



## Head's lines...

Another half term approaches and a chance to share with you some of the exciting learning and opportunities the children have been involved in across the school. As well as the photos and information included in this newsletter we have also had a number of netball and football matches, parents of children in Nursery and Reception coming into school for parent consultations and classes entertaining us with their class assemblies. Everyone is certainly going to be ready for a rest next week!

Importantly, we have also recently reminded ourselves about on-line safety as last Tuesday was **Safer Internet Day**. As well as a whole school discussion in assembly, the children will all have spent some time in class considering key actions they can take to keep themselves safe.

We had a great PA run comedy night on Tuesday – thanks to Jarlath and friends lots of money was raised to help stock the new library which is being fitted in March. We have also had a cake and uniform sale and a non-uniform day which the children always enjoy.

A bit of sunshine yesterday and today and the children have decided it is definitely summer! They have certainly enjoyed their time outside and even wanted to picnic on the field. I do hope the sunshine lasts and that you all have a lovely half-term week. Best wishes

Sharon Barton

Important Dates	
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Half Term
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1&2 Castles day
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3&4 trip to Butser Farm
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> March	PA Quiz night
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1&2 trip to Mountfitchet
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 3&4 Performance (letter with details to follow)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery end of term
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term 1:30pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter holidays

We were really pleased to launch our new **website** earlier this term and know from the initial feedback that you like the look and have found it very easy to navigate.

We wanted to make sure the site was mobile friendly, as we know that is how many people will access information, and to have one place where we will keep electronic copies of the letters that have been sent home so you can always find a copy. The calendar will be updated regularly so please use this to keep fully informed of school events. Thank you.

## Speed Stacking

A team of eight Year 4 children took part in the St Albans schools Speed-stacking competition in February. They all competed in individual and team events. The boys' team finished second and the girls' team came third, which meant that when the results were combined Camp School retained the Speed-stacking trophy. A great team effort all round.

## INSET DAYS for 2019/2020

We know many of you are planning summer holidays so wanted to give you early notification of our INSET days for the next academic year.

School starts on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019**.

There will be INSET days on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**,  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January & Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

We will finish for the summer on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020**.



## 'Sticks and stones'

As part of their 'Sticks and stones' topic, Year 3 and 4 are currently learning all about the Stone Age. This was really brought to life with a talk by archaeologist Dr Tess Machling. She brought along artefacts from this period of history that are thousands of years old including arrowheads, an axe and sword, which the children were allowed to handle with care!

Toby (in Y3) told us that his Grandad found this arrow head (far right) in his flower bed. Dr Tess Machling looked at it and showed it to some archaeology friends. They think it is from the Neolithic period, early Bronze Age.



## Year 5 maths challenge



Four children from Camp competed against nineteen other schools in the Year 5 Maths Challenge competition.

"We did very well. Hopefully we have made it to the next round. We found the Maths Challenge questions very challenging but we managed to do very well!"

Please can we ask that children stick to the basic uniform and keep any additional items - such as the hairbands with ears or large colourful bows and the neck scarves - for non-uniform days and weekends. Thank you very much.



## Indoor athletics

Children from Years 5 and 6 went to Oaklands College in January to participate in an indoor athletics competition. The children enjoyed a variety of activities including relay races, chest passes and jumping – competing against a number of schools across the district. Everyone enjoyed the evening and were supportive of each other.

Thank you to the staff who accompanied the children and to parents for getting them there and back. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and were presented with certificates in a celebration assembly.



## Victorian Day

Some very strict teachers came to school on Wednesday when Year 5 & 6 experienced what life was like for a Victorian school child. Lots of learning by repetitive chanting, some complicated maths involving shillings and farthings and a real worry about who would be caned!

The children handed over the penny they were charged for their education that day and I think have been very glad ever since to get things back to normal.