



Headteacher: Mrs Lorraine Collins BA(hons), MA

Our Value this half term is Forgiveness

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school!

Thank you so much from all the staff to all of you for the wonderful Christmas good wishes, cards and gifts which we were given at the end of term. We hope you have all had a happy Christmas.

Welcome: We would like to Welcome Mrs Potterton to our school family as Deputy Head and Y5 Teacher and Mr Wildman as our new Site Manager. We all look forward to working with them; please do say 'hello' if you see them!



The Happy Puzzle Company has been in school today leading Maths workshops for children from Reception up to Year 6. The children faced a number of interesting puzzles that tested their problem-solving skills, teamwork and perseverance. Among the favourites in KS2 were the continuous road building and Tangrams. We hope the children will enjoy telling you about what they have done later today; please see photos on the following page.

If your child has outgrown a **Christmas Jumper or Cardigan** this year, please consider donating them to the school; they will be gratefully received by us in the office. We can then store them ready for another Christmas Jumper Swap at the end of November this year ready for Christmas 2024!

The School Day. Just a reminder of the school day timings:

Children can come onto the playground from 8.40 am. They enter class between 8.45am and 8.55am. The register is taken at 8.55am and closes at 9.00am.

The children in the Infants finish the day at 3.15pm and our Juniors at 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.

Our learning behaviour for next week will be **Questioning**.



Safety **O**nline **S**implified **13**

Looking for some more age-appropriate apps for your child to access on their device?

Internet Matters has a selection [listed here](#) and apps like ScratchJr, Book Creator and Duolingo have great educational value without the worry of adverts popping up.

Contacting Your Child's Teacher: If you have any concerns or questions, your child's class teacher is the first person to speak to. Our teachers are happy to talk with you about your child. If you would like to speak to them please make an appointment via the school office. Teachers are not available first thing in the morning or immediately after school because they are busy ensuring the safety of your children as they arrive and leave. Please do not enter the school through the classroom doors but enter via the office. Thank you.

Are you entitled to Free School Meals? I am aware that many of us are facing significant financial challenges at the moment and personal circumstances may have changed. You may now be entitled to access support to provide your child with free school meals. Please click the following link to find out.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Diary Dates

- **Monday 15th January** – Deadline for Reception applications to start in September 2024
- **Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February** – Half Term
- **Wednesday 27th March** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm - No After School Club
- **Monday 15th April** – Back to School

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

The Happy Puzzle Company workshop photos

