

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

All communication on school life and events will continue to be communicated weekly through this Wednesday email. We hope you find this email useful and can use it as a quick reference to what is happening at school. The Wednesday Emails are also saved on the school website should you need to refer to previous communications. The school website also holds everything you should need to know about school, please do have a look and feedback anything you feel is missing.

- **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Reminder to book your parent consultation appointment, if you have not already done so, you have two options, online Tuesday 7th February and in person Thursday 9th February. For online appointments you will need to log into Google Classroom using their child's account and access your appointment through your child's Google calendar. To allow time to input online appointments in the calendar, booking for online appointments will close at midday on the Monday 6th February. Thursday 9th February appointments will be in person at school. Please only book one appointment per child, Tuesday or Thursday, via Arbor. Should you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact us.

- **Y6 PGL PAYMENTS**

Reminder the fourth suggested instalment of £75.00 is due today 1st February 2023, please see the payment option on Arbor under Activities – Trips. Full details can be viewed in the original letter sent 12th October 2022.

- **PENS**

All the children have been given a Swash hand writing pen to trial and the feedback has been good so far. Should your child need a replacement pen the pens will be available to purchase via Arbor priced at £1 for 3.

- **FOREST SCHOOLS**

Please see letter attached for volunteers needed.

Secondly, our Forest school is looking for support to put up some willow fencing in an area of the school field.

Do you or anyone in your family have the skills or resources to help us with this? We will be putting together a task force of volunteers to work with Miss D'Souza on one Thursday or Friday from 3.30pm.

Thirdly, do you work with trees? We are also looking for some tree stumps and bark to complete this area. This would make a great difference and will be enjoyed by all of the pupils in school! Please contact us if you are able to help. Tea and biscuits provided!

- **HERTS FOR LEARNING ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER.**

Please see attached the very useful spring 2023 online safety Newsletter which we recommend reading.

- **ASH WEDNESDAY SCHOOL DINNER CHANGE**

Please note that there will be a menu swop for Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, with Tuesday 21st February. Therefore, roast dinner will be served on Tuesday this week and the vegetarian options of Mediterranean roll and macaroni cheese will be served on Ash Wednesday.

Hertfordshire County Council is consulting on its home-school transport policies. We are seeking feedback from schools, parents and other stakeholders.

The proposals include:

- A policy to clarify the role of passenger assistants on contracted transport
- An amended policy for transport for 19-25 year olds
- Amending the charging structure for 16-18 year olds
- Removing the 16+ railcard

We are also seeking views of:

- Personal Travel Budgets
- Transport for those on Part-Time Timetables
- Spare seats on vehicles to special schools in Hertfordshire

Full details and an online response form are available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation

The consultation will run between 24 January and 26 March 2023.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

The PTA's Annual General Meeting is taking place remotely on Tuesday 7th February at 7:30 pm. If you are able to support the school through this association, you are very welcome to join the meeting. Please email the office for the link. We would be particularly keen to hear from anyone willing to take on the role of Chair for the coming year.

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATE

Swimming 4A: Commences Tuesday 17th January and runs weekly up to and including 28th March

Swimming 4J: Commences Wednesday 18th January and runs weekly up to and including 29th March

Forest Schools: Thursday 2nd February 6J & 5M

Forest Schools: Friday 3rd February 5E & 6MLK

Forest Schools: Thursday 9th February 4A & 3N

Forest Schools: Friday 10th February 3A & 4J

Parent Consultations: Tuesday 7th February and Thursday 9th February.

Spring Mass: 9.15am Tuesday 7th February

Y6 JFK Visit: Tuesday 7th February

Half Term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Term Ends: 1.45pm Friday 31st March 2023

LOCAL COMMUNITY:

- **APEX HALF TERM CAMP**

Please see flyer attached.

- **GOOD SHEPARD HALF TERM CAMP**

Please see flyer attached.

- **GADE SCHOOLS FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE**

Parent information evening Wednesday 1st February at King's Langley School on the theme of Supporting Young People's Confidence, Self Esteem and Supporting Positive Mental Health.

Please visit Gade Schools or email familyservices@kls.herts.sch.uk

- **HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – HERE FOR YOU WINTER CAMPAIGN**

Please visit hereforyou for information for Hertfordshire residents about the support that is on offer (locally and nationally) to help manage the rising cost-of-living and to stay safe and well this winter.

- **HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PARENTING COURSES**

Please visit [hertsfamilycentres](https://www.hertsfamilycentres.co.uk/) for local Family Centre courses or speak to a member of the team on 0300 123 7572 to find out if one of these courses would be helpful for you and your family.

- **DSPL8** Parent/Carer Newsletter: Spring Term' & 'Dacorum Parent/Carers courses and support can be found [here](#)

Kind regards

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Mrs M Seabrook and Ms T Maloney Admin Assistants

School Office

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

8.30 AM-12.30PM

2.30PM-4PM