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WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 23rd September '22



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

The sporting fixture calendar started this week with our cross country team who headed over to Colney Heath for the first run of the year. Both the Girls and Boys team ran impressive races with all of the children finishing in the top half of the field. Congratulations to Jonah for coming in First place. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Hobbs for their organisation and support.

With interest rates going up again, energy prices at an all time high and an increase in food prices, there will be some families who are finding making ends meet that little bit harder. If you are finding yourself in this position please come in and talk to us in confidence. We can help you through the process of claiming for free school meals (there is further detail on the next page) and, where it is needed, have access to foodbank vouchers.

I am pleased to say that Daisy Cooper, MP for St Albans, will be coming into school in November to help us judge the final of our new

school competition, the Speakers Cup. As part of our efforts to improve children's oracy, all children from Y1 to 6 will be asked to write a speech at home about something they are passionate about and say it in front of the class. The winning speaker will then go through to the final in assembly, where they will present their speech in front of the whole school (and parents). Speeches should be a maximum of 3 minutes and can involve props or presentation software such as PowerPoint. I will send out the full details with dates etc. next week. Good luck.

And finally, the climbing frame that ALSA raised so much money for is due to be installed in November. I am sure that the children are looking forward it being put in. Thanks again for all your support to raise the funds for it.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mr Smithard

Learning Power Certificates
(awarded for reciprocity, resilience, resourcefulness and resourcefulness)

*Hollie B (Y4) Rae & William (Y1)
Anabelle (Y5) Matilda (Y2) Matilda
(Y3) Gracie & Ben (Y6)*

Hot Chocolate Friday—
congratulations to these children
who have gone 'over and above' this
week

Y1 Adam Y2 Asha Y3 Ivy QL Y4 Elsa
Y5 Alma Y6 Amelie

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 26th Sept - St Albans Foodbank
Assembly

Mon 26th Sept - ALSA AGM 7:30pm @
school

Wed 5th Oct - Autism in Schools Meet-
ings - 9am

Thur 6th Oct - Travelling Book Fair ar-
rives

Mon 10th Oct - Shakespeare Workshop

Winnie Under the Sea
By Valerie Thompson & Korky Paul
Recommended by Belle (Year 2)



“Winnie loves diving beneath the Ocean Waves... Wilbur isn't so sure. So Winnie changes herself and her cat into creatures of the deep...”

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Lunches

If your children are having school lunches please sign them up on Gateway before coming to school. Also please remember to cancel the lunch by 9am if your child is not going to be in school for any reason, otherwise HCL won't issue a refund.

Uniform

Please let us know if you have any uniform needs - we would appreciate it if people with outstanding payments can settle their accounts as soon as possible. Thank you

Applying for Free School Meals

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, the school also receives extra funding to support your child in other ways (the Pupil Premium Grant) – for example, we can support with extra tutoring, fund outside support with a specific learning need and even support financially with trips and clubs. This means that (if you qualify) you should apply even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 where all children are entitled to a free school meal.

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support · Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get)

It only takes 5 mins to apply online and in most cases they can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school. For more information and the link to apply, please visit the Hertfordshire CC website: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-schoolmeals.aspx>. Alternatively, if you need some help, please pop into the office.

