



# Newsletter

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Autumn term

Friday 23<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## Heads Message

We have had a very busy first term! We enjoyed visits from Uttlesford Food Bank and the wonderful Meninadanca Team from Brazil, as well as pupils enjoying some fascinating school trips. We had a good turn out at our open evening last night and hope that we soon see new families join the school. We now break for half term and would like to wish you all a restful two weeks off and look forward to everyone returning on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

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## Juniors Trip to the British Museum

Towards the end of last week Key Stage 2 went to the Ancient Egyptian gallery in the British Museum, London: pupils were inspired by many aspects of the museum – some of the highlights included visiting the mummies, looking at the hieroglyphics and seeing the tombs.

Lots of exciting learning occurred, including looking at artefacts, handling historical items and analysing sources. The children were exceptionally well behaved and showed real interest in the items which were exhibited.









## Year 9

Some of year 9 did some great cooking this week and made these pasta bakes to take home for dinner. The rest of year 9 will have to wait till after half term but they've got something to look forward to.

## Year 10

In tutor time, year 10 have been considering what it means to be part of a community. Welcome to their community!

neighbourhood scotland  
 retriever running spider  
 school boxing stansted ringing  
 ireland cavalier england church  
 year harlow golden eco gymnastics  
 africa friend explorers christianity  
 snake content art groupsteam kayaking  
 hbw reator bell zimbabwe  
 braintree dogs

## Science

Science this week involved mentos and fizzy drinks! Pupils were being asked to decide whether or not this is a chemical reaction. One thing is for sure, there was definitely a reaction, not least of all from the more senior pupils who couldn't resist joining in on a sunny afternoon in the playground. Perhaps it will be good revision for GCSEs?



## Open Evening

We enjoyed meeting some new families (and a couple we already know) who came to our Open Evening on Thursday, 19th October. Our pupils did an excellent job of showing people around the premises and introducing visitors to our staff and students. We hope that this will mean new pupils for the school and new families for our community. Please continue to share news and information about the school with friends and family.



## Extra Curricular news:

In the recent bell-ringing competition Benji and Carina rang with the Old Harlow band and placed right in the middle of the group. It was a high standard of ringing and the scores were very close so we were pleased with this. Benji has been ringing for about a year and a half and this was his first striking competition. He was the youngest member of the band and he rang really well, not making any mistakes, so his teammates were very proud of him. Sorry we didn't get a full team photo, we only managed the two of us by the tower which was Fyfield Church.



You can also support the school via  
Easyfundraising,  
or  
PayPal using the QR code:



## Information Corner



### Homework club

Monday-Thursday from 3.35-4.30pm on the Stage. Come and complete homework before you go home! Sessions are supervised by a teacher and parental permission must be given in advance.



### Save the Date!

On Saturday 18th November from 10am-12 noon the Eco Team will be planting 30 saplings that have been donated by the Woodland Trust. We also intend to dig in a fire pit! Come along with your gloves and spades to help us bring some new life to the grounds.



### Fosters

Fosters have now replied to our query about a timescale for uniform. We know that there have been major issues with getting correct uniform, but they have said that they hope to be up to date within two weeks. With this in mind, we have been lenient with certain items of uniform, however once all the uniform is ready, we will expect all pupils to be in their correct school uniform. If you are unsure, please double check the uniform list.

## Important Dates for 2023 / 2024 Academic Year

23rd October to 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Half Term Holiday
10th November	Armistice Day
17th November	Children in Need
Week of 27th November	Mock Exams (Y10 & Y11)
11th December	Christmas Bazaar
15th December	Carol Concert
18-20th December	Christmas Events
20th December	Last Day of Term
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Staff Training Day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to school
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Functional Skills Maths (Y10 & Y11)
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Function Skills English (Y10 & Y11)
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Upper Seniors Parents Evening (Y10 & Y11) -
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Intermediate Mathematical Challenge
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Junior Pupil Consultations (Y2 – Y6)
19 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Holiday
February – TBC	Launch of Tenner Challenge
Week of 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Midyear Senior Reports (Y7 to Y11)
29th February	Lower Senior Parents Evening (Y7, Y8 & Y9)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
March - TBC	School Open Day / Afternoon
TBC	Swimming Gala
26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Concert & Play
Friday 29th March	Last Day of Term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Junior Mathematical Challenge
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Week of 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Junior Reports
Monday May 27 <sup>th</sup> to 31st May	Bank Holiday & Half Term Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Senior Exams Week
Friday 21st June	Leavers Assembly
TBC June	MFL Picnic
Week of 1st July	Y10 Work Experience
TBC July	Sports Day
Week of 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Residential Trip / Activity Week
17th July 2024	End of Year