



Diary Dates:

14/11/17	School Photographs -Y7 & Y8
15/11/17	School Photographs - Y5 & Y6
18/11/17	Peacechild Rehearsal Core Cast 9am-4pm
22-29/11/17	Book Fair
24/11/17	Lights of Love Service 5:50pm
27/11/17	Y7 Parents' Evening 4pm-6:30pm
30/11/17	Y7 Parents' Evening 4pm-6:30pm
1/12/17	Occasional Day
8/12/17	House Rewards Cinema afternoon
8/12/17	School Production
9/12/17	School Production
13/12/17	Christmas Concert
19/12/17	Service - St Mary's Church Aspenden
19/12/17	End of Autumn Term 2:30pm finish
3/1/18	Spring Term
29/1/18	7C & 7G - London Visit
2/2/18	7B & 7T - London Visit

What is our theme for Collective Worship this term?

Our value that we are celebrating this term is 'Service'. As part of our exploration into what this means and why it is important, we have challenged each house to provide a service for the school. All students have been consulted and house leaders have been busy preparing for house assemblies next week to launch their services. The competition winners will be able to demonstrate:

- Impact
- Different ages working in partnership
- A daily service
- Leadership.

We got it wrong! Sorry!

If you were one of the Parents who witnessed the exit on Wednesday, you would have seen that the gate was locked at the end of the school day, some of our older students let themselves down by climbing the hedges! As soon as we discovered our error, the caretaker arrived, waited till the students had calmed and then opened the gates.

Why did this happen? Due to staff absence the usual teachers and caretaker were not on duty. In order to ensure this does not happen again we will be covering the duty rota, as well as lessons. This was not our finest hour and all involved have been spoken to.

Applying for a place in Year 5 – September 2018

The online application system opened on 6/11/17 and the deadline for Year 5 applications is 15/1/18.

Year 6

Thank you to Y6 parents who were able to attend Parents' Evening. We do apologise, but Mrs Kitchener's meetings were cancelled due to ill health. We will Parentmail next week to reschedule appointments for maths. You will receive a Parentmail to book an English appointment with Miss Davies after 6pm tonight.

Year 7 Educational visit to London

Due to unforeseen circumstances this visit has now been rescheduled for **2018**.

We have rescheduled for:

7C & 7G - Monday 29th January 2017

7B & 7T - Friday 2nd February 2018

If you have already paid thank you. A new letter will be issued confirming the dates and the extended payment date.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Parents will be notified by parentmail once the online booking system is open for appointments

Year 8

We are currently arranging to take Year 8 to visit the Imperial War Museum and the Olympic Park in London to supplement and enrich their current learning. Letter will be coming out in December.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in on the following dates:

Tue 14th November – Year 7 and Year 8

Wed 15th November – Siblings, Year 5 and Year 6

Please make sure your child is smart and wearing the correct school uniform - thank you.

Remembrance Service 12/11/17

A service will be held on Sunday 12th November 2017 at St Peter's Church. Please congregate at the Memorial at 10:45am, everyone welcome to attend.

Year 6 Height & Weight NHS Trust

As part of the National Child Measurement Programme, parents will be receiving a letter home, regarding measuring the height and weight of students in Year 6. However, if you do not wish your child to take part, please return the 'opt out' slip to the school office by **Friday 24th November 2017. Thank you**

Brass Band

Unfortunately, Mr Peach is no longer able to run the Beginners Brass Band after school. This will be cancelled until further notice. Please could all instruments be returned next week? The continuation brass band will continue on Wednesday lunchtime. Students involved are able to have an early lunch.

Japanese Certificates

In recognition of their achievement, certificates for students who took part in the Japanese language programme will be presented next week.

Jo Gant

Headteacher