



All Saints Notices

9th October 2020

Your regular notice informing you of important things coming up, reminders, polite requests to help our school run even more smoothly and opportunities to celebrate some of our children's achievements.

Our first positive test result – how we can help protect our community

Unfortunately, this week we received news of a child from our school testing positive for COVID-19. First and foremost, we wish the child and family well and hope that all is okay in the household. We took swift action to close the 'bubble' and asked all children and staff to self-isolate who had been in contact. This followed national guidance and advice from Public Health England and it demonstrates the strength of our risk assessments and procedures to act in a prompt and decisive way. We thank all of our families for their understanding, support and cooperation – we know this is a difficult and concerning time for many but this is helped immensely by the way in which our school community works together to keep everyone safe and ensure that we can keep the school open at this time.

May I also thank you all for your immediate response to my request that we all now wear face coverings at drop-off and pick-up. This is an additional measure to keep everyone safe and again ensures that we can keep the school open. We want to do everything we can to minimise the risk of the virus spreading and reduce the chances of more people becoming ill and the threat of disruption to children's education.

We are trying to do everything possible at school to keep our environment safe but we are also reliant on the behaviours of families outside of school as well. Please do everything you can to minimise mixing households, maintain strict social distancing and ensure good hand hygiene. Please also consider whether children mixing outside of school can be minimised during this precarious time to keep us safe at school and ensure we can remain open *e.g. walking home from school, clubs and parties etc.*

Every effort and sacrifice your family makes helps us here at school at a crucial time as we approach the winter months and all the winter bugs, colds and flu that come with it.



We desperately need your help and full cooperation with this one.

Parent Consultations

Due to the current COVID restrictions the parent consultation sessions will be taking place by telephone with your child's class teacher. Reception appointments will be taking place next week and for Years 1 - 6, the appointments will be taking place in the week commencing 19th October 2020. The school office will contact you with details on how to book your appointments once these are available.

Teaching Assistant News

Mrs Sharp, our fabulous Year 2 Teaching Assistant, is currently needing to reduce her hours at school. Consequently, after half term, we will be redeploying Mrs Sharp to work in Year 4 on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings, working alongside Miss Sullivan and liaising with Mrs Watkins in our Year 4 team. Mrs Sharp will also provide intervention support to classes one afternoon per week for the time being, starting with supporting Year 2 on a Thursday afternoon (so the class and Mrs Watson won't lose touch with Mrs Sharp completely!).

This means that we have the pleasure of announcing a new member to the Datchworth team, Mrs Amani, who will work with our Year 2 children Monday to Friday mornings and will also do MSA duties each lunchtime. Mrs Amani comes with a wealth of experience within school settings and will be an excellent addition to our team. We welcome her to our school community and I am sure you will all make her feel extremely welcome too.

I am also pleased to announce that Mrs De Paula will be joining our team, providing intervention and support to pupils and groups as part of our provision to close any gaps in learning and accelerate progress for pupils.

We would like to welcome our new members of staff to the team and are excited to work with them, together with the children.

Bible Focus

Our half-termly Christian value is **Generosity**.

Good Citizenship Award



Our Citizen of the week was a very proud Henry, in Year 3, today. Teachers described what a happy, positive boy he is and how he loves coming to school each day! He shows lovely manners, is extremely thoughtful and well behaved and is a determined learner, even when he finds things tricky. Well done, Henry – you have made us all extremely proud of you!



Rucksacks and Pencil Cases

As the winter months fast approach, it is difficult to watch children balance the range of items they are bringing in to school. I have held my breath several times as I have watched some of our youngest children trying to stack their plastic zip wallet, packed lunch bag and water bottle on top of each other, whilst carrying their jumper under one arm and their coat under the other! Naturally, it makes sense to wear the jumper and coat but, nevertheless, this will become more of an issue in the cold and wet, as children drop their belongings into muddy puddles and the like.

Therefore, after half term, we are proposing that younger children may use their book bags to transport things into school and older children would be able to use small rucksacks, if needed. The less that children bring into school, the better, so if they are happy to continue as they are for the moment, then this is absolutely acceptable and is very helpful. Space is at a premium in school at the moment, so reducing what comes in to school is important for many reasons.

If you do choose to provide your child with a book bag or rucksack, please keep it as small as possible, wipe it over before and after school and children will still be expected to maintain good hygiene routines by wiping down their plastic zip wallet, water bottle and packed lunch box once they take them out at school. Children in Key Stage 2 may also bring in a small pencil case with the minimum stationery required in school – check with your class teacher what this includes for each of our Key Stage 2 year groups.

The key message is: if you don't need to bring something into school, please don't. We are trying our best to minimise risks in school, whilst offsetting this against practical logistics, but any way to help us reduce potential spread of the virus helps us all immensely.

Reminder: Secondary School Applications - Deadline 31st October 2020

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Saturday 31st October 2020**. We would recommend that parents complete it by Friday 23rd October, as there will be limited support available over the weekend and half-term for anyone having trouble applying.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

Virtual Secondary School Tour Links:

Presdales: <https://presdales.herts.sch.uk/online-prospectus/>

Hitchin Girls' School: <https://www.hgs.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Virtual+Open+Event+2020&pid=154>

Richard Hale - Available from 12th October, <https://www.richardhale.herts.sch.uk/>

Sele: <https://www.sele.herts.sch.uk/Open-Day-2020/>. Please book for tomorrow morning to see the Headteacher's virtual speech

Barnwell: <https://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/open-evening/>

Chauncy: <http://chauncyopenevening.com/>

Monks Walk: <https://www.monkswalk.herts.sch.uk/1224/virtual-open-evening-2020>

Please visit the school website, if the school you are interested in is not listed above.



Well done to Skye and Miley, in Year 5, for an amazing effort in maths this week. Miley has been practising adding numbers together, using the vertical column method, and Skye has been doubling and halving as a multiplication strategy. Both girls have been able to explain their methods and have shown increasing accuracy in using these strategies. Well done!

10. To use doubling and halving as a multiplication strategy

$42 + 42 = 84$
 $36 + 36 = 72$
 $74 + 74 = 148$
 $86 + 86 = 172$

$52 + 52 = 104$
 $75 + 75 = 150$
 $58 + 58 = 116$
 $45 + 45 = 90$
 $64 + 64 = 128$

$56 + 56 = 112$
 $43 + 43 = 86$
 $45 + 45 = 90$
 $39 + 39 = 78$
 $27 + 27 = 54$
 $55 + 55 = 110$
 $77 + 77 = 154$
 $24 + 24 = 48$
 $62 + 62 = 124$

$96 + 96 = 192$
 $88 + 88 = 176$
 $67 + 67 = 134$
 $45 + 45 = 90$
 $58 + 58 = 116$
 $77 + 77 = 154$
 $43 + 43 = 86$
 $47 + 47 = 94$

10. To use doubling and halving as a multiplication strategy

1 $14 \times 35 = 490$ $9 \times 15 = 135$
 $7 \times 70 = 490$ $3 \times 30 = 90$

2 $12 \times 15 = 180$ $15 \times 14 = 210$
 $6 \times 30 = 180$ $7 \times 30 = 210$

3 $16 \times 25 = 400$
 $8 \times 50 = 400$

4 $18 \times 25 = 450$
 $9 \times 50 = 450$

5 $16 \times 30 = 480$
 $8 \times 60 = 480$

6 $30 \times 18 = 540$
 $70 \times 9 = 630$

7 $45 \times 12 = 540$
 $6 \times 90 = 540$

8 $40 \times 18 = 720$
 $80 \times 9 = 720$

Fantastic calculating 80

I was asked to calculate 18×6 . I decided to halve 18 and double 6 to make my calculation 9×12 , which I know is 108.

Try using this strategy for 22×4 . What do you think?
 Give three examples of calculations where you think that would be a useful strategy to use.

halve: $22 = 11$
 Double: $4 = 8$
 $11 \times 8 = 88$

Help keep our village and environment clean

Sadly, this week we were informed that rubbish was seen being dropped from a car window outside school. Please be aware that drivers can receive a fixed penalty fine for littering. Not only does litter spoil our beautiful countryside it can be really harmful to the wildlife too. We can all do our part in keeping our village and environment clean, by holding on to our litter until we can safely pop it in a bin. Please remember to recycle whenever possible. Please discuss this with your children at home to remind them not to litter and to be a recycle champion!



COVID testing

Please remember to **keep checking for COVID symptoms** and taking your family's temperatures **daily**, including over the weekend. Apply for a test if someone is displaying symptoms and the whole household must self-isolate for 14 days until a negative result is received. Please inform school of any suspected cases and it is crucially important that you let us know the result of any tests taken, so that school can implement any safety measures needed. If a positive result is received, the household must continue to self-isolate for 14 days and the school's 'bubble' will also need to self-isolate for 14 days on notification of the positive test. You can apply for a test by clicking on this link:

www.self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/anitgen/name

PTA AGM

Grab yourself a drink and some nibbles and join us for our AGM at 7pm on Tuesday 13th October via zoom. Please email datchworthschoolpta@outlook.com for details.

Attachments

Please find attached:

- NESSie & Angels Parent training course flyer.