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**NEWSLETTER**  
**Issue no. 2 – Autumn Term**  
**20th October 2016**

*Dear Parent*

**Half-term holiday**

The half-term holiday is next week from Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October. School will finish on Friday at the normal time of 3.20pm.

**Building construction**

I am delighted to inform you that work will commence at the beginning of the half term holiday to build a new music room. The mobile classroom is being demolished and a permanent brick structure will be built in its place. The building contractors will be on site from Monday 24th October, the first day of the school holiday.

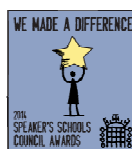
As a result of the construction works, there will be some disruption but this will be kept to a minimum. Pupils and parents will be able to access the pedestrian gates both on Addiscombe Road and Victoria Passage at the start and end of the school day as normal. **However, please take extra care in the playground near Addiscombe Road – part of this will be sectioned off for staff car parking.**

Parents should escort their child/children on and off the school premises at all times. Please remember that adults and children should never walk into school through the vehicle gates at any time.

The works will continue until the end of the spring term. We are looking forward to the completion of our new facility which will provide improved conditions for the teaching and learning of music.

**Year 6 Secondary transfer**

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is fast approaching. It is recommended that parents of Year 6 pupils make an application to Hertfordshire County Council admissions by Friday 28th October, and not leave it until the closing date, just in case there are problems with the online system over the weekend.



### **Wear Purple for the Peace**

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 21st October when the children can wear something coloured purple in return for a £1 donation to the Peace Hospice Care.

### **Black History Month**

Thank you to those parents who came to talk to classes about their own cultural heritage. The highlight of this week was the visit from Chief Suleman leading storytelling and drumming workshops across the whole school.

### **Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be open next on **Tuesday 1st November at 3.20pm** in the dining hall.

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
1st November	Class 6O to Buddhist Monastery
2nd November	Class 6K to Buddhist Monastery
4th November	Year 5 to Hazard Alley Safety Centre
4th November	Harvest Collection for Watford Food Bank
8th November	Year 5 Hockey at Watford Boys Grammar School
11th November	Year 3 to Chiltern Open Air Museum
17th November	Open afternoon for Year 2 Infant parents
8th December	Christmas Concert 9.30am and 6.45pm
9th December	Christmas Concert 1.45pm
13th December	Christmas Lunch
14th December	Year 6 to Watford Palace Theatre – Pantomime
14th December	Years 3,4 and 5 visiting theatre company - Pantomime
16th December	Christmas cake sale
20th December	Last day of term finish at 2pm

### **Lost property**

We have a huge amount of lost property. Parents please label your child's clothing clearly. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please do come into school to look through the lost property bin.

### **Term Dates 2016/2017**

Half term holiday                      Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October  
Autumn term ends                      Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 2pm

**Spring term starts**                      Friday 6th January 2017  
Half term holiday                      Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February  
Spring term ends                      Friday 31st March 2017 at 2pm

**Summer term starts**                      Wednesday 19th April 2017  
Half term holiday                      Friday 26th May to Friday 2nd June  
Summer term ends                      Friday 21st July 2017 at 2pm  
**May Bank Holiday**                      Monday 1st May 2017

I wish everyone a good half term break and look forwarding to seeing you all on Monday 31st October.