

*The Messenger* ~ an information letter from the school office.



Mrs Mackie and Mrs Cole closely track attendance to ensure all our children are attending school regularly and on time. Our attendance figure for last term was 96.5% and we would like to thank our parents and carers for ensuring they uphold the importance of education to their children by bringing them to school every day. If parents are positive and enthusiastic about school, their children generally will be too.



School water bottles are no longer available to order on-line. They are still available to purchase from the school office. It is greatly appreciated if you could come after school and bring the correct change (£1.70 each). Lids are not available to buy on their own as the price is not cost effective.



We have had a very large number of late requests for milk this term. The deadline to order was 9th December and we are still getting requests. No more milk can be ordered this term, please check the deadline dates on letters carefully so that your child does not miss out on something.

## Admissions

### Nursery Children September 2017

If you have a child born between 01/09/13 and 31/08/14 you will soon receive a leaflet from Hertfordshire County Council explaining the procedures on how to apply for a Nursery place for your child. Applications open on 6th February and can be made online via [www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmissions) until the deadline of **17th March**.

Please make an application on time so you are not disadvantaged.

Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

### Reminders:

Please remember to let the office know if you change your contact details, particularly **mobile phone numbers** which we need in the case of an emergency.

**2nd hand uniform** will be available to purchase in the dining hall on 8th and 9th February while the Parent Consultations are taking place.

**Lost property** will also be displayed, we have a large amount of un-named items. Please make sure **ALL** items are named, un-claimed items will be disposed of before half term. We have relocated the lost property to the office, please ask if you would like to have a look.

**Vomiting & Diarrhoea:** Children must be absent for at least 48 hours after experiencing any episodes of vomiting or diarrhoea e.g. vomiting Sunday lunchtime return to school Wednesday (no half days).

## Headlice

We are still receiving notifications of reoccurring cases of headlice. Headlice are not only unpleasant for the children but frustrating and costly to parents if not detected and treated immediately. It is extremely important that you check your child's hair regularly and treat where required. Please let the office know if you have found headlice on your child so we can inform the rest of the class who can be vigilant in checking their own children. Please have a look at the following website for further information and advise <http://www.netdoctor.co.uk/diseases/facts/lice.htm>



We like to keep a stock of spare clothing in the medical room in case of accidents. We are currently short of girls and boys trousers and tights. If you have any that have been grown out of we would be pleased of a donation. If your child does come home in spare clothes, please remember to wash and return them as soon as you can.



The Clothing Bank has raised **£291.60** so far so if you're having a clear out after Christmas, why not bring it to school and pop it in the bank near to Heron and Owl classes.

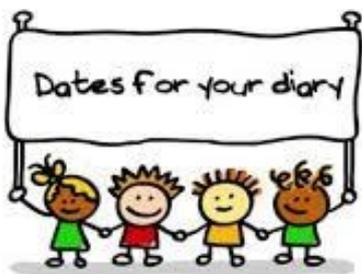


Active Kids

It's time to start collecting your Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers when you do your shopping (launching 25th January). There is a special box in the reception area outside the office for you to post them. With your vouchers we can claim cooking and sports equipment for the school.



Mr Norcott



You can now find term dates on the website for 2017/2018 that we have agreed in collaboration with Little Green. Dates for your diary are attached and will be updated on the website on a regular basis.

### From Mr Norcott:

'If you see myself or Mr Simmons around the school and you have noticed anything that requires our attention or could be improved, please come and let us know.'

'Please keep to the paths and off the grass, particularly the grass slope at the front of the school that gets very muddy and slippery at this time of year.'

'Children should be closely accompanied at all times on the school grounds and should not be scooting around the school or playing on the equipment.'



Mr Simmons