



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA (hons), MA

6th September 2024

Our Value this half term is Generosity

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome back to a new and exciting term. It's been lovely meeting some of our new families and chatting to you and your children and sharing stories of the Summer.

We have welcomed some **new fish** to our tank this term too and the children are enjoying spotting the new ones as well as seeing those that we have had for longer!

Postcards Thank you to everyone who has sent in a postcard, it was a lovely welcome when I arrived. It looks like you all had a great summer.

The School Day A reminder of the school day timings:

Children can come onto the playground from 8.40 am. They enter their class from 8.45am and the register is taken at 8.55am.

The children in the Infants finish the day at 3.15pm and our Juniors 3.20 pm. Children who are not collected by 3.30pm will be looked after by the After School Club, however there may be a charge.

Staff news Welcome to our three new members of staff; Mr Lacey in Reception, Ms Hanshaw in Y5 and Mr Whitchelo, out new Sports and TA Apprentice.

We are a Nut Free school Due to the increased severity and number of children with allergies, we are a nut free school. Please ensure that products containing nuts do not come into school.

Birthdays We enjoy celebrating your childrens' birthdays but please do not send them in with sweets or anything else to share with their class. Unfortunately we are unable to hand out any food due to the range of allergies and intolerances and sending in other items can put pressure on other families unintentionally. There is no expectation for families to do anything but if you would like to mark their birthday in school, you could buy a favourite book to donate to their class and we will put a sticker in it saying that it has been donated on behalf of your child, to celebrate their birthday. Thank you for your understanding.



Safety Online Simplified

We want to keep you as up to date and as informed as possible about how to keep you and your family safe online, so we are introducing a weekly SOS message. While online safety messages are often far from simple, we will do our best to keep the messages short and will provide links where appropriate for further details.

Did you know that at the bottom of our school's website home page you will find a button that takes you directly to the CEOP Report page? This is where you will find advice and support if you are worried about how someone is communicating online and where you can confidentially report online sexual abuse or inappropriate online communications that involve you or someone you know.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools Some of you may have already seen that Asda has teamed up with Parentkind to raise money for primary schools. If you register with them on the Asda App, every time you shop from now until 30th November, they will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school. Please click on the link below for further information:

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Some people have already registered and the cashpot for St Nicholas already stands at £58.62!

Breakfast and After School Club If you have not used Breakfast or After School Club before, but would like to register your child for one of the clubs, please contact the Office. A reminder that After School Club finishes at 5pm on Fridays.

Secondary Schools will be holding Open Evenings over the next few weeks so please do look out for the dates and visit if you'd like to find out more about them.

Have a great weekend! Mrs Collins

Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever." Psalm 52:8

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 18th September** – Individual School Photos
- **Monday 23rd September** – Harvest Service at church (for pupils only)
- **Monday 30th September–Friday 4th October** – Y5 Cycle Training (for those who have booked it)
- **Wednesday 16th October** – Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Thursday 17th October** - Parent and Carer Consultation Evening
- **Friday 25th October** – Occasional Day – School Closed
- **Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November** – Half Term
- **Friday 20th December** – Last Day of Term – Early Finish 1.30pm – No After School Club
- **Monday 6th January 2025** – Back to School



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STRING STARS @ North Herts Music School

Saturdays 9.00am - 9.30am

Learn a string instrument in this new group lesson,
starting this term!

This group is suitable for children aged 5 to 7 years (accompanied by a responsible adult) that want to make music and make new friends!

No previous musical experience is necessary and all instruments are provided.

Places are limited

To book a place on this course, please scan the attached QR code or visit www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk and head to the North Herts Music School page.

If you would like more information, please contact the music centre office on: 01462 434052.

Day and time: Saturdays @ 9.00am (Start date to be confirmed.)
Cost: £59 per term
Venue: North Herts Music School, SG4 9RU
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