

Primary phase newsletter

Friday 13th May 2022

Creating Tomorrow's Citizens Today



All-through news

Welcome to our fortnightly all through newsletter. The calendar below demonstrates just how busy we are with so many things planned and indeed happening.

With the exam season already underway we know that it is a busy and potentially stressful time in many households. But this is also an exciting time of year as we look ahead to the summer and an exciting series of events in the calendar. Our year 6 students have been working hard on their KS2 SATS this week, and next week year 2 will be embarking on the KS1 SATS. The GCSE and A Level exams will also be underway by the time you read this, with coursework and practical assignments having been completed over the past two years. We wish our students the best of luck in their exams, and we recognise the exceptionally trying circumstances in which they have been preparing for them.

This week also saw the Y13 hold their final assembly. Either in fancy dress or in their old school uniforms, the students were taken down memory lane looking at photos of events that they participated in back as far as Y7. Tomorrow (Friday) year 11 have their final celebration; a games activity on the back field, various treats and then a formal assembly, wishing them well in their exams and thanking them for their contributions to our community along with hard work over the past 5 years. As so many "stay on" into the sixth form, we do not call them "leavers" - it is just the end of one journey and the start of the next!

It was with great pleasure that we attended two more musical events this week; firstly "Larch strings" and also "Mrs Kemp's singing evening". For those parents attending, and students participating, we do not need to remind you of the highest quality of music showcased and the wonderful progress seen. We should never take this level and commitment for granted; it is so unique that a school like ours can

boast of the quality, scope and levels of participation. Well done to all involved, particularly the numerous staff.

Reminder of Queen's picnic

If you have not already done so please sign up on ParentPay for the picnic lunch to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The whole school will be involved on the afternoon of the 27th May. There will be a picnic, music, games and more! All our students from reception to Y12 will be involved. There will be no other food available on the 27th and students can bring their own nut free picnic if they wish. The event has been supported by a grant from East Herts Council and a very generous donation from the PSA. We would like to thank them both.

COVID-19 Vaccination Expanded to all 5-11 Year Olds

From this week parents and carers of children aged 5 to 11 can book their child's first COVID-19 Vaccination. Bookings can be made at the national booking service for some pharmacies and GP surgeries as well as weekend appointments at vaccination centres. Some GP surgeries will also be offering bookings directly.

Vaccination centres have been made child friendly with a range of fun activities available and staff have decorated the centres to make them welcoming for children. Appointment slots have been made longer so that parents and carers have plenty of time to talk to vaccinators and ask questions.

To find out more, go to

<https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/vaccine-information-for-young-people>

Environmental challenge

Idling (leaving your engine running while parked) is an unnecessary source of pollution that can have a negative impact on the environment. (Hertfordshire County Council, 2022). Below are some suggestions of ways to help reduce air pollution by adjusting some ways we travel:

- Walk, scoot or ride your bike to school.
- Park and stride (park offside and walk the remainder).
- Use the walking bus.
- Take turns to car share (as many of us live near to each other) to school.
- If you must use a car, don't idle in traffic- turn your engine off when it is stationary.



FUTURE LIVING

Simon Balle All-through School is working in partnership with Future Living Hertford to offer support and programmes for young people and families who may need access to them. Future Living Hertford, established in 2014, is a charity that works directly with adult and child victims of domestic abuse. FLH offers a wide range of holistic programmes as well as a counselling service to support people in a variety of ways.

We have a FLH Family Casework, Mrs Cowen, who will be based in school 8am - 2pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, working to support young people within school in the first instance. Any adults who may also require the support of Future Living Hertford are able to self-refer directly via the website (link below). The website also details the list of programmes and resources that are available. Please contact FLH directly on 01992 537 344 or 07775 107520 or via the website for further information. <https://www.futurelivinghertford.co.uk/>

All Through Presidents

Mike Moss and myself were thrilled to receive a significant number of applications from Year 12 to become part of our "Senior Student Group". We have to add that the quality this year was remarkable as so many students were able to demonstrate how they have shown great leadership and volunteering skills within the Simon balle Community over several years. We also decided that we would look to the academic model of choosing "Presidents".

For 2022-2023, we are proud to announce that: Gabriel Dass, Willow Hamilton Hill, Sarah Bello, Joshua Lawson and Yazmin Walden will be our Student Presidents.

Our Vice Presidents will be: Jacob Warhurst, Luke Ansell, Annabella O'Sullivan, Matilda Maxwell Green, Emma Smith, Oviya Kurinji Balaji, Emma Worsley, Paul Busby, Elis Whitehead, Cassius Rapajic, Lottie Veale

Our Presidents will shortly be helping with the selection of our Head Girl and Boy and their Deputies in the Larch Centre.

We need to thank our existing official as they have carried out an amazing job this year and will leave such a legacy and impact. Thanks to Amelie, Ewan, Harry and Emily. We shall miss you greatly.

Primary News

Y5 Chromebook scheme

As mentioned during September's Welcome to Year 5/6 virtual meeting and previous newsletters, more information will be given in coming weeks regarding our current Year 5 students purchasing a cost-effective school Chromebook to use within lessons ready for Year 6.

The cost will be around £300 inclusive of insurance, the full Google suite and warranty. The payment portal on Parent Pay will open straight after half term, and there will be options to pay in instalments or up-front. There will also be support for those eligible for PP funding.

All of our Year 6 students this year have enjoyed using them every day within lessons to enhance the curriculum and support transition into KS3.

Jubilee day clothing

Larch children should wear the following colour top on Friday 27th May. They should also wear sports bottoms (such as their PE shorts) and trainers.

Blue:

- Year 6
- Year 4
- Year 2
- Reception- Squirrels

Red:

- Year 5
- Year 3
- Year 1
- Reception Hedgehogs

Dates

Mon 16th May	Start of public exams
Mon 16th - 18th	Y6 residential trip
Tues 17th May	Battlefields information evening
Thurs 19th May	Y10 theatre trip
Tues 24th May	Y8 parents evening
Thurs 26th May	GCSE & A level art trip
Fri 27th May	Jubilee picnic Y13 prom

Mon 30th - Fri 3rd June Half term

Wed 8th June	Y8 theatre trip
Wed 15th - 17th	Y5 residential trip
Thurs 16th June	Y8 HPV2 immunisation
Fri 17th June	Doughies Pizza
Wed 29th June	Y8 celebration evening
Thurs 30th June	New Y7 parents evening
Thurs 30th + 1st Jul	6th form induction
Sat 2nd July	Saffron hall all-through music concert
Tues 5th July	Stevenson's pop up shop
Wed 6th July	Art exhibition
Thurs 7th July	Y9 theatre trip
Fri 8th July	Sports presentation evening (Year 5+)
Sat 9th July	Slice of Summer (PSA - all!)
Wed 13 - 16th July	Music tour
Thurs 14th July	Transition day (all-through)
Mon 18th July	Primary sports day - more details to follow
Thurs 21st July	End of term - early finish

Future Living Hertford's Programme for 2022

Programme, course or event.	Dates and Times
Monica Programme A free to access, 12-week Domestic Abuse recovery and empowerment for women.	Thursday 13th January – 7th April 2022 10:00 – 12:00 (With a break for half term) Thursday 28th April – 21st July 2022 10:00 – 12:00 (with a break for half term) Thursday 8th September – 30th November 10:00 – 12:00 (with a break for half term)
Wise Guys A free to access, 12-week Domestic Abuse recovery and empowerment for men.	This will be provided based on demand.
Craft Group A group for crafting, quilting and making friends.	Every Friday starting 28 th January 2022 10:00 – 12:00
Therapeutic Arts A safe space to explore your feelings and creativity through a range of expressive mediums.	Tuesday 22nd February – 5th April 10:15 – 12:15 (7 week) Wednesday 8th June – 20th July (6 weeks) 10:15 – 12:15 (12 week with break for half term) Wednesday 13th September – 7th December 10:15 – 12:15 (12 Weeks with break for half term)
Daring to Parent (D2P) An in-house programme designed to help parents who are struggling with children behaviour.	Wednesday 23rd February – 30th March 10:15 – 12:00 (6 weeks) Tuesday 10th May – 21st June 10:15 – 12:15 (6 weeks with break for half term) Tuesday 12th September – 18th October 10:15 – 12:15 (6 weeks)
Affordable Counselling One to one, personal counselling for all client groups covering a wide range of needs.	Weekdays Monday – Thursday - 09:00 – 15:00 Friday - 09:00 – 13:00
The Base A range of play, creative arts and talking therapies for children aged 5 to 17	Weekdays Please contact us through the details below for more information.
Young Herts Healthy Relationships Programme A series of experiential workshops with Year 6 students demonstrating what healthy relationships may look like and how to recognise signs of abuse.	This is available to take place in schools throughout the area.
Sugar Foot Boxing A Free to access therapeutic boxing club for children and young people run at a local Hertford Secondary School	Please contact Future Living for information on dates, times and how to sign up.
Accredited Education – The Monica Programme An accredited training programme in order to learn about, and how to deliver, the Monica Programme.	The next course is to begin in September on Mondays, please enquire for details..
Addiction Recovery One to one counselling with a focus on addiction recovery.	Please contact Future Living for information
Family Law Clinic Free access service for clients to receive legal advice.	Please contact Future Living for information

For further information: www.futurelivinghertford.co.uk Email:
info@futurelivinghertford.co.uk Tel: 01992 537344

9th July - Slice of Summer

We are very much looking forward to bringing the school and wider community together at this year's summer fair. Keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities in the next newsletter.

This year, we are making a number of sponsorship opportunities available to our supporters and will offer packages from as little as £25. You can choose from a variety of packages to suit all budgets, from Headline Sponsor, to family sponsorship where your family name will be displayed against your chosen area. Would your family or business be interested in becoming a sponsor? Please email psa@simonballepsa.org.uk for more information.

We are equally keen to hear from you if your company is able to support us via Match Funding.

SLICE OF SUMMER
SUMMER FAIR
Match Funding
CAN YOUR COMPANY SUPPORT OUR SUMMER FUNDRAISER?

DOES YOUR COMPANY OFFER MATCH FUNDING?

SIMON BALLE
ALL-THROUGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY 9TH. JULY 2022, 1-4PM

Larch Frozen Fridays

Thank you to all those that have signed up to help with the ice cream sales. We hope to offer these each Friday, after the May half term break - weather permitting! There are still a few volunteer slots to fill. We would also like to include the Friday footballers, once they have been collected by parents. Are you able to help with Frozen Friday once their coaching has finished?

If you are able to assist with any of the slots, please sign up via this link, where you will also be able to check sale dates: volunteersignup.org/WT7KY

FROZEN FRIDAY
CO-ORDINATORS NEEDED

After a two year pause, we would LOVE to offer the hugely popular Larch Frozen Fridays once again. To make this happen, we are looking for a small team of helpers to coordinate weekly stock ordering and sales during the final weeks of the summer term. Volunteers can sign up here: volunteersignup.org/WT7KY

17th June - Doughies Pizza and Cookie Event

Doughies are returning to Simon Balle with their 12" regular and vegan home pizza making kits on Friday 17th June.

These artisan kits are of exceptional quality and you can now add pepperoni as an optional extra to your kits. Please order directly via the Doughies website by 13th June, including name and form/class.

<https://doughies.co.uk/products/simon-balle>

Doughies have launched delicious bake at home cookie dough kits* too.

Choose from: Chocolate Chip, Chocolate Brownie and or Oat and Raisin.

Please see website. *Please note, cookie kits are not vegan.

Regrettably, Doughies are unable to offer gluten free kits.

Important information: Larch Centre orders will be distributed via classrooms and sent home with the children. Orders for the secondary phase are welcome but **MUST BE COLLECTED** from outside the reception office immediately after school on 17th June. Please set a reminder, as any unclaimed kits will be assumed unwanted after 4.30pm. They will not keep unrefrigerated over the weekend and we are unable to offer home deliveries or refunds.



PIZZA & COOKIE EVENT

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (**regular or vegan**), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven.



WELCOME!
Spring 2022

**Hertfordshire Fire
& Rescue**

**To our first edition of
the Schools Stay Safe
Newsletter.**

**We have selected
some helpful safety
messages to help to
keep you and your
family safe this
Spring!**

Did you know?

what3words is an easy way to identify precise locations. Every 3m square in the World has been given a unique combination of three words: a what3words address. Now you can find, share and navigate to precise locations using three simple words.

The emergency services can use what3words to locate you if you are in trouble, but they can only do this if you have the app



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Have you got working Smoke Detectors?

Please check you have working smoke detectors at home. You should have a smoke detector on every floor in your home, preferably in the hallways and close to bedrooms where possible. Check your detectors work once a week by pushing the button in the middle. Don't forget to change the battery once a year – pick a date that is memorable such as your birthday or Christmas so that you remember!

If you do not have smoke detectors at home, Herts Fire and Rescue will carry out a safe and well check for you. They will fit smoke detectors for you for free.

*Please ring: **0300 123 4046** to book today!*

- ***It won't cost you a penny and it could save your life.***
- ***All visits are agreed by appointment only at a time to suit you.***
- ***Only uniformed staff will visit and will always carry an ID card.***



CO/Gas Safe

- Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless, and tasteless flammable gas that is slightly less dense than air.
- Unsafe gas appliances can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Ensure you know where to turn your gas off at the mains. It is usually situated close to your gas meter.

Ensure there is adequate ventilation in any rooms where gas appliances are situated.

Arrange for a Gas Safe registered engineer to check it over annually and repair/replace if necessary.

Contact a Qualified Gas Safe Engineer if you notice any of the following signs around your boiler:

Increased condensation

Floppy yellow flame

Sooty stain in or around your appliance

Consider fitting a CO₂ detector in your home. It should be placed by the main source of Carbon Monoxide in your property such as next to the open fireplace or heating system (combi boiler).



BE SCHOOL SAFE!

The Governing body and the head teacher are responsible for the day-to-day running of the school and the management of all the systems, including fire safety.

FIRE SAFETY ADVICE FOR SCHOOLS

- 1. The estimated cost of a school fire in the UK is £2.8 million*
- 2. 75% of school fires are the result of arson.*
- 3. Children in the age group 10-16 are responsible for 50% of all deliberately set school fires.*
- 4. Pupils and ex pupils are generally responsible for deliberately set school fires*
- 5. Each year HFRS attends around 180 calls to fires in or around school premises.*

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE THE RISK

Good housekeeping is the key to reducing the risk of arson at your school. HFRS can work with you to assess the risk, where necessary, and can recommend actions you can take to reduce it. Things to look out for include

- 1. Litter*
- 2. Graffiti*
- 3. Minor and major break-ins*
- 4. Minor arson incidents*

The schools arson audit covers the following areas:

- Entry onto premises*
- Entry into buildings*
- Opportunity to start a fire*
- Scope to start a fire*

WORKING TO PROTECT. ACTING TO SAVE.



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in playing football?**

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Bury Rangers Girls & Women**

Free taster sessions from March to May available

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