



Thursday 29 March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

KS1 Production – Pirates and Mermaids

A big thank you to all the children in KS1 who all performed brilliantly in their show. They had worked extremely hard and it was clearly evident that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to all the staff and parents in supporting with costumes and learning lines!

Dance Competition

Children from Yr 5/6 took part in the Dacorum Dance competition last Friday evening. 24 primary schools took part. Our dance was called 'This is me' inspired from the film 'The Greatest Showman' as the theme this year was 'Circus'. There was huge support from parents and staff. The children performed brilliantly as a group, demonstrating stage presence and difficult choreography. Unfortunately we did not get a medal this year and the children were extremely disappointed but showed a great humbleness in their defeat. A big thank you to Mrs Bennett and Mrs Holdom for organising the costumes which looked amazing.

Berkhamsted Educational Trust Update

The applications for five schools in Berkhamsted to become a multi academy trust have been delayed by the Department for Education. Work to become the Berkhamsted Educational Trust is ongoing, involving representatives from all five schools, but conversion is now not expected until the next academic year. We will provide another update as soon as possible.

Parent/Child Questionnaire

Please see the separate email sent today with details and the link for this year's questionnaire. Please complete the parent/carer questionnaire & assist your children in Nursery-Year 1 in completing theirs by the deadline of 27th April. We thank you for taking the time to complete this.

Flooring

Those children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 may have been surprised to see furniture being moved out of their classrooms yesterday and today. Over the Easter break new lino and carpet is being laid in all four classrooms and we are all very excited to see the new flooring when we come back to school.

Medicines

Following consultation with the Governors and Parent Forum we are advising you that from next term we will no longer be able to administer medicines at school UNLESS your child attends WACCY and only then with the express consent of Mrs Ellwood. In exceptional circumstances please discuss with Mrs Ellwood and obtain her agreement in advance.

Lateness

I would be truly grateful if you could support your children in arriving at school on time next term. An increasing number of children are arriving late which is disruptive to the office staff, the teachers and the children themselves who are often unsettled at arriving late. I do appreciate that traffic and weather can impact your journey but sometimes leaving 10 minutes earlier is all that is needed. We want to ensure good time keeping, especially in preparation for secondary school. Thank you for your support with this.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 17 April.**

Katharine Ellwood
Head Teacher

