



## It's nearly February!

Wow – what happened to January?! We have been very lucky with the mild weather so far and I am not wanting to tempt fate but thought that I would remind parents of the protocols if we should have some inclement weather. If there is a reliable forecast of snow then we will always try to make a decision the evening before regarding a potential school closure. This does mean that sometimes we (or the forecasters!) will occasionally get it wrong but we appreciate how difficult it can be to discover a school closure as you are leaving the house in the morning! This may happen if the weather catches us unawares! Please ensure that you keep us well informed of changes to mobile phone numbers as we will send all parents a text message to notify families if the school is open or closed. You can also use the school Gateway app if you have it and listen in to local radio. In addition we do use the Everbridge school closure system of notification and if you would like to sign up to this then please do contact the school for further information.



Fingers crossed that we'll escape the need to use any of the above!

## Cash in school!

We do encourage families wherever possible to use our school Gateway payment system in order to avoid cash being sent into school. If this is unavoidable, then please do jot a note in your child's home school book to let us know that you have sent cash into school so that we can immediately remove it from their school bag. Thank you

## Coffee morning



The next parent coffee morning is scheduled for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9.30am. Matt, our ICT support will be available to take your feedback on the school website and we also hope to have some second hand uniform for sale. At the end of the meeting there will also be an opportunity to discuss forthcoming fundraising ideas with our FOMS members.

## Valentines Disco

A Valentines Disco is due to be held for pupils the evening of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Letters will come home about this early next week. Please return slips ASAP if you would like tickets.

## Tales From The Chalkface!

### Lower School

Pupils in Lower School have been learning all about plants and animals in their science lessons this week. They are also looking after our school rabbit 'Flossie' this half term.

Within maths they have been learning about 3D shapes and the staff have been extremely impressed with the pupil's knowledge of the names of a range of 3D shapes.



The country of interest this week has been India and the children have made Indian samosas. In English, the children have shared the book 'Elmer the elephant'.

### Middle School

Continuing with the Middle School topic of 'Shopping', the pupils have this week visited the Galleria shopping centre in Hatfield. All pupils and staff negotiated the escalators safely and enjoyed exploring this busy and vibrant centre!



The pupils have explored money within maths; matching coins, adding

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coins together and using coins in role play situations. The children have also learnt about Chinese New Year in both RE and Art. Some pupils also went with Mr Wildey to take part in a sports hall event at Wodson park this week.

### Upper School

The Upper School have continued to learn about 'The Tudors'.

Their trip this week took them to Cheshunt to look for ruins of Theobald Palace.

You may have experienced the delights of this week's cooking lessons as the children made vanilla and mixed spice jumbles – or Tudor Knots as we named them!



Within PSHE, the pupils have been learning about the importance of a healthy and balanced diet. Within science, they have been exploring the properties of a range of materials and considering which material may be the best one to use when constructing a bridge.



I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend. 'Happy Brexit' – or not depending upon your own personal viewpoint! Let's hope we aren't too smothered with Brexit news over the weekend! Many thanks

*Debbie Hartley*

