

-----23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015-----

### Head Teacher Awards - Well Done to .....

Sean in Blue class for his super neat handwriting.



### Year 2 Visit St. Albans Cathedral

Year 2 classes had a fun day of learning when they visited St. Albans Cathedral this week.

Maths, literacy and art workshops had been organised by the staff at the Cathedral and the children looked at signs and symbols within the Cathedral and were shown how they could measure the size of the building and height of the ceilings.

They learnt about religious ceremonies and looked at religious artefacts in and around the Cathedral.

The children even got to dress up as monks!

### Year 1 – Toys

As part of their topic on 'Toys' year 1 have been making their own Information Books this week. The children have been looking at the differences between old and new toys such as the materials they are made from. The children have been using describing words like rusty, shiny and hard to give more detail to the information.

Have you got a favourite 'old' toy from your childhood?



### Reception – Bee-bots

Bee-bot floor robots are a fun starting point to teach children, control, direction and programming and Orange and Red classes have been using them for the first time this week.

Using language such as forward, backward, left and right the Bee-bots were sent on an adventure to meet their arctic friends!

### DIARY DATES

#### SPRING TERM 2015

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Year 2 St. Albans Cathedral

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Yellow Class Assembly  
2.30pm

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Explorer Workshop – Ice Queen – Yr1 & Yr2

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

White Class Assembly 2.30

#### Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>-Fri 6<sup>th</sup> February

Assessment Week

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Nick Butterworth Visit

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Green Class Assembly

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Yr1 Museum of Childhood

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Blue Class Assembly

#### **HALF TERM**

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 20<sup>th</sup>

February 2014

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Dinosaur Day – Yr 1 & Yr2

#### Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>-Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March

Science + ICT Week

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Computer Science Day

(Robot Dance) – Yr1 & Yr2

Parent Consultations 3.30 - 5.30pm

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Consultations 6.00 - 8.00pm

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Robot Day – Design & make a robot to bring in.

Purple Class Assembly  
2.30pm

## Exciting News about the Q Pootle 5 Drawing Competition!

Lots of our children entered the drawing competition based on the best selling books by Nick Butterworth. The competition brief was to create a new Q Pootle 5 character and a spaceship. We are thrilled and proud to announce that *four* of our children have won prizes! Sean from Blue class won first prize and received a bundle of prizes for himself and the school as well as a visit from the creator of Q Pootle 5 Nick Butterworth! The runners up were Rida, Ellie M and Ellie S all from Blue class who all received Q Pootle 5 prizes. Congratulations to the winners and a big well done to all that entered. We are really looking forward to Nick Butterworth visiting us on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February when he will present the children with their prizes.

## Mapac School Uniform – 15% Off Sale

Mapac our school uniform supplier are offering 15% off school uniform until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015. To take advantage of this offer please go to [www.mapac.com](http://www.mapac.com) and enter the code JSP15 at the checkout.

## Big Garden Birdwatch – 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January

Join thousands of others and discover the wildlife in your garden. All you need to do is spend an hour over the weekend counting the birds in your garden. Just register online, watch and record the number of different birds in your garden or nearby green space then submit your results online or by mail if you prefer. Go to [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) to register and more details.

## NHS – 111

Hospital A&E and ambulance services are extremely busy at the moment. If your child needs urgent medical help but it is not an emergency then dial NHS 111 free from any mobile or landline for fast advice on where to go for help in your local area. Otherwise make an appointment with your GP or practice nurse.


## Shape Up For Men

Shape Up is a FREE 12 week course, which aims to tackle the growing issue of obesity through education and exercise across Hertfordshire. They are aiming to help as many overweight men aged between 18 and 50 as possible. Watford FC's CSE Trust will be starting the courses on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at Vicarage Road Stadium and 5<sup>th</sup> February at Oxhey Wood Primary School. For more information please contact Mark Smith on 01923 496385/07736 272839 or email [mark.smith@watfordfc.com](mailto:mark.smith@watfordfc.com).

## Attendance

Attendance for week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015

*Late arrivals will be marked as unauthorised absence. If you arrive late, after 8.55 am, it is important to sign your child in at the school office.*

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| ORANGE | 89.2% | RED  | 79.6% |
| GREEN  | 94.3% | YELLOW  | 97.9% |
| PURPLE | 95.4% | BLUE   | 92.6% |
|        |       | White  | 94.0% |

*Well Done Yellow Class!*

## Philosophy For Children (P4C)



*What do you think .....*

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Charity Day – Red Nose Day  
Red Class Assembly 2.30pm

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

St. Patrick's Day Disco 5.00-6.00pm

### Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>-Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March

Assessment Week

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Orange Class Assembly 2.30pm  
Charity Quiz Night  
Proceeds to NSPCC & Kingsway

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Easter Fair 2.30-4.00pm

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Easter Hat Competition

### TERM ENDS

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 1.30 pm

### SUMMER TERM 2015

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

INSET Day – school closed for children

### TERM STARTS

Term begins for children  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015

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Verse Speaking Heats

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

S. George's Day Wear Red + White  
Verse Speaking Finals

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Music Workshop – Rule Britannia

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Class Photographs

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Forensic Science Day Yr1 & Yr2

### 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May

Maths Week

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Maths Carousel

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Happy Puzzle Day

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Gullivers Land Trip Yr2

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Whipsnade Trip Yr1

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Wig Wednesday – Wear a wig day

### HALF TERM

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May

### TERM ENDS

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30 pm

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

INSET DAYS – School closed for children

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Occasional day holiday – School Closed

### Letters

**Sent Out This Week**

**School Meal Menu & Order**

**Photograph Permission –  
Blue Class only**