



Newsletter 23
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Dear Parents,

The Coronavirus is on everyone’s mind with the news keeping us up to date. In school we have stepped up advice in each class and are getting children to wash hands at the start of the day; after break; before lunch; after lunch and before returning home. We are also encouraging children to follow the advice to “catch it, bin it, kill it” by using a fresh tissue once and bin it for any coughs or sneezes. We have tissues in classrooms but it would be helpful if your child had clean tissues on them. In all this, we do not want to panic the children while we carry on with our normal day.

Today we were told that 5 Einstein’s trip to Wenzel’s on Monday has been cancelled by the bakery due to the health precautions.

We are monitoring the advice from the health authorities on a daily basis. Yesterday we were told of the Department of Education Coronavirus new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff and parents can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Please be assured that should the situation in school change, parents will be the first to know. We have also put national guidance on display at the front door at a height (and facing out) that will not attract the attention of pupils, who we are trying to keep stress free in school while adhering to a heightened hygiene routine.

I can confirm that our trip to the Royal Albert Hall Herts Gala Concert is going ahead this Sunday for our 26 pupils and we look forward to seeing them at 2.20pm at the top of Clover Way to get the coach in for rehearsals and the evening performance. Those children, and siblings who have been at the Royal Albert Hall, can take a late registration on Monday – up until 10.15am.

Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher:

3Anning	Herbie Robins	For his excellent effort last week and for being helpful to others.
3Nightingale	Rosi-Mai Gimmi	For her increasing independence and growing confidence. Huge progress in writing.
4Jemison	Joshua Dowie	For being happy and kind in class. Lovely learning behaviour, trying hard and very punctual to school.

4Attenborough	Oliver Tenny	For an excellent learning attitude, particularly in Maths. Well done too for extra reading for our new English topic.
5Mandela	Freya Clift	For a more positive attitude to learning and beautiful contributions to our RE lessons last week.
5Einstein	Bea Loake	For her positive attitude to learning. Well done!
6Johnson		To be announced next week
6Martin Luther King	Fred Welch	For steadfastly working hard. He is always polite to all adults and seeking challenge to progress further.

World Book Day

Today's celebration of World Book Day was great fun with so many wonderful outfits as the children's favourite book characters. These were paraded at an assembly – timed perfectly for our Governors Open Morning – before children went on a “Blind Date with a Book” choosing which genre of book they wanted to listen to, read by the teachers.



Harry Potter remains our most popular character I noticed quite a few perfectly turned out Mary Poppins. Well done to all and thank you to parents for making it possible.

Book Sale and Mothers' Day Gift Sale

As part of the World Book Day celebrations, the PA is holding a book sale next Friday (13th) and they need donations of books! They can be fiction or non-fiction for aged 6+ . Please bring them into class or to the office. The sale is running alongside the Mothers' Day Gift sale when children can order or buy gifts. Classes will have the opportunity to visit both sales during school time. Flyers for these events are attached to the Wednesday email.

Staff News

Breakfast Club assistant Mrs Beyleveldt is leaving us today to take up a new post. We thank her for her time with Breakfast Club and wish her well in her new job.

Sports News

Netball

Our Year 6 Netball team produced a strong performance away to Micklem on Monday with all 9 players securing a very well deserved 10-1 win. Darcy Pirie was on shooting form assisted with a fantastic long range goal from Scout Cowman-Daly and a goal in the last quarter by Amelie Garcia-Tonello. Tips and interceptions all the way down the court kept the opposition's shooting opportunities to the bare minimum. A great performance with some lovely court play. Daisy Tenny was deservedly chosen as MVP. Great match girls.

Reminders for the coming week

Sunday	Royal Albert Hall Herts Gala Performance 7.45pm – 9pm Coach leaves 2.20pm Clover Way
Mon	5E trip to Wenzel's, Watford - Cancelled
Tues	12.50 Stations of the Cross (for pupils)
Wed	Fr Brian class visit – Year 3
Thurs	Yr4 Swimming
Fri	Caritas Day – Dignity workshops Book Sale and Mothers' Day gift shop – PM

Several parents/grandparents will remember Lesley West, the cook at St Cuthbert Mayne for many years in the school's early days. She sadly passed away last week. Please join us in keeping Lesley and her family in your prayers.

Have a peaceful weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher