



This half term we are focussing on: Consideration

The Ransom Round Up

Please click here to find out what is coming up next week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting time in school, with plenty to celebrate! Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to see The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre. Not only was the performance unforgettable, but the children were also lucky enough to meet some of the stars and enjoy a walk across London, making it a truly special day.

Well done to all of our children for taking part in the Mini Marathon again this year. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and determination across the whole school - a huge thank you to Mrs Herbert for organising everything.

A big thank you as well to the SPA for organising the spring discos - both evenings were a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Cedar Class also impressed us with a terrific assembly. Thank you to Mrs Tite for supporting the children in delivering such a confident performance.

There continues to be a huge amount of sport taking place, which is always a joy to see! You can read more about this in the rest of this newsletter.

Finally this week, please do look at the poster below and if you, or anyone you know, can support us with developing our outside spaces, we would really like to hear from you!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable bank holiday Monday.

Mr Plunkett



COMMUNITY HEROES WANTED!

HELP US TRANSFORM OUR OUTDOOR SPACES!

DO YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS OR SKILLS TO HELP?

We are seeking **LOW-COST** materials & **EXPERTISE** to enhance our playgrounds!

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Sleepers
- Soil
- Sand
- Guttering
- Pipes
- Connectors (for Early Years Water Mats)
- Wood Chippings
- Log Stools

- Garden Centres
- Plumbers
- Tree Surgeons
- Anyone who can Help!



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Help make the Summer Fete the best yet!

Plans are now well underway for the Summer Fete on 6 June. The fete is a fun-filled day when the whole school community comes together to raise thousands of pounds that will be used to enrich the education and enjoyment of all the children in school. And we need help from all of you to make it the best yet!

Firstly we are urgently looking for prizes for the raffle - if you or your company can offer a prize, please let any member of the SPA committee know asap.

We are also looking for donations for the soft toy tombola, bottle tombola and second hand toy stall. For the soft toy tombola we need good quality pre-loved teddies and soft toys please. We'll also need in-date drinks (alcoholic and soft drinks) in bottles and cans, food in jars as well as shower gels/toiletries for the bottle tombola. We're also on the look-out for pre-loved children's books and toys for the second-hand stalls - only items that are good enough quality to sell though please.

Please leave your donations in the box near the exit gate from the car park as soon as possible.

We will also be needing lots of volunteers on the day to help make the day a huge success - further info about how to sign up coming soon!



Sports Day Reminder

We are looking forward to our upcoming Sports Day events and can't wait to see the children taking part!

A quick reminder of the schedule:

- Reception - Thursday 21st May
- (Further details will be shared directly by class teachers.)
- Key Stage 2 (KS2) - Friday 22nd May, morning
- Key Stage 1 (KS1) - Friday 22nd May, afternoon

Please ensure your child comes prepared with appropriate sportswear, water, and sun protection (weather permitting).

We are excited for a fun-filled couple of days and appreciate your support in making these events enjoyable for all. Further information will follow closer to the time.

Netball Team's Remarkable Turnaround - Silver Medal Success!

What a journey it has been for our school netball team this season! At the start of the school year, the team faced some tough challenges, experiencing a number of heavy defeats. However, rather than letting this discourage them, the players showed incredible resilience, commitment and team spirit. Through consistent hard work, determination and the unwavering support and guidance of Miss Swinburne, their confidence and performance grew stronger with every match. All of that effort paid off in spectacular fashion at the End of Season Netball Rally last week, where the team exceeded all expectations and delivered an outstanding performance against strong competition. Here are their fantastic results:

- Ickleford - 4:1 win
- Highover - 3:2 win
- Mary Exton - 3:1 win
- Sam Lucas - 1:0 win
- Whitehill - 1:1 draw
- St Andrews - 5:2 loss



With four wins, one draw, and just one loss, the team secured an incredible second place finish! This achievement is a testament to their perseverance, teamwork, and positive attitude throughout the season. We are extremely proud of every player for their dedication and for representing the school so brilliantly!

Tag Rugby

Congratulations to the team of Y5/6 children who represented William Ransom at a fun schools' event run by the Police and Bedford Blues Rugby. They took part in all the activities with enthusiasm and a fantastic team spirit, representing our school brilliantly. A big thank you to Mr Thrasher for taking them to the event.

Cricket

On Thursday 30th April, the Cricket Team played in the first league match of the season against Wymondley School. The 8 strong team played together brilliantly, after only 3 training sessions, winning by 91 runs! A huge well done to the players and our excellent Dads who are coaching this year. Roll on the rest of the season and to hopefully retaining our title from last year!

Mrs Marie Herbert - PE Lead



Hitchin Town Football event

On Sunday 19th April, 32 children from across Years 1-6 represented William Ransom at the Hitchin Town FC charity event for the Garden House Hospice. With Jack Wilshire on hand to watch them in action, the 3 teams played superbly in a school's tournament before the charity match. With three mixed year group squads of children taking part; Year 1&2, Year 3&4 and Year 5&6, we all played 3 games and came out as tournament winners! Not only was the event a memorable and enjoyable day, it raised over £27,000 for an incredibly worthy charity and the children were an absolute credit to themselves, the school and their families. We were so proud of them and taking home the trophy really was the icing on the cake! An enormous well done to all those that took part and a big thank you to all the WR families who supported on the day.

Mrs Marie Herbert - PE Lead



Help to shape the incoming social media ban

As you may have seen in the news this week, the government has confirmed they will be introducing some form of ban relating to children's use of social media. This is great news, however, the details of this ban have not yet been decided. The government consultation is open until 26 May and provides an opportunity to help shape what this ban means in practice. It takes just 10 minutes to respond and every response matters. If this is something you care about, please do share your views **by clicking here**. To find out more about the Smartphone Free Childhood movement and what has been happening in this school, **click here**.



Parking Notice – School Car Park

We are writing to clearly remind parents and carers that parking in the school car park is not permitted between 8:00am and 4:45pm, as stated on the signage.

This is essential to ensure:

- That staff can access and leave the site safely
- That children are not left unattended in the car park
- Vehicle movement on site is kept to a minimum during busy school hours

We also ask families to park responsibly and considerately on surrounding roads. We continue to receive concerns from local residents about unsafe parking, including blocked driveways, obstructed pavements and parking too close to junctions. This behaviour puts children, families and other road users at risk.

If you witness dangerous parking or driving, please report it via Police 101. Parking concerns on public roads can be reported to North Hertfordshire District Council, and wider concerns can be shared with the Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership (details available online). Thank you for your cooperation.

Could This Extra Support Help Your Family?

We want to make sure every child and family in our school community gets the support they are entitled to. You might be surprised to learn that many families are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, even if you have never applied before. Pupil Premium is not a label and it does not single children out. It simply helps the school access additional funding so we can better support your child and your family, both now and in the future.

How this helps you and your child

When a family successfully registers for Pupil Premium:

- The school receives extra funding to help us support learning, wellbeing and enrichment
- It helps us signpost families to additional help or opportunities when needed
- And as a thank-you, you receive vouchers directly to support your family

What families receive

For every successful application, you will receive:

- £75 supermarket voucher (your choice)
- £25 book token
- PLUS £50 supermarket voucher (of your choice) **every year** until the end of Year 6

Applying is easy and confidential. You can choose the option that feels most comfortable for you and either apply online yourself **by clicking here** or by speaking to the school office, who will be very happy to help you apply in complete confidence. Many families qualify without realising it, and applying does not affect your child's experience at school in any negative way. Registering for Pupil Premium helps everyone: you, through vouchers and access to support; your child, through additional resources and opportunities; and the school, by enabling us to continue supporting families as fully as possible. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, we encourage you to apply or to have a quiet chat with the school office or a member of the leadership team – we are always happy to help.