



KILLIGREW NEWS

17th March 2023

Dear Parents,

We have a very busy couple of weeks coming up so do look at the list of dates on the weekly newsletter to ensure that you don't miss anything. The term dates for the next academic year have also been added.

Next Friday (24th March) is a non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate gift for the PTA Easter 'Eggstravaganza', which is taking place the following week. Don't forget to start thinking about the Easter hat parade which is also taking place on Friday 31st March.

Kindest regards,

T.Mylotte
Head teacher

Attendance

Congratulations to Macaws and Bluejays for their excellent attendance last week.

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| Firecrests | 95.3% | Puffins | 97.6% |
| Skylarks | 96.7% | Kingfishers | 97.7% |
| Goldfinches | 94.5% | Macaws | 100% |
| Nightingales | 96.2% | Pelicans | 95.5% |
| Cardinals | 96.4% | Toucans | 96.9% |
| Parakeets | 95% | Eagles | 88% |
| Bluejays | 99.1% | Peacocks | 93% |

Staff News

This week, we welcome Miss Watts who is joining our LSA team. We also welcome Mr Borley as our new site manager. He will be working with Mr Noble for the next two weeks in order to get to know the school.

iPad Safety

Please find attached a useful leaflet about iPad safety.

Nursery Garden Improvements



Mrs Wicks successfully applied for a community grant from Wickes.



We were able to use the grant to further enhance the garden, using gravel, pebbles and soil to create a fairy garden and a digging pit, and using some guttering to create outdoor bookshelves.



We also received lots of bulbs, and we look forward to seeing the flowers grow. Many thanks to Mrs Green for putting the resources together.

Chess Success



Congratulations to Sami (Y4) who competed in the English Primary Schools' Chess Association Under 9 East Zone tournament representing Hertfordshire against Barnet, Buckinghamshire, Essex and Kent.

He did really well, winning all three games helping Hertfordshire qualify for the finals.

We wish him and the Hertfordshire team the best of luck at the national finals in Nottingham on Saturday 22nd April.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed, you may be interested in the following information regarding free school meals for your child.

[Free school meals](#)

Celebrating Ramadan

The celebration of Ramadan is coming up around 22nd March. During the month of Ramadan, most Muslims will fast, take time to recite the Qur'an and pray. Fasting is a way of showing self-restraint, developing a closer relationship with Allah, and reflecting on your acts throughout the year.

Muslims will eat during the hours of darkness, ensuring they are filling up on liquids, sugars and carbohydrates to see them through the daylight hours the following day. Muslims will wake up to pray Fajr (the first of the five daily prayers before the sun sets). Many mosques will have free meals when the sun sets (Iftah) for anybody in the community to join. Sometimes children will do full fasts, but also mini half day fasts. They also engage in a night prayer called Taraweeh.

These are some mosques close to our school:

- The Jamie Masjid & Bangladeshi Islamic Centre
- London Colney Islamic Centre
- St Albans Islamic Centre

Free Support for Hertfordshire Families

The Hertfordshire Family Centre Service has lots of free fun activities for families this Spring. The sessions are run by professional, qualified staff in Early Years and their groups offer a wide range of activities for you and your children to enjoy and play together. They provide an opportunity for you to meet other local families and get advice and support from the Family Centre team as well as lots for under 5s to enjoy. Their regular groups include:

- Baby Group (pre-walkers) - drop in and meet other families with young babies in a supportive, stimulating and friendly environment. This session is for babies to play and for you to discover more about their development and support your own wellbeing as a new parent

- Active Rhyme Time (6-18 months) - a fun session including active rhymes and songs for you and your baby and toddler. The groups are a great way to meet other families and develop your child's communication and physical skills

- Physical Fun (18 months +) - join the team for a fun, active session. This is a way to meet

other families and enjoy games and play opportunities to support your child with their physical development.

These groups run at different venues across Hertfordshire, and you can drop into any of them-there is no need to book. Family Support staff will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have and if you need any extra help, they can point you in the right direction. For the latest What's On guide please see their website www.hertsfamilycentres.org

Feedback Form 22-23

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPngbCwRs9svUSsaXKhlrJlIeIkV0S9UNIJRUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0IWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates for the Diary 2022-23

(Any changes/additions to the previous week will be highlighted)

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 20th March | Phonics meeting for YR & Y1 parents 9:00am |
| Wednesday 22nd March | St Albans Schools' Concert 3.30pm (Choir) |
| Thursday 23rd March | Mini Police Assembly Y5 9.00am Y6 2.30pm |
| Friday 24th March | Mr Mitchell's music concert 2.45pm Band Club and Peacock class |
| | Non uniform day for Easter 'Eggstravaganza' (chocolate donations please) |
| | Goldfinch class assembly |
| Monday 27th March | YR-Y6 Parent & child reading session 8:40am |
| Wednesday 29th March | Y6 Bhaktivedanta Manor trip |
| Thursday 30th March | PTA Easter 'Eggstravaganza' |
| Friday 31st March | Easter hat parade |

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| | Mr Mitchell's music concert 1.30pm YR and Goldfinches class Last day of term (2:15pm/2:20pm finish) |
| Monday 3 rd April | Readathon ends |
| Monday 17th April | Summer term begins |
| Friday 21 st April | Kingfisher class assembly Book Look 3:15pm-3:45pm |
| Wednesday 26 th April | Y4 Ancient Egypt Day |
| Friday 28 th April | Puffin class assembly |
| Monday 1 st May | Bank holiday |
| All of May | KS1 SATs |
| Wednesday 3 rd May- Thursday 4 th May | Y5 Phasels Wood residential trip |
| Friday 5 th May | Cardinal class assembly |
| Monday 8 th May | Bank holiday (school closed) |
| 9 th -12 th May | KS2 SATs |
| w.b. 15 th May | Local history week PTA Bags2School drop off (Monday to Thursday) |
| Monday 15 th May | PTA Reception classes Bake Sale |
| Thursday 18 th May | Bags2School collection (PTA) |
| Friday 19 th May | Nightingale class assembly |
| Monday 22 nd May | YR-Y6 Parent & child reading session 8:40am |
| Thursday 25 th May | Y5 Phasels Wood assembly |
| Friday 26 th May | KS2 sports day |
| 29 th May-2 nd June | Half term (school closed) |
| Monday 5 th June | INSET day (school closed) |
| w.b. 5 th June | Y4 multiplication table checks |
| Friday 9 th June | Reception class assembly Book Look 3:15pm-3:45pm |
| w.b. 12 th June | Y4 multiplication table checks Y1 phonic screening check |
| Monday 12 th June | PTA Year 4 Bake Sale |
| w.b. 19 th June | Y6 work shadowing week |
| Friday 23 rd June | Y5 Virtual Greek day |
| w.b. 26 th June | School fundraising week Y6 Bikeability |
| Wednesday 5 th July | Infant sports day |
| Wednesday 5 th July | Annual school report sent home |
| Monday 10 th July | PTA Year 5 Bake Sale |
| Tuesday 11 th July 2:00pm | Y6 play |
| Wednesday 12 th July 9:00am | Y6 play |
| Thursday 13 th July | Transition day-meet the new teacher |
| Friday 14 th July | Mr Mitchell's music concert |
| Monday 17 th July | YR-Y6 Parent & child reading session 8:40am |
| Thursday 20 th July | Y6 leavers' assembly End of term for children (2:15pm/2:20pm finish) |
| Friday 21 st July | INSET day (school closed) |
| Academic Year 2023-24 | |
| Friday 1 st September 2023 | INSET day (school closed) |
| Monday 4 th September 2023 | Children return to school |

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| 23rd October- 27th October 2023 | Half term holiday (school closed) |
| Monday 30 th October 2023 | INSET day (school closed) |
| Friday 24 th November 2023 | Occasional day (school closed) |
| 21st December 2023-3rd January 2024 | Christmas holiday (school closed) |
| 19th-23rd February 2024 | Half term holiday (school closed) |
| 29 th March 2024-12th April 2024 | Easter holiday (school closed) |
| 27th May-31st May 2024 | Half term holiday (school closed) |
| Monday 3 rd June 2024 | INSET day (school closed) |
| Monday 22 nd July | INSET day (school closed) |
| Tuesday 23 rd July | INSET day (school closed) |
| 24th July-1st September 2024 | Summer holiday |

