered to not get their choice.

Morning Drop Off

When dropping off if you are first in the queue, please pull up so you are near the main car park gates. This helps us to have 4 or 5 cars dropping off at once which reduces queuing times.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 Multiplication Check

These statutory checks took place this week. Thank you to the staff for preparing the children so very well and well done to the children for approaching these checks with confidence and enthusiasm.

URGENT APPEAL FOR PAIRS OF CLEAN, MEN'S SOCKS

Next week is 'Refugee's Week' and our Mini Vinnies will be looking at this at their meeting on Monday after school. Mrs O'Hara volunteers for Care UK, a charity we have supported in the past. They assist refugees who have arrived here with very little. They are desperately short, in fact they have no men's sock's to give out at the moment.

If you can help out with this urgent appeal, please send donations of socks in on Monday if possible as Mrs O'Hara is in school for the Mini Vinnies or later in the week as I will be able to drop them off.

The poet Brian Bilston has written a famous poem called **Refugees** which I urge you to read and then follow the instructions at the bottom.

Wind in the Willows

Tickets are on sale for our Year 5 and 6 end of Year production. Tickets will be limited and cost £4 each to cover licensing and props.

Early pick up on a Friday.

This afternoon there was a steady stream of parents wanting to pick children up early for a variety of non-urgent reasons. Only two families had genuine medical appointments. This causes extra work for the office staff who work alone on a Friday, it disrupts the classes and the children's' learning and it sends the wrong message to the children about the importance of school. Please avoid collecting children early.

Catholic Social Teaching Assembly

Next Friday (21st June) it is Year 5's turn to lead our assembly. Family of Year 5 children are welcome to join us for a 9am start.

Quad Kids

This was an athletic event at the running track near to Hartford High School after school yesterday Well done to our team of athletes who put all their effort into the various events. Thank you to Mrs Cooper and Mrs Harkness for taking the children.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless.

Justine McEniff, Headteacher