



5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support over a very busy half term in school. We wanted to give you some information and key dates ready for the Summer term ahead.

### Progress Reports

Children in Year 1 – 6 will be coming home today with their progress report and a covering letter. Please sign a copy of the report and return it to school after the holidays. There is an opportunity for you to make a comment and, should you wish to make an appointment to come and talk to the teachers, we can organise this in the first week back.

### Theme Week

As soon as we return from the Easter break we will be having our theme week in school. This year the week will have a well-being and art theme and we have called it 'Express Yourself'. The children will be taking part in a range of activities and many will be heading off to spend either a morning or afternoon at Highfield Park. As this is a local visit we do not need to ask you to sign any forms but thought it would be useful to know who is going when so you can make sure the children have a drink with them and are wearing suitable shoes/coats that day.

Tuesday morning	Year 1
Wednesday morning	Year 3 & 4
Thursday morning	Year 5 and Reception

Those classes not going to Highfield already have other plans to use our own school grounds for their outside activities.

### Library

The children have been so excited to see the new library this week and have all chosen a book to bring home and share over the holiday. It has been lovely to welcome lots of parents in to see the space too.

We are very grateful to the parent volunteers who have offered to do a regular librarian slot each week that means the library can be open to change books every morning from 8.30am and every afternoon until 4pm (3.15pm on a Thursday). This will happen from the start of the Summer term.

### Behaviour Policy Information sessions

We would like to share with you some information on our new behaviour policy which was completed in January. Staff have all been trained on the Hertfordshire STEPs therapeutic approach which our policy now reflects.

We are offering 2 sessions early next term – **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 6pm – 7pm** or **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 9.15 – 10.15am**.

Please can you contact the office by phone, email ([admin@camp.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@camp.herts.sch.uk)) or just drop in and let them know if you will be attending and which session so we can organise the rooms and refreshments. Thank you.

### Talent Show

The children have been very persuasive and School Council has now agreed that we can have a talent show. This will take place on the afternoon of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. There will be auditions in class prior to this and one act from each class will go through to the final. We have reassured the children that they can have the first week back to rehearse with their friends! We will be using the show as a chance to add some extra funds to the total raised for Red Nose Day by running a raffle on the day.



### School meals and toast

The cost of school meals from next term will be **£2.55 per day** or **£12.75 per week**. This increase is due to a County rise that we have to pass on to parents. As you are aware, **free meals are available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**. We request that all children commit to their lunch choices/meal patterns on a half-termly basis please, which includes the free meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

For Year 3 to Year 6 we would like you to continue to make all school meal payments in advance. The office staff really appreciate your co-operation with this. School meal payments are to be made online via Schoolcomms. Please ask at the school office for further details about online payments if you do not already use this system.

Toast is available at morning break for children in Y1 – 6, and costs **75p** per week (or **£4.50** per half term), payable to the class teacher or office in advance. The children are also welcome to bring in a piece of fruit to have as a snack at break-time.

### Nut allergy sufferers and packed lunches

As more children may have packed lunches in the Summer term, we would like to remind you that we request that parents and carers avoid including nuts, or products that list nuts as one of their ingredients, in children's packed lunch boxes. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### Attendance and Punctuality

We use an online registration system which requires that all absences, including medical appointments, are reported to the **school office** please (rather than to the teacher or another staff member).

I would like to remind you that the school day begins at **8.55am** (except for Nursery). Please arrive in good time for the morning bell to ensure that your child has a settled start to the school day. If you do arrive late for school in the morning please report to the **school office** and complete your child's details in our 'Late Arrivals' file. We will ask you to record the reason why your child/children are late and for a parent/carer signature.

### Dates

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Theme week 'Express Yourself'
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Statutory test week
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 School Journey to Condoover Hall
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics testing
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Consultations for Year 1 - 6
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day – school closed
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 transition Day to secondary school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leaving assembly @ 10am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery end of term
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term – 1.30pm finish

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break.

Best wishes,  
Sharon Barton