



Fleetville News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that a new PTA committee is now in place. As mentioned previously, there is clearly a need to approach things a little differently in terms of PTA activity and fundraising. A core group of PTA committee members will oversee the annual programme of events while groups of parents/individuals will be responsible for organising the events themselves. If you would like to run a fundraising event/activity please contact the PTA committee through the PTA e-mail address:

pta@fleetvillejm.herts.sch.uk

Last year's fundraising focus was the re-decoration of the school hall. As soon as the flat roofs above the corridors have been replaced by Hertfordshire County Council, the work to re-decorate the hall will begin. Next year's focus will be to raise funds to develop IT hardware provision in school. This will include the installation of a robust wireless network, as well as the replacement and development of laptops and other equipment.

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2012/13 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The consultation period runs until 28 February 2011. Please visit www.hertsdirect.org/csconsultations for more information and to respond online.

Free School Meals

If you receive one of the following benefits, you could be eligible for free school meals worth over £300 per child per year.

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after employment finishes or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week

It is recommended that you **apply online** at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

Online applications are easier, faster and more convenient. **In most cases, you will not need to provide paper proof of benefits or reapply.**

The school office staff will help you if you need assistance. You could also call the customer service centre on 0300 123 4048 (8am-8pm Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm Saturday).

Various factors are taken into account when calculating the funding schools receive. For each child whose family has successfully applied for Free School Meals, the school receives approximately £1500. Clearly this can have a very positive effect on provision for all children. Often parents tell us they prefer not to claim Free School Meals as their child brings a packed lunch. In these times of reduced school budgets we would urge you to consider applying if you are entitled.

Jeremy Loukes and Elaine Bridle

Dates for your diary

25/01/11	Yr5 Planetarium workshops
26&27/01/11	Yr3 SETPOINT workshops
10/02/11	Yr3 - Hatfield House
21-25/02/11	Half term

For a full calendar of events please visit the school website.

Dear Children,

Remember what Mrs Williamson told us about in assembly on Monday - well done to the people who tried to break the world record for holding table tennis balls! Think about Leo, the lion cub in the story. He knew what his goals were and he persevered until he achieved them. Check that your current targets are on Link and Learn.

Well done to the Quicksticks Hockey team who won their cluster tournament at Verulam yesterday. Good luck in the finals on 25th January! Thank you for explaining how you used the Learning to Learn skills that we worked on last term. You told us about how you had to persevere, imagine and collaborate during your matches yesterday. You pointed out how important it was to have a positive attitude - which is just as important in everything we do.

Tamsin Sandford-Smith and Zac Smith, who were awarded gold certificates for their Primary Maths Challenge entries, have made it through to the next round - congratulations and good luck.

Over the next few weeks you will be able to read the manifestos of your new School Council representatives on the notice board. Our new representatives are:

- Olivia Brass (3M)
- Kiran Riley (3FT)
- Jacob Greaves (3P)
- Luke Ogbourn (4W)
- Denzel Ememandu (4T)
- Ella Katz (4F)
- Megan Worsley (5F)
- Matthew Lee (5N)
- Rachel Jones (5Y)
- Marcus McGovern (6M)
- Juliette Angell (6H)
- Harvey Trounson (6B)

Mr Loukes and Mrs Bridle

Congratulations

Certificates will be presented to the following children on 24th January. Parents/Carers of these children are very welcome to attend:

Year 3

- Kieran Cooke
- Charlotte Harding
- Gracie-Ella Robinson
- Louis Postema
- William Davy
- Eirian Shaw

Year 4

- Natasha Moore
- Amber Young
- Alex Joyce
- Anisha Kashim
- Elsa Holder
- Lottie Graham

Year 5

- Jack Fletcher
- Bessie Prigmore
- Kacper Dwojacki
- Tanim Sayeda
- Sam Martin
- Amber Sealy

Year 6

- Harvey Trounson
- Habiba Baig
- Saeedah Khan
- Doran Ivers
- Ruth Simpson
- Hafsah Khan

Karate certificates will be presented to: Eleanor Foster, Charlie Bolam, Theo Neame, Gracie-Ella Robinson, Dara Bulut, Alex Joyce, Tristan Barber, Fiona Mason, Gil Katz, Jacob Greaves, Oliver Fearn, Freddie Collins, Freddie Bacon, Oscar Negus-Roman, Lottie Graham, Harry Durham and Luke Hensman.

