



### Parent / Carer Questionnaire

Thank you so much to those parents and carers who have returned the questionnaire so far. We were very pleased with the feedback and the lovely comments we received.



If anyone would still like to return their questionnaire then please send it via your child's book bag as soon as possible. Thanks.

### Up and Coming...

**Sports Afternoon** – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1.15 for a 1.30 start. **Please DO NOT bring sweets/ drinks / treats for your child as this not fair on other children.** Drinks and ice lollies will be provided.

**School Picnic.** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July – 11am–2pm.

**Transition** - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July am – pupils to new classes and Year 6 to Pinewood for the day.

**Swimming Gala** – Middle and Upper School 14 July @ Fanshawe Pool SG12 ODP. 1.15 start.

**End of Year Prom** – Friday 14 July.

**Leavers Assembly** - 21<sup>st</sup> July (Year 6 parents and invited guests only) 10.30 start. Year 6 pupils home in the afternoon.

**School Finishes** - Monday 24 July @1.15 pm.

**Children return** to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### A Massive Thanks.....

to Kai Smith, 9 year old brother of Sienna in Robins



Mike Mullen Kai

who organised a bike ride from Hartham to Middleton with lots of his friends to raise money towards our new minibus. The event was really well attended and included a visit from Mike Mullen who is a former BMX Half-Pipe British and World Champion. He frightened everyone witless by jumping over some hapless volunteers on his bike!



Even before Sunday's event Kai's giving page had already raised £2,000 which is amazing. A huge thanks to go to Kai and Sienna's mum and dad who worked so hard to make this event happen.

### School Holidays 17/18

Attached to this newsletter is a calendar of the holidays for the next

academic year. Hertfordshire decided on a different system for next year allocating more occasional days whilst shortening the main school holidays. We have so many parents who like to take the children out of school when it is quieter (and cheaper) that we have taken the opportunity to create a week off from 16 – 24 of June next year so that any families who want to take advantage of this can. We understand that this might be difficult for those families with siblings at other schools but as this option is only available for this year we thought it would be a worthwhile thing to do. Other holiday dates and INSET dates are also included on the calendar.

### Tales From The Chalkface!

#### Lower School

The Lower School have continued their work on food chains. In the last two weeks they have been experiencing the story of The Old Lady Who Swallowed the Fly in order to illustrate food chains. Not a completely accurate chain but it gave them the idea and the children all enjoyed feeding the old lady with all of the different animals.

The children have also made a sensory food chain book using different textiles / textures to represent the animals in the chain.

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All of the children have been very focussed on their trip to the seaside. They have been learning to write lists of the things which you need to pack when you go to the seaside. They have also been comparing local landscapes with the seaside ones they learnt about last time. No one could spot sea at Standon Park although the sand pit did cause some confusion!

This week all of Lower School have been to Frinton On Sea. Everyone had a paddle and a picnic and some sneaky ice-cream and chips. Luckily for Robins and Penguins who went on Tuesday none of the thunderstorms we experienced here got as far as Frinton. Owls went on their trip yesterday.



The children's faces were a joy to watch and everyone had a great time.

### Middle School

The children in Middle School have been continuing with their topic *Walk on the Wild Side*.

In science lessons the children are starting to think about animals and their offspring. They are learning the names of baby animals such as kitten, duckling, kid and chick and have been matching pictures of animals with their young.

Swifts and Toucans took a trip to Ada Cole Rescue

Centre to find out how the horses and donkeys are cared for.



The children had a guided tour and explored the stables, watched the animals in their fields and learnt about what the animals eat and how they are looked after. Puffins are also going to visit Ada Cole before the end of term.



During PE lessons the children have been focusing on athletics and practising their running and throwing skills. They have really enjoyed taking part in relay races, working together in small teams and are looking forward to taking part in Sports Day next week!

### Upper School

Year 6 pupils came back from Kingswood last Wednesday. They all looked exhausted (and that was just the staff!!). In the three days they had managed a wide range of activities including archery, laser tag, night line, aeroball, climbing and a visit to the beach.

On Tuesday of this week the Kingfishers went on the Riding for the Disabled Bar-B-Que. Although all of the children got to ride the

## Middleton News

BBQ itself was well and truly rained off by the tremendous thunderstorms and everyone was drenched and didn't manage to eat! All was not lost however as they all went to McDonalds for lunch and time to dry off before returning to school.

### Community News

This week you should have received two leaflets about things to do outside school.

The first was from Fun Junction which is in Andrews Lane, Cheshunt.

Today you should also have received one from Supernova. This is a FREE day of sporting activities at John Warner Sports Centre open to all children with special needs and their siblings and families. There is trampolining, canoeing, boccia, wheelchair sports and lots of other activities to try.

We have also had notification of a Mobility Day at Paradise Wildlife Park on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 10 – 4pm. It is sponsored by a company who specialise in wheelchair accessible vehicles, scooters, wheelchairs, daily living aids and more. Call 0800 587 9658 for free tickets.

Also.... Lonsdale Special School in Stevenage have a Festival on the Field family fun day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. There is music, fun activities, fire services, bouncy castle and lots of other things to do. If you would like more information please contact [lswaine@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lswaine@lonsdale.herts.sch.uk). Tickets are £5 per family. Bring a picnic!