



Summer 9 - Newsletter - 20/06/2024



Message from Mrs Sherwood

As you know we hold special event days in most year groups throughout the school, these usually relate to the learning topics, such as Viking Day and Medieval Day and we ask the children to dress up. In the past, there have been parents unable to source the items needed for their child to dress up (for a number of reasons). While we try to have a stock of particular items for days like this, we could always do with more! Therefore, should you have items that your child has used for such days that they have outgrown, we would be very grateful if you would donate to the school so that another child may borrow. Likewise, if you have any warm clothing that was used for the Grafham trip that your child has outgrown. Please feel free to drop off to the school office. Thank you.

Coming up

Day & Date	Time	Event & Year
Thursday 20.06.2024	AM PM PM 3.15-4.20pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 4 Recorder Club Year 3 Swift class swimming Year 4 Eagle class to Royston Golf Club Football Feet KS1 Lab Tots
Friday 21.06.2024	PM	Year 4 Eagle Swimming
24 – 28.06.2024	All week	Nursery stay and play sessions for children starting nursery in September 2024
Monday 24.06.2024	-	Learning logs return to school
Wednesday 26.06.2024	8.45-9.20am 9.30am PM 2.15pm	PTA serving refreshments before Sports Day KS1 & 2 (Years 1-4) Sports Day Guitar lessons New parents/carers meeting for children starting Reception in September 2024
Thursday 27.06.2024	AM PM 3.15-4.20pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 4 Recorder Club Year 3 Swift class swimming Football Feet KS1 Lab Tots
Friday 28.06.2024	All day PM 2.15pm	Non uniform day in return for bringing a bottle for the PTA tombola stall Year 4 Eagle Swimming Year 3 Roald Dahl event – parents and carers of Year 3 are invited to attend

Sports Days

Our **sports day** for KS1 (Years 1&2) and KS2 (Years 3&4) will take place on **Wednesday (26th June)**. The event will start at 9.30am on the school field, please drop your child to their classroom as usual. They will need their trainers, white t-shirt and black shorts, which Years 3 & 4 will change into on arrival. Years 1 & 2, should come into school wearing their PE kit and bring their uniform with them to school. After the event, all the children will change back into their school uniform. Please ensure before coming to school that sun cream is applied. Children will also need a sun hat and a full bottle of water.

Our Reception sports day will take place on **Wednesday 10th July**. The event will start at 9.30am on the school field. Children should arrive at school in their PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers), children will change into their school uniform afterwards so please ensure that they have their uniform with them when they are dropped off at school.

The PTA will be selling tea, coffee, refreshments from 8.45am to 9.20am in the dining hall on both dates. Please enter via the entrance next to the car park. Please remember the volunteers are parents too, they will need to close at 9.20am to enable them to watch their own children.

Please note, on both sports days the gates will be closed at 9.30am and will not be opened again until the sports events have finished.

Parents and carers are welcome to take photographs/videos on the sports days but these must remain for personal use only and must not be shared on social media.

Non school uniform day - Friday 28th June

The children may come to school in non uniform, in return for bringing a bottle for the Summer Fair bottle tombola. Bottles can be anything such as squash, wine, beer, condiments etc. Class teachers will take the bottles from you at the classroom door. As always when the children come in non-uniform please make sure the children have sensible shoes and clothes that are appropriate for school.

Do you have concerns about your child's transition to their next year group/next school?

Mrs Harward our Emotional Well Being Mentor will be available all day on Wednesday 3rd July, if you would like to make an appointment to talk about any concerns you have with regard to your child moving classes (or schools) and to hear some tips for how to help them. To make an appointment, please email or speak with the school office. Mrs Harward looks forward to meeting with you.

Reception classes Open Event - 10th July

After the Reception sports day, parents and carers are invited to come back to the Reception garden for a Listening and Speaking Event. There will be a cold drink for adults and an ice pop for the children. Once refreshments have finished, your child will have an opportunity to show you around the garden and discuss how they use our outside environment to aid their learning. The morning will finish no later than 11:15am to ensure we can get the children ready for lunchtime.

PTA News

Hello,

Yay, summer has finally arrived and the Summer Fair isn't too far away.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help this year. We have contacted you directly to let you know what stall you will be on and at what time you will be needed. We do ask, if possible, if volunteers could arrive to your stall 5 minutes before your start time so that there is a good handover period. Please do not leave money unattended at any time. If you are covering a stall until 5pm, a member of the PTA will relieve you of your duties so that you are able to leave.

We will have a number of stalls including face paints, crafts, toys, doughnuts, ice cream and a Pimms stand for the adults. We will also have some outdoor pursuits including bouncy castles, an unlimited bounce wrist band will be available to purchase for £7.00. Royston Radio will also be present.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Ensum Brown, who are sponsoring this year's Summer Fair. Hope to see lots of you at the fair.

Don't forget that Friday 28th June is a non-uniform day. In return, the PTA are asking for bottles to be brought in for the bottle tombola, a box will be outside each classroom. Acceptable bottles include, ketchup, bubble bath, soft drink, alcohol, perfume, hand cream, bodywash.

Icknield Walk First School PTA

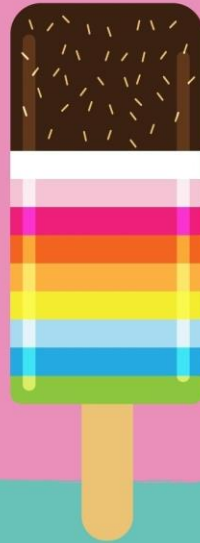
SUMMER FAIR

29th JUNE

2-5PM

FREE ENTRY

BOUNCY CASTLES
BOTTLE TOMBOLA
PIMMS BAR
FOOD STALLS
CAKE SALE
CRAFTS & STALLS



SPONSOR WANTED

If you would like to be our sponsor, please email:
pta@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk

Icknield Walk First School Poplar Drive, Royston, SG8 7EZ

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Plant Sale

Many thanks to everyone who supported the plant sale yesterday. Mrs King and the year 3 children were over the moon to make a profit of £40.00. All the money will go back into the gardening fund for further gardening projects.

Race for Life

Sophia, one of our year 4 pupils will be running the 5k "Race for life" in aid of cancer research with her sister in Cambridge on 30th June. Sophia would be very pleased if anyone from her school or class could sponsor her. The following link, takes you to Sophia's fundraising page: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/alexandras-race-for-life-3142>

Year 4 reminders

- Year 4s who will be moving to KJAR in September will spend a day at KJAR on Thursday 11th July (Transition day).
- Year 4 Leavers' party will take place on Monday 15th July after school until 5pm.
- Dress rehearsal for Year 4 Leavers' performance - Thursday 18th July during school hours.
- Leavers' performance - Thursday 18th July - performance will start at 6pm, children will need to be with their class teams at 5.30pm, doors will open for the performance at 5.30pm.

School vacancy - Finance assistant

We are looking for a friendly, enthusiastic and well organised person to provide general finance and administrative support to facilitate efficient and effective use of the school's budget. Under the direction of the School Business Manager and Head Teacher.

The successful candidate will have:

- A professional attitude and good team working ethos
- Good organisational, communication and ICT skills
- Good standard of English and Maths
- The capacity to manage confidentiality of information
- To be able to communicate well with staff, pupils, parents, governors and the wider community
- The ability to deal with a wide range of queries
- Time management skills and be able to prioritise when under pressure

15 hours per week, term time only, pro rata. This is a permanent contract. For more information or to apply, please follow the link: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/finance-assistant_94783.htm

Events in and around Royston



Come and Try

A chance for prospective new students, or current pupils looking to take up a second instrument, to come and try a variety of instruments to find their perfect match!
Join our fantastic teachers to have a go!



Stevenage Music Centre (SG2 0HS)	15th June @ 11.00am - 12.30pm
North Herts Music School (SG4 9NU)	22nd June @ 1pm - 2.30pm
Royston Music School (SG8 7EZ)	11th July @ 5.00pm - 6.00pm

01462 434052 | www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-NorthHerts



Cambridge United Football Club

Information about the family season tickets that are now available to purchase for the 2024/2025 season. Cambridge United are looking to increase their supporter base and from the 2024/25 season one of their stands will be purely for families. They are also offering a free U14 season ticket

or half price U18 season ticket when purchased alongside all adult or concession season tickets. If and when you purchase, please mention that your child attends our school as for every child's family that signs up, Icknield Walk First School will receive 10 free tickets for a home game next season. Schools with the most sign ups will receive a VIP stadium tour.

Web links that can help you

[Free School Meals](#)

[NSPCC](#) - Online safety.

[Angels Support \(ASD & ADHD\)](#)

Herts CC [Relationship advice](#)

[Families Feeling Safe](#)

[NESSIE - Positive Mental Health](#) - Lots of talks and courses to help you and your child with their mental health.

[Supporting Family Links](#) - Promoting Strong Family Relationships with children up to the age of 12, lots of online courses to help.

Herts CC Cost of living resources - [cost-of-living-flashcard \(thegrid.org.uk\)](#)

North Herts Family Support Services - [www.hertsfamilycentres.org](#)

[www.supportinglinks.co.uk](#) - Workshops/training courses for parents/carers of children (up to age 25) with suspected or diagnosed ASD/ADHD.

BeeZee Bodies - [www.beezeebodies.com](#)