

Dear Parents/Carers,

Swift as a shadow October has arrived and summer seems but a hazy memory. As the days darken and requests for the heating to be turned on become more frequent, school has settled into a happy rhythm. I've highlighted some of the key points but please keep an eye on the 'What's On' page of our website for any additions or alterations.

Recent events

THANK YOU – A massive thank you to everyone who contributed cakes and/or made it to our Macmillan tea party. It was lovely to have it at the end of the day and raised a magnificent £427.59! If you have a spare moment check out the photos on the website.

Coming soon

'MOVING ON' – Year Six Secondary Transfer - Just a reminder to Year 6 parents that the online application system for secondary school places is now open. See www.hertsdirect.org for more details. Look up the dates for Open Evenings you want to attend – they start this week. Applications need to be in before 31st October 2023. **Please ensure your application is in on time.** If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact the office and make an appointment to see me.

'MEET THE TEACHER' – Thursday 12th October for Years Rec, 2, 4, & 6 and Thursday 19th October for Years Reception, 1, 3 & 5 – This is an opportunity to see how your child has settled in to their class after the summer break. Appointment times to be sent out nearer the time. These are set dates, and due to high numbers of children, teachers will be unable to make alternative appointments.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY – Friday 13th October 9:00am – This year our Harvest Assembly is supporting 'The Trussel Trust' local Foodbank in Hertford. In a world dominated by international crises it's easy to forget the crisis occurring on our doorstep and it's so easy to help! Worryingly, applications to the foodbank are up 100% on last year whilst donations are 50% down! Please could you send any tinned or dried food that you can spare in with your child on the morning of the Harvest Assembly and Mr. Dunstan will deliver it to the Foodbank. For more details about the types of food they so desperately need please see their website: <http://hertforddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>

FIREWORKS SATURDAY - 4TH NOVEMBER DOORS OPEN 5:00pm - Don't forget to purchase your tickets for this much anticipated annual event, forms are readily available from the office. As an added incentive, tickets purchased before Wednesday 1st November will be sold at a reduced price to those available at the gate on the night! <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hunsdon-jmi-school-firework-night-4th-november-2023-tickets-723682924107?aff=oddtcreator>

POLITICAL FIGURES DAY – Friday 10th November – To round our Parliament Week off in style, we are asking the children to dress as a character from the world of politics who was significant in their day or / and to us now. The teachers have planned some great activities, we'll be holding our own election, our local MP Julie Marson is visiting, and of course, we'll finish with food and singing in the hall – although not at the Tax payers' expense!

Finally, there are few new dates on the calendar which I've included on the **Dates For Your Diary** list.

Yours sincerely,



Jon Millward
Head teacher

Dates For Your Diary

October 2023

5 th Oct	pm	Year 3 PE Development Day at Wodson Park
12 th Oct	3.30 – 6.30pm	Parents' Evening Years: Rec, 2, 4 and 6
13 th Oct	9.00am	Harvest Assembly (<i>Please note: There will be no Sharing Assembly</i>)
19 th Oct	3.30 – 6.30pm	Parents' Evening Years: Rec, 1, 3 and 5
23 rd – 27 th Oct		<i>Half Term</i>
30 th Oct		INSET Day

November 2023

4 th Nov	5pm	Fireworks Night at Hunsdon
6 th – 10 th Nov	Parliament week	6 th – 10 th Nov
9 th Nov	3.30 – 5.30pm	Basketball Tournament
10 th Nov		Political Figures Day
13 th Nov	pm	Nasal Flu Immunisations
14 th Nov	am	Years 3 / 4 Tag Rugby Festival
17 th Nov		Children In Need Pyjama Day Updated
20 th – 24 th Nov		Anti-Bullying week
24 th Nov	1.30 – 3.15pm	Anti-Bullying performance by Altru Theatre
27 th Nov		INSET Day – school closed

December 2023

4 th Dec	1.00 – 3.00pm	Every1in Sports festival
8 th Dec	9.30am	Reception and KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
11 th Dec	2.00pm	Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance
12 th Dec	6.00pm	Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance
13 th Dec	10.00am	Optional late start – registers close at 10.00am
13 th Dec		Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
14 th Dec	1.30pm	Cedar Class Christmas party
14 th Dec	3.30pm	Peripatetic Music Concert
15 th Dec	1.30pm	Reception and KS1 Christmas party
15 th Dec		Clubs finish
18 th Dec	1.15pm	Christmas Pantomime at Hoddesdon
19 th December	1.30pm	Ash Class Christmas party
20 th December	1.45pm	Autumn Term Final Assembly
20 th December	2.30pm	<i>End of term</i>