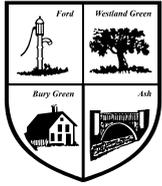


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'Believing and Achieving'

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that everyone enjoyed a good break over half term! The next half term is relatively short but with lots to do!

It was very special to welcome our Ugandan visitors in to school this week. The visitors were teachers, Moses, Rebecca and Henry, from the secondary school where our Kigezi children go on to at 12 years old. The children generated some really interesting questions for them. We found out that there are around 100 children in each primary class with one teacher! The teacher worked on a chalkboard whilst the children just had a pencil and a notebook to record their work. Whilst the younger children started school at 7am and finished at 1pm, the older primary pupils worked on until 5pm and each family would have to travel over 2kms each day to collect water in a 20 kg Jerri can. We really do not appreciate how lucky we are! It really does make the link come to life and we will be sending letters and hold fundraising events so that 'Moses' can take them to Kigezi Primary for us in the summer.

Also, a huge **THANK YOU** to Connect Scaffolding today for their very generous donation of £850 towards school funds. They are also offering to provide us with a tall tower for some high level repairs needed-much appreciated.

### Match Funding

Once again, I would like to thank Mrs Mitchell for very kindly pursuing match-funding at her bank, which has generated a brilliant donation of £1000 towards school funds too. There are many companies out there, banks especially, who support charities through match funding any fundraising done by the PTA in a school. From what I can gather, a confirmation letter is sent from the school that the fundraiser took place and this is then passed on to the appropriate department for consideration. With the FRIENDS Quiz Night coming up on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April**, it may be something else to consider as a match-funding opportunity? Could this be your company? I am sure that Mrs Mitchell will be able to point you in the right direction!

### Times Tables Challenge

I would like to congratulate Victoria in Maple Class for achieving the Times Table Champion Award this week. It would be brilliant to add some more names to our Tables Champion 'Roll of Honour'. Being confident in your times tables is a massive aid in calculating, so whether you are aiming at Bronze, Silver, Gold or Champion - Challenge yourself and go for it! 'Hit the Button' or Mathletics can really, really help- ask Victoria!

### World Book Day

Next Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, is World Book Day. We are asking everyone to dress up again as an 'Adjective'. However, this year, in order to further develop their grammatical understanding and vocabulary, we would also like them to consider a 'Synonym' (a word that means the same) and an 'Antonym' (the opposite of the word) for their 'Adjective'. For example, if you chose the adjective 'sporty', your synonym could be 'athletic' and your antonym could be 'inactive'. (Can't have this one now!) A thesaurus or Google search would be a real help with this activity.

### Parent Governors

I am really pleased that we have had some interest in our Parent Governor vacancy, so more details to follow, thank you!

### Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight begins next week and as an accredited Fairtrade School, we will be raising awareness with the children. We will be running our annual Fairtrade Chocolate Raffle with the children, so tickets are 20p each, with a limit of £3 maximum. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Do put the Coffee Morning on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March in your diaries!

### Royal Albert Hall Gala

Nearer the date, we will need to collect our concert T shirts from the Music Centre in Stevenage. If anyone works locally or is willing to tie in a shopping visit, please let me know, thank you.

### Keeping Children Safe Online Training

So far, sadly only 10 parents have signed up for this really effective training session here at Little Hadham on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. As I have previously said, I cannot recommend this training highly enough and remember that school subsidise parents 50% of the cost. Book in at [admin@aspects.org.uk](mailto:admin@aspects.org.uk) or call 01279 696842. Flyers in bags again today!

### Friday Film Club

Next Friday's film is 'Despicable Me 3' and has a running time of 86 minutes, so pick up is at 4.45pm, please. Remember to bring your snacks with you in the morning.

### Class Attendance Award

This week's top attenders are in Lime Class with 99.5%. The attendance across the school was at 97.4%. This continues to keep above expectations, so well done to you all!

### Going for Gold

The most Triplegolds for the week ending 9<sup>th</sup> February were in Maple Class, well done, everyone!

### Special Table

This week, Rocco, Ella H and Grace have been specially nominated by the ladies in the kitchen to sit at the Special Table, so well done, folks!

### Lime Class

Mrs Wells is due back on Monday and we will be pleased to welcome her back.

### Coming up next week...

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> : Fairtrade Fortnight begins- Vicar Assembly  
Governors - Resources Meeting 6.30pm  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> : Parent Consultations - 5.30-8.30pm  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> : Y1/2 Festival Gymnastics  
INSET - Mrs Stockley - all day  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March: World Book Day - Come as a Wow adjective with an antonym and a synonym  
Parent Consultation 4-6pm -pm  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: GDPR Training - Herts & Essex  
Friday Film Club - 'Despicable Me 3'

### Week 2:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March : Fairtrade Coffee Morning -9.10 - All welcome  
Governor Day - Writing focus  
School Council Network Launch at Stortford College  
Mrs Stockley and School Captains  
Curriculum Governors meeting - 3.45pm. Forest School focus  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> March: Governors and School Council meeting  
Gymnastics Festival - Y3/4  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> March: Crisis Support Training - Mrs Stockley/Mrs Lammin  
Ecoles Ensembles Network Meeting - 4pm - Mrs Sassis  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Friday Film Club

### Thought for the Week

*'Don't count the days- make the days count.'*

Thank you for your continues support.

Yours sincerely

*E Stockley*

Mrs E Stockley

