

# Ickniel Walk First School



## NEWSLETTER - Autumn 2017 1

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### Coming up:

Friday 8th September	Violin lessons start 12.45 - Reception parents meeting in the cabin.
Monday 11th	Piano & Brass lessons start Swan library session 2.45 - Year 1 parents meeting in Owl class High 5s club starts
Tuesday 12th	Wren library session 2.45 - Year 3 parents meeting in Dove class
Wednesday 13th	Robin & Year 4 library sessions 2.45 - Year 2 parents meeting in Lark class Gym club starts
Thursday 14th	2.45 - Year 4 parents meeting in Falcon class Football Feet starts
Friday 15th	Violin lessons Dove library sessions Falcon class swimming starts Funky Feet Dance club starts



### Year Group Meetings

You will be aware of the following dates but just as a reminder:-

12.45-1pm - Friday 8th September - Reception - in the cabin.

All the following will be at 2.45pm:  
Monday 11th September - Year 1 in Owl.

Tuesday 12th - Year 3 in Dove.

Wednesday 13th - Year 2 in Lark.

Thursday 14th - Year 4 in Falcon.

### Letters Home:

- Falcon class - swimming letter
- Years 3 & 4 - dinner money invoices

### Welcome Back

Welcome back. We hope you have had a happy and enjoyable summer. For those parents who are new to the school may I offer you a very warm welcome.

We would like to welcome new staff members to our school: Miss Futter and Miss Robinson - Year 1, Miss Morris-Pond - Year 2, Mrs Bonnifait (TA) - Year 3. All have settled in well and are really enjoying themselves.

At Ickniel Walk we are ambitious for our children's learning and development and like to ensure that the children work hard and achieve well. We look forward to working in partnership with you, so that your children do the best they possibly can.

We want your child to have a happy year at our school (we know that happy children learn best) if you have any concerns or worries please see your child's class teacher or make an appointment to see me.

Mrs Jane Sherwood - Headteacher

## Asthma Pumps & Medication

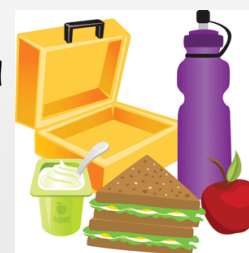
If your child has asthma, please make sure that their class teacher has an inhaler for them (which is in date and named). Please tell the class teacher when your child should take their inhaler and what dose is appropriate. Please also ensure that you have signed an Emergency Inhaler consent letter, please ask the office for a copy, should you need one.

If your child has to take any other prescribed medication, please come to the office to fill in the appropriate forms.

Many thanks.

## Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch from home please be aware that we have children in the dining room that have severe nut allergies, so we ask that you do not pack any nuts or products containing nuts (i.e. nutty cereal bars and peanut butter) in their lunch boxes.



Thank you.

### **FUNKY FEET**

Starts: **Friday 15th September.**

Registration forms are available from the school reception area.

### **Football Feet club**

will start on Thursday 14th September.

Registration forms were sent home on Tuesday, spare copies are in the school reception area.

## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Mrs Frances Reeder is our new club leader, if you should need a space, please contact Mrs Reeder via the Breakfast club email: [breakfast.club@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:breakfast.club@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk).

### High 5 (Netball/Basketball) Club

High Fives is suitable for boys and girls. The club runs on a Monday after school for years 1-4 until 4.30 pm and starts on 11th September.

The cost for 6 weeks is £18 (11th Sept-16th Oct). Cheques should be made payable to: Mrs S Hallewell, please ensure your child's name is on the reverse of the cheque. If paying by cash, please place in an envelope with the child's name and class. Registration forms are available from the document carousel at the school office.

Current members will need new registration forms if any contact details have changed. For further info, please see Mrs Parcell or Mrs Hallewell or email [susyh@btinternet.com](mailto:susyh@btinternet.com)

### Running Club - Years 1 to 4

If you are interested please fill in the reply slip, places will be allocated on a **first come first served basis**. Running club will run every week on a Tuesday from 26th September to 10th October and 31st October to 21st November. 3.15—4pm.

**Dear Mrs Stubbs**

I would like my child to be considered for Running Club.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name for club times: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact tel no. at club times: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

If you are in receipt of qualifying benefits and have not yet registered for Free School Meals, or wish to check your eligibility please register online at [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals) Even if your child currently receives universal free school meals in Reception to Year 2 you should still complete the application as other education benefits will be automatically registered.

Please speak with Mrs Barrett at the school office, if you should have any queries.

## Data Collection Sheets

Please return your data collection sheets by the end of TOMORROW to the school office, even if there are no changes, so we can be sure we have your correct contact details on file.

Thank you.

## Medical appointments

Please supply the school office with proof of your child's medical appointments as well as informing their teachers.

Thank you.

Hertfordshire County Council have opened a consultation survey for the future of Children's Centres, Health Visiting and the School Nursing Team. All of the services locally would be very grateful if parents could complete the survey on the following link: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familycentreconsultation](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familycentreconsultation) The survey is open until Wednesday 20th September.

## Helpers Hearing Children Read

We warmly welcome any parents, grandparents, etc. who would like to come in to school on a regular basis to support the children by hearing them read. Reception - Year 3 have a reading session between 9.00 and 9.30 am - any help you can give at this time is greatly appreciated. Year 4 would love volunteers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10-10.30 am.

Miss Marshall is running a training session for all helpers new to hearing children read at 2.30pm on Wednesday 20th September, we hope you can come to this but if it is not possible, please speak with the office.

If you are able to help with reading please complete the slip return it to the school office or your child's class teacher by **Wednesday 13th September**. You will need to have a current DBS clearance, so if you do not already have one please come the office to find out how to apply.

Thank you in anticipation.

Dear Miss Marshall

I would like to help with reading in school.

I am available at 9am on \_\_\_\_\_ (please complete days of week available) or at 10 am on \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact tel no: \_\_\_\_\_

## Recorder Clubs - Years 3 & 4

Recorder Clubs will begin on Thursday 21st September - last session to be advised.

Year 4's session will be at 8.55am

Year 3's session will be after school until 3.45pm in the hall.

If your child would like to join one of these groups please complete the form below.

Please note that ALL year 2s will learn to play the recorder in their music lessons later in the school year.

**To: Mrs Atkins - Recorder Clubs**

Child's Name: .....

Class: .....

Please circle which club your child would like to join:      Year 4 Club                      Year 3 Club

Contact No for during Yr 3 club: .....

## HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE SERVICE OPEN DAY

Children are invited to bring along their favourite teddy bear for the annual parachute launch at Longfield Training Centre, Stevenage – between **11am and 4pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – come along to see ‘Reqs’ the amazing fire dog, experience what it is like to be a fire fighter, ‘smoke experience’, demonstrations, meet super heroes and free fire safety advice . We also have a bouncy castles, refreshments and much, much more.



Mums, Dads, carers 

### Autumn programme – Positive Parenting Puzzle

Raising self-esteem, confidence and building resilience

Need some tips on managing behaviour, consistency, boundaries, family rules, praise and rewards, internet safety and making time for yourself?

A few small changes can make a HUGE difference!

Suitable if you have children 2 - 12 years

Where?	When?	What?	Who?	Cost?
Melbourn Community Hub	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 09:30 – 11:00	90 minute Workshop Taster	All mums, dads, carer parents	FREE
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Royston	Starting Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 19:00 – 21:00 6 weeks	Parenting Puzzle workshop	All mums, dads, carer parents	£90 for 6 weeks
Wilbury Junior School, Letchworth	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept 09:30 – 11:00	To refresh and add to your 'toolkit' of parenting skills	Anyone who has completed a Parenting Puzzle workshop	£15 per session
Letchworth Health Living Centre	Starting Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10:00 – 12:00 6 weeks	Parenting Puzzle workshop	All mums, dads, carer parents	£90 for 6 weeks
Business locations in North Herts and Cambridge	Times by agreement to suit you!	Private lunchtime sessions	Working parents/carers	£25 per session
Complementary Health Centre, Royston	Times by agreement to suit you!	Private One to One coaching	Parents/carers who would like private coaching	£45 per hour
Royston Heath Café and Melbourn Hub	Once a month, contact Helen for more information	Drop in – fun, friendly and informal	Parents/carers looking for parenting tips	FREE

Helen Meridew is qualified, trained and experienced. She has been working with families in North Herts and South Cambs schools for many years.

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