



Newsletter 24
13th March 2020



Dear Parents,

With the change in stance from the Government yesterday on the coronavirus, we continue to be vigilant. Please do not send your child to school if they have a new cough, fever or symptoms. Public Health England will be asking you to keep your child off school for seven days.

From my understanding, the new measures mean that many people with symptoms will not necessarily be tested if they have mild symptoms but will be asked to self-isolate. The advice I have been given by Public Health England today is that children who are not in direct contact with someone self-isolating and who have no symptoms, should still attend school.

We continue to be rigorous in our hand washing and hygiene measures. This has resulted in many children having sore hands. I have told the children today that they can bring in moisturising hand creams for their personal use. Aveeno cream is particularly effective and is non-allergic. We are also waiting our next delivery of hand towels as we are going through these at an accelerated rate!

We are also making preparations should we have to close and we have set up Edublogs for each class. These are closed blogs and each child has today been issued with their individual log-ins. Please ask your child to open up their class blog this weekend and post a blog to their teacher to say they have logged in and can access the site. Teachers will be able to set work on the blogs but also hear back from children with any queries or advice. We want to ensure that every child can access the blogs. Details will be going on the website next week, but your child should have their login, usernames and password.

The Department of Education Coronavirus helpline for staff and parents remains:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

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

We continue to try to keep talk of the coronavirus to a minimum in school. The children have been particularly enjoying the new playground equipment. In class, they have been working hard.

Merit Certificates

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

3Anning	Bella Polson	For being a lovely friend to others and extremely thoughtful.
3Nightingale	Thomas Garcia Tonello	For focusing on his presentation and making a great effort to work neatly and independently in Maths.

4Jemison	ChiChi Onwudiwe	For her excellent learning attitude and working particularly hard in her Maths group.
4Attenborough	Alexander Harris	For fantastic work on his times tables, and in moving into the Platinum Posse!
5Mandela	Cian English	For making a more conscious effort with his learning attitude which has been reflected in some of his writing.
5Einstein	Oskar Pozdziak	For being a lovely member of the form and applying himself across all areas of the curriculum.
	Rhea Jenet-King (from previous week)	For trying her best and taking on board any comments made.
6Johnson	Lily Cirillo	For persevering with ratio and flearning. Well done.
6Martin Luther King	Fred Welch	For steadfastly working hard. He is always polite to all adults and seeking challenge to progress further.

Royal Albert Hall

Twenty-six members (Yr5 and 6) of the Orchestra sang at the Herts Schools Gala at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday. They have been practising for the last six weeks and were a delight to accompany. They



performed “I Am Alban” which was written by Anne Dudley and Narrated by Ian McMillan along with other songs and accompanied by the Herts Schools Orchestra. Well done. Our thanks to Miss Patterson and Mrs Knight who helped make it such a great evening.



PA Book Sale and Mothers' Day Gift Sale

Thank you to all those members of the PA who ran these stalls this afternoon. The Mothers' Day Stall was particularly colourful and the children enjoyed picking out gifts. On Tuesday there are plans for a sale of flowers and chocolate after school (in the playground).

Sports News

The Year 6 Netball team beat Galley Hill 5-0 on Thursday in their final league match. Three of the goals were scored by Scout Cowman-Daly and two were scored by Darcy Pirie. Issy Feighery was named as our Most Valuable Player by the opposition. Well done.

Reminders for the coming week

Wed	Fr Brian class visit – 5 Einstein Year 5 KNEX Day
Thurs	No Swimming for Year 4
Fri	Sponsored Skip (for Lenten Boxes)

One final plea – we still have at least one parent who is not only causing a safety issue by parking in Clover Way but also blocking a drive way. When asked to move, a resident has said that the parent was very unpleasant. We do want to have good relations with our neighbours who have made us aware of the car registration.

Have a good weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher