

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.

- **ST CUTHBERT MAYNE SCHOOL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY**

After eight years of service and dedication Mrs East will be leaving us at the end of February. Please bear with us during this time of transition and recruitment as there will be reduced office resources. To help please can we ask that any forgotten items are delivered to the office before 10am and only urgent changes to end of school collection are received via the school office.

If you are (or you know someone who is) interested in joining our office team and applying for our Office Administrator vacancy, please see details in the advertisement by following the link below. Visits to school are warmly welcome - please contact the school office to make an appointment. Please note the closing date is the Monday 20 February 2023 by 12pm, following half term. [office-administrator](#)

- **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Due to staffing ratios, we will now ask parents to bring your child/children to the dining room door. This change is effective from Monday 20th February 2023.

Polite reminder that the gate will open at 7:50 and close at 8:20 and the Breakfast Club mobile number 07526076963.

- **Y3 VIOLIN EXPERIENCE**

Mrs Greengrass, our violin teacher, will be sharing the beauty of learning to play the violin with our Year 3 pupils this Thursday 9th February. If you would like more information regarding music lessons please visit [HertsMusicService](#)

- **FOREST SCHOOLS**

Please see letter attached for volunteers needed, help on Thursday afternoons is especially wanted. Please complete the attached form if you are able to help [Google Form](#). Thank you for your support.

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!

- **4 ATTENBOROUGH SWIMMING SUPPORT**

Help needed from Parents/Grandparents of pupils in 4A to accompany any swimming lesson session after half term. 4 Attenborough leave school at 1.30pm on a Tuesday afternoon and return at 3pm. The dates include 21st and 28th February, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March. If you can help with any session we would be grateful to hear from you.

- **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.

- **HALF TERM**

School will be closed next week for the spring half term break. We look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on Monday 20th February.

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

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 9th February 4A & 3N

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

Parent Consultations: In person - Thursday 9th February.

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

Forest Schools: Thursday 23rd February 6J & 5M

Forest Schools: Friday 24th February 5E & 6MLK

Term Ends: 1.45pm Friday 31st March 2023

LOCAL COMMUNITY:

- **ST THOMAS MORE – NURSERY TOUR**

St Thomas More (Berkhamsted) "Nursery Tour" is taking place on the 20th February at 2.30pm. To book a place phone 01442385060 or email admin@stmore.herts.sch.uk

- **CAFOD**

On the 18th March the JFK CAFOD Young Leaders are organising an International Bring and Share Food Night to celebrate St Joseph's day in our church of St Mary and Joseph.

Mass will be at 6pm, Food will be at 7pm and a Quiz will be at 8pm.

The suggested donation is £5 per adult and £3 for those under 16. This covers resources and a donation to CAFOD. Please watch this space for more information.

- **OLD TOWN HALL FAMILY SHOWS**

Please see link below for family shows which have a strong educational core as well as being entertaining. All of the shows are aimed at children from nursery to primary school age, and often have something for the parents and grandparents to share as well. [OLDTOWN](#)

- **SCOUT VOLUNTEERS**

3rd Boxmoor Scout Group are looking for volunteers to join our team. If you're passionate about giving young people [#SkillsforLife](#) then this could be for you. No scouting experience necessary as training will be provided. For more information contact moore_deborah@icloud.com

- **APEX HALF TERM CAMP**

Please see flyer attached.

- **GOOD SHEPARD HALF TERM CAMP**

Please see flyer attached.

- **HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PARENTING COURSES**

Please visit [hertsfamilycentres](#) 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](#)**

- **NHS HERTFORDSHIRE**

Please visit [beezeebodies](#) for the year-round BeeZee Lite programme that now includes non-underweight fussy eaters and SEN children.

- **TEEN PARENTING COURSE**

Family Lives are delivering the below online parenting group, funded by Herts County Council, in the Spring term for targeted parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

Time to Talk about Pre Teens / Teens (6 weeks) – Online (6 weeks)

Tuesday 21st February to 28th March

9.30am – 11.30am

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated in the wake of Covid-19? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Or do you have a FFA/CIN/CP? Then please join our free 6-week online group for valuable advice and help on how to support and manage their behaviour.

Please email services@familylives.org.uk or call on 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8701 for more information.

Kind regards

Mrs D East Office Administrator

Mrs M Seabrook and Ms T Maloney Admin Assistants

School Office

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

8.30 AM-12.30PM

2.30PM-4PM