



Diary Dates:

4/11/17	CANCELLED Peacechild Rehearsal
7/11/17	ESA Meeting 7pm
9/11/17	Y6 Parents' Evening 4pm-6:30pm NO ART CLUB
14/11/17	School Photographs
15/11/17	School Photographs
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

Have you returned your child's books to school?

We hope you were able to discuss with your child their learning last term. Thank you to all those parents who made sure the books were returned at the start of term. We are still missing a few, can you please help your child to find them at home and get them back to us!

What is challenge homework? How do I help to make sure they do this?

Over the last year we have seen a growth in students' resilience and ability to tackle challenge without fear. As we say to them, *'if you come to school and you don't find something difficult, you haven't learnt in the week'*. Learning can be difficult, and often you make mistakes and get things wrong, before you get it right. The challenge homework in English and Maths, is for teachers and students to identify areas they found difficult in their learning during the week, and to practice the skills they found hard at home. Please can you help us by regularly discussing with your child, *'what learning they found challenging and how they are going to practice this at home?'* It is even better if you are able to sit and learn with them and model the behaviours for tackling something you don't know, particularly resilience! Thank you for any support you can give.

Please make sure that all students are reading for 20 minutes, five times a week, this is essential for their learning.

What is our COWO theme this term?

This term we will be exploring the value of 'Service'. This was one of the areas students voted for as a value to explore this year. The House competition this term will be challenging students to deliver a House 'service'. Next week students will be voting on which service they wish to participate in. As part of this theme, students will be working together in different year groups to support their house. We look forward to seeing what they come up with.

Advent in December, is an opportunity for Parents to join us in the build up to the celebration of the birth of Christ. Calendar dates will be published shortly. Whole school Collective Worship takes place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, please contact the school office if you would like to join us.

Year 5 PSHCEE

In PSHCEE this term, Year 5 will be discussing the NSPCC's PANTS rules. These are designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information, telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse". In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- **P** - Privates are private.
- **A** - Always remember your body belongs to you.
- **N** - No means no
- **T** - Talk about secrets that upset you
- **S** - Speak up, someone can help.

The lesson will be fully age-appropriate. More information about talking PANTS, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at nspcc.org.uk/pants. Miss Bustard

Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 and Year 6 students enjoyed a visit from the Image Musical Theatre Company on Tuesday morning. The company took time to remark on how engaged and polite our students were.

Year 6 -Maths Support

'Help I am trying to support my child with her challenge homework, she is struggling with long multiplication and division but when I look on the web there are lots of different methods, which ones do I use?' Below is a link to the Maths website to support students.

Short multiplication:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIAXwZy9978>

Short division:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQ5XTFyVYW4>

Long multiplication:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jhf1ldvP-o>

Long division:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIUolhfupuA>

Year 6 Parent's Evening

The online booking system for appointments will open after 6pm on Friday 3/11/17. However, if you wish to make an appointment with your child's Science teacher, please contact the school office on 01763-271446 – Thank you.

Year 7 and Year 8 Students.

Year 7 and Year 8 students will shortly be receiving a letter offering them the opportunity to visit London, the British History museum and to explore the redevelopment area of the London Docklands.

Art Club – Cancelled Thursday 9/11/17

Brass tuition

Due to a change in days provided by the brass tutor, all brass lessons will be changing from Monday to **WEDNESDAY** as of next week. The two brass groups will also be changing to Wednesdays.

School Meal Charges this half term

The forecast letters for meal charges this half term were sent home with pupils this week.

Total school meal charges for half term

36 days @ £2.45 = £88.20

Wednesday and Friday only

13 days @ £2.45 = £31.85

Friday only – 6 days @ £2.45 = £14.70

All school meals must be paid for in advance and your child's account must always be in credit.

Payment can be paid in cash or via the School Gateway.

Buntingford Library Event

On Saturday 4/11/17 from 10am -12noon.

Children will have the opportunity to create their own special charter with a wax seal. It is a drop in session, no booking required. Children to be accompanied by an adult. Buntingford Library
Tel: 0300 123 4049

Poppy Competition

Next week we will be holding a poppy competition, please encourage and support your child to take part. Poppies can be made of any material and should be clearly marked with their name and class. Judging will take place on Thursday 10/11/17 and will be returned on Friday for Remembrance Day. Thank you.
Miss Bustard

Firework Night on 5/11/17

Please remind students to watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance and follow the safety

rules for using sparklers. Only adults should deal with firework displays and the lighting of fireworks.

Road Safety Reminder

At the start and end of the school day, please park in a place that is safe for students and residents. Sainsbury's car park is free before 9am and after 3:00pm. To help support us, please talk to your child about their journey to and from school, and how to stay safe. We have amended our duties to place a member of staff on the opposite side of the road to manage students as they exit. Buses parked in the layby cause a blind spot, but we will be monitoring all situations.

Jo Gant

Headteacher

Our faith supports each individual to flourish and challenges us to live life in all its fullness