



29th March 2019

Dear Parents

Here is our latest newsletter following another busy week.

Dates:

Mon 1st April: Eisteddfod performance – 2pm

Weds 3rd April: Parents Evening

Thurs 4th April: Parents Evening

Thurs 4th April: Peer mediation celebration

Fri 5th April: PTFA Easter egg hunt

Weds 10th – Friday 12th April: Yr5/6 Residential trip (Oakerwood)

Wed 10th April

Fri 12th April: Spring sing at Fairfield

Fri 12th April: Finish for Easter

Monday 29th April: Back to school

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Mon 13th – Thurs 16th May: Year 6 SATs

Weds 15th – Thurs 16th May:

Yrs 3 & 4 to PGL Tregoyd

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May: Half Term Holiday

27th June: First transition day

4th July: Second transition day

7th July: Clifford Show

11th July: Third transition day

Thursday 18th July: Finish for summer holidays

Cross Country Tournament: A very big well done to the 15 children and their families for giving up their Sunday morning to compete in the cross country run last week. It was a lovely morning and I was delighted by everyone's efforts. Well done everyone! You made me feel tired just watching you.

Green spider climbing: Three of our girls from year 4 went climbing at the Green Spider Climbing Centre on Tuesday. They all had an amazing time and all want to go again. Dressed in safety harnesses they all managed to climb very high!

Coming soon:

Year 5 and 6 rugby tournament, Friday 17th May

REPORTS

You should have received your child's report yesterday.

If you would like to meet with the class teacher to discuss the report or anything else please ensure you return the reply slip to the class teacher, not the office.

Many thanks.

Digital Leaders' Conference

On Wednesday, some year five and six children (the digital leaders) went to Hampton Dean School for their first digital leaders' conference.

During the conference, we did a series of training which included virtualit-ee, clips and garage band. When we got to the school, we went into a big hall and were introduced to the other digital leaders of Herefordshire. We then got started on the training.

First we learnt about virtualit-ee which is a virtual world inside your body. You need a certain visual code to access the app. Once you're in it's really cool and you can see all around your body from the inside.

Next we had a quick break but then went back inside to learn about a new app called clips. It is slightly similar to imovie but easier to use and much more fun. We made a clip about a guide to how much screen time you should have.

Then we had lunch but after we had a demonstration from an apple store guy who showed us how to make an audio book on garage band. We recorded our voices and added music to the soundtrack.

Thank you Hampton Dean School for a really fun day with tech.

Next week:

Monday 1st April: Eisteddfod Performance 2pm in the school hall.

You are all invited to watch our annual Eisteddfod performances of dance, poetry and music.

Thurs 4th April: Peer mediation celebration

Our peer mediators have been invited to the Left Bank for the day to celebrate all of their hard work. All peer mediators should have received an invitation at the beginning of the week.

All transport and food has been paid for by The National Lottery Fund. Amazing!



No Film club next Weds due to parent's evening.

Coming soon:

**Oaker
Wood
Leisure**

Weds 10th – Friday 12th April: Yr5/6 Residential trip (Oakerwood)

Can all outstanding bills be paid as soon as possible? Thanks

If you do have a problem paying before 10th April can you please inform the office.
Thank you

Dental Survey: We have been asked to take part in National Survey by the NHS on child dental health. They have randomly selected 18 of our children from Reception and Year 1 and provided us with letters to send out explaining what is involved and a consent form to send back. Please check your child's book bag and, if you discover your child has been invited to take part, return the consent form to the school office with a yes or no answer. Many thanks.

Fri 12th April, Sing Spring at Fairfield High School (Year 3 and 4)

The children of year 3 and 4 children have started practising their four songs to perform. More details to follow nearer the time.



PTFA Easter Hunt

Friday 5th April 3.30pm

£1.50 per child. (ParentPay)
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please support our **PTFA** events as we are raising money to improve our outside facilities.

- Increasing the areas the children can play in the winter: astro turf the large patch of grass (not the field) and put a weather proof surface in front of the outside classroom, near the tree.
- Purchase new benches and improve the flower beds.
- Provide an outside classroom for reception children (not a shed!)
- Set up an outside Science museum

This is obviously a long list and we will work towards them all.

School Dinners

There will be **no hot school dinners** on the last day of term as Gwernyfed break up the day before us. Please ensure your child has a **packed lunch**.

We have been informed by Gwernyfed that they are increasing their prices to £2.55 per meal as from next term, which we feel is very expensive. We have therefore decided to take this opportunity to see other providers and, having made enquiries with other schools, we have had extremely good feedback for JP Catering. They supply Eardisley, Weobley, Dilwyn, Pembridge, Stretton Sugwas and Staunton to name but a few.

J P Catering is owned and run by Jo Morris and her partner Mark is Mark Hurds Butchers in Weobley who supply all their meat. All ingredients are good quality and locally sourced where possible.

Mrs Scourfield, Mrs Peachey and three of our pupils will be sampling their menu at Stretton Sugwas school next Tuesday lunchtime and will report back our findings.

JP Catering's summer menu is attached alongside this newsletter but they also offer other choices as well as a hot meal every day. These include:

Baked potatoes with a choice of Cheese, Beans or Tuna (max 2 fillings available).
Salads Boxes with a choice of ham, cheese, tuna or egg - + mixed salad, pasta and fresh bread.
Lunch Boxes with a sandwich choice of ham, cheese, tuna, egg or jam.

Salad is also available daily to accompany hot meals (except on roast days) as well as white or wholemeal bread. Fresh fruit and yogurt is also served as an alternative to puddings.

All lunches are £2.30 each and will be delivered daily.

If we do decide to go ahead, the orders will still be made on ParentPay and payments made there **BUT** orders will have to be phoned through **every Wednesday** for the following week. We hope that parents, where possible, will book up a few weeks at a time. Obviously the new system will take some getting used but we hope that the extra choices will be popular.

We would welcome any thoughts and feedback on the above and we will keep you posted on our decision. You can either email the office or there will be a comment box for your responses at parents evening.

With best wishes
Sarah Scourfield