



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



NEWSLETTER

9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely end to the week. The sun is shining and our lovely new hall looks fantastic! The building project for the hall is scheduled to continue over the next two weeks, and we are hoping to be able to move our furniture and resources in during the first week back after half term.

Many thanks for your support with the slight change to the gates at school arrival. You may have noticed the addition of a red barrier. This is just to keep the children safe until a teacher arrives.

In more good news, you may have spotted in the press that St Andrew's has been confirmed as one of the schools going into the School Rebuilding Programme. Architects and planners are working busily on our behalf now to draw up plans, so we should know more about the plans in the coming months.

Please remember, next week is our last week of half term and children finish on Thursday at the usual time. Friday 16th February is a teacher training day so no children will be expected on site.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
From Mrs Dutaut and the St. Andrew's team.



PE DAYS AFTER HALF TERM (please ensure your children arrive in PE kit on scheduled PE days - thank you)

MONDAY	Year 3 (outdoor), Year 4 (indoor)
TUESDAY	Year 5 (outdoor), Year 6 (outdoor)
WEDNESDAY	Year 5 (indoor)
THURSDAY	Year 3 (indoor)
FRIDAY	Year 4 (outdoor), Year 6 (indoor)

REMINDER

When dropping children off in the morning please wait with them until the gate opens at 8.30am. We have had some unwanted behaviour recently, particularly where children gather right in front of the gate and there are no adults present. Thank you for your support with this.

Y5 Solo Singing Auditions

On Monday 12th February, we will be auditioning solo singing parts for our Easter performance. All the information and songs are on the Year 5 Google Classroom. There will also be speaking parts available, but these do not need practising in advance of Monday 12th. Thank you,

YEAR 3 FAMILIES

As you know, Year 3 are taking part in an Ancient Egyptian day on Tuesday 13th February. For part of this we will be mummifying bananas! Please can you send your child into school with a banana on this day (or Monday if you prefer). Thank you.

Spring Term 2024 - dates for your diary:-

Tuesday 13th February: Y3 Egyptian Day

Friday 16th February: INSET Day

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February: Half Term Break

Thursday 29th February: Y4 Roman Workshop Visit

Tuesday 5th March: Y6 Visit to Warner Bros Studios

Wednesday 6th March: Y5 Viking Experience Day

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (details to follow)

Friday 8th March: Year 4 assembly to parents @ 2.15pm

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th March: Parent Consultation Evenings (One Plan Meetings will take place this week too)

Monday 25th March: Year 5 Easter Performance

Thursday 28th March: Easter Service (1.30pm) parents welcome and last day of term

Monday 15th April: children back to school

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for response
All Years		
Year 3	Egyptian Day in school 13 th February - Letter to Parents - PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITH A BANANA	n/a
Year 4	Roman Britain Workshop - Letter to Parents	Payment by Thursday 15 th February please
Year 5	Viking Experience Day - Letter to Parents	Payment by Monday 26 th February please
Year 6	Warner Bros Studio Tour (the making of Harry Potter) - Letter to Parents	Payment & consent by Thursday 29 th February at the latest please

Shine Rewards Thursday 15th February

Please bring to school:

Year 3	Film and/or talent show – no pressure, only if children want to!	Any items required for the talent show and a SMALL snack to have with the film
Year 4	Roman themed activities	
Year 5	Computers	
Year 6	Quidditch – PE kit as usual	

*If you need to drop off or collect your child outside of the usual school hours, please come to the green rec gate and call the school office. **There is no access for children or visitors through the red car park gate.***

Information for HPSAJS parents who **also** have a child in HPINS Diamond Class.

On the last day of the Spring term we will be having an Easter service at St Andrew's. This is from 1:30-2:30.

The Diamond class assembly is on the same day but will not be starting until **2:40pm** to allow you to attend both events.

Maths Mentors

Today, I have asked maths mentors to take some photos of maths all around them - they had lots of ideas! We are hoping to launch a competition soon for the rest of the school and I am hoping to gather some examples.

Please send these photos (and any maths questions they can think of to go with them) to Year3@hatfieldpeverel-jun.sch.uk FAO Mrs Pettifer.

Many thanks!

Mrs Pettifer



If you have any empty rectangular tissue boxes or long card tubes (from wrapping paper or kitchen roll) please could you save them and send them into school after half term. Year 4 would very grateful for these items to use in a project.

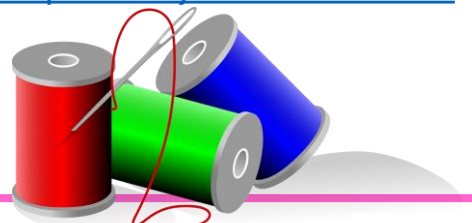
Thank you.

Year 4 would like to ask for help with their sewing on the afternoons of Tuesday 12th and Tuesday 19th March.

If you are able to help, please email Year4@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk

All help greatly appreciated!

Thank you.





Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:
5th to 11th February 2024

Minaya, Thomas R, Lara, Reggie T,

Mrs Walton

For more artwork please follow:

<https://twitter.com/charliemackesy?lang=en>

"Sometimes I feel so
behind," said the boy.



"I think you are incredible
for getting this far."

Charlie Mackesy



MOST PLAYED

1st

Elliott G

53,680

2nd

Cameron G

43,680

3rd

Hamzah K

27,589



These are the children who have been spotted shining in school this week. We could have chosen so many children- the decisions were hard to make!

Well done for demonstrating our CARE values.

Apple - Amelia C
Birch - Olivia S
Cherry - Isabella
Fir - Noah
Maple - Drei
Oak - Lakshaya
Rowan - Henry
Sycamore - Lottie



Compassion Achievement Respect Enjoyment
Every child is loved and known. Every child shines.

**WELL DONE TO
PRIORY HOUSE!**



Points for this week!

Berwicks	380
Greystones	369
Priory	396
Vinehurst	333



★ A SPECIAL FREDDIE FEATURE ★

A wonderful message from Freddie's family:

Freddie wanted to share a very special few hours he had interviewing the head coach of Tottenham Hotspurs last week. Thankfully he was having a 'good' day and felt up to it although was absolutely exhausted after, but worth every minute to see his smile. He was given the opportunity to attend the first team training ground where he was able to ask Ange Postecoglou questions he had thought of whilst being filmed. We thought he was amazing so had to share with you and the St. Andrew's family.

Please take the time to watch the You Tube video in the link below to see Freddie in action!

https://youtu.be/m7R_Loroh68?si=rcDO4N9LgOxMfKdV

We are all so very, very proud of you Freddie, you continue to amaze us with your bravery and smiles!





From Henry's family:

We had the Hotsteps presentation evening on Saturday night and Henry was awarded his certificates and plaques for the 3 exams he took back in October.

He scored in the top 3 of the whole dance school with 2 honours (94% and 93%) and a highly commended.

Well done Henry!

From Imogen's family:

Imogen received 3 dance awards on Saturday. 2 with honours! We are so very proud of her. She can't wait to perform at Wembley stadium in June!

Well done Imogen!





Spotlight on Year 6



Magical Report Writing in Year 6!

In Year 6, the children have been sharpening their quills and turning their hands to writing newspaper reports. Rita Skeeter would be proud of the effort they have put in to describing a mysterious break-in at the world-famous wizarding bank - Gringotts.



round midnight it has been reported that the authorities have been alerted that there was a break-in at Gringotts. Why the security breach happened is unknown. Who did the crime is yet to be determined.

Located in Diagon Alley, at the end of the street used by witches and wizards of all kinds, it has been said to be guarded by goblins. They are said to have a natural ability to count your money, they are said to be very loyal with your money. For every door there is a key. Gringotts has a reputation for being the most secure bank in the wizarding world.



Features included:

- Attention-grabbing headline
- Formal tone
- The 5 Ws - Who, What, Where, When and Why?
- Direct speech interviews
- Recorded speech from witnesses
- Use of the passive voice
- A reorientation paragraph
- Specific details
- Facts and statements



Picture News For Parents



February 2024 edition

Hello!

Welcome to this first edition of *Picture News for Parents*, a newsletter to keep you updated with Picture News coverage and how children can explore the news in a productive, child-friendly way. But first, let us introduce ourselves!



What is Picture News?

We make weekly news resources to help schools teach current affairs. We go beyond simply telling children what is happening in the world, to instead find opportunities for discovery, deeper thinking and self-reflection.

A Picture News session uses real-life learning, covering topics including real people and scenarios, to bring the world to the classroom. This helps children learn more about themselves and others: what interests them, what they are passionate about, and what they want to change or act on.

This half term's pack recap



Are emojis an important part of communication?

8th January 2024

This first pack of 2024 explored Teddy Cottle's petition for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he thinks it misrepresents glasses-wearers. This story led to wider thoughts of how we use emojis to communicate and express ourselves.



Is an e-reader better than a book?

15th January 2024

This pack detailed a recent study from the University of Valencia, which found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading. This news inspired children to debate how they felt about print books versus e-readers, and reflect on the value books bring to our lives.



Is fashion important?

29th January 2024

News of BBC's new programme, *Style It Out*, was the subject of this pack. The contest show requires budding designers to only use second-hand materials, which led us to explore sustainable clothing and the impact fast fashion is having on our environment.



What makes someone inspirational?

5th February 2024

This pack covered the news of Spain's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome, Mar Galcerán. Talk of Mar's election led us to explore the power of pursuing interests despite facing obstacles, and prompted discussions about what traits make someone inspirational.



Picture News & Schools

Our schools share on social media how they're using Picture News resources with children.

Whether it's classroom discussions, sessions led by children, assemblies, PSHE or debate clubs, there are plenty of ways for children to learn about the news in their school setting.

Here are some examples of Picture News in action!



"Picture News is an integral part of our school week. The children really enjoy the resources and show a very mature attitude when discussing the questions posed. Ofsted were impressed by the content of the assembly that they saw and mentioned it in our recent report."

Rosanna O'Hara, Unstone Junior School.



Picture News Take Home

You can keep up-to-date with the topics we cover in the 'Take Home' resource included in every Picture News pack!



Goodbye!



Katie N, Editor

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Thank you for joining me in this first edition of *Picture News for Parents*. This is a new venture for us, so we'd really appreciate any feedback or ideas for what support you'd like to see from Picture News.

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