



This half term we are focussing on: **Responsibility**

William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

This week was Science Week and there were scientific activities and experiments taking place right across the school. Making slime and experimenting with it was definitely one of the highlights, with many, many children being keen to tell anyone that would listen all about it! Although, there was also a lot of excitement around the worms that were temporarily removed from the front of the school for the children in Elm and Maple to observe. Then there was the genuine wonder from Science Club, which was also great to see! The looks on their faces when they saw just how much the different foods and milk had changed, that had been left out safely undercover since last Friday, was quite a sight. There is still a timelapse video of our busy hall at lunchtime to look forward to seeing and so many other experiments and investigations that took place that I haven't mentioned. A big thank you to all of the teaching staff for giving the children these wonderful experiences and for allowing them the opportunity to become young scientists in their own right for the week. But the biggest thanks go to Mrs Bassindale and Mr Palmer, our Science coordinators, for putting the whole thing together - a great week for Science!

A big thank you to those parents and carers, who were able to, for coming along to the Coffee and Chat on Wednesday morning. We will add a further date for the next half term in due course.

I am sure you all have already, but please remember to book a virtual parents evening appointment to speak to your child's class teacher next week. Regardless of whether there is anything that you want to discuss, it is always good to take the opportunity to find out how your child is getting on at school and to get to know your child's class teacher a little more as well.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend ahead!

Mr Plunkett



Coming Up Next Week..

Monday

- Big Walk and Wheel

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- Big Walk and Wheel
- Elm Class Assembly
- Virtual Parents Evening

Thursday

- Big Walk and Wheel
- Ramadan Assemblies
- Yr 6 Phase Visit
- Virtual Parents Evening

Friday

- Big Walk and Wheel
- Science Week

Vomiting and Diarrhoea

A reminder that children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



Headlice

Unfortunately, from time to time, your child may come into contact with headlice. For further information on what this might look like and what to do about it [please click here](#).



Quiz Night Tickets on sale!

Put your general knowledge to the test at our next over-18s event - a quiz night with fish and chip supper on Friday 26 April. You'll receive a welcome drink on arrival as well as fish and chips (or vegetarian alternative) during the quiz. There will be prizes for winning teams and a licensed bar open throughout the event.

Tickets cost £12.50 per person (or £45 for groups of 4 booking together) with all profits helping to fund some exciting new projects that will benefit all the children (more details on these coming very soon!)

For more information and to book tickets visit bit.ly/SPAquiznight

Quiz Night

Join our Quiz Night and put your knowledge to the test!

Friday 26th April

Yr 3/4 Football V Whitehill & a Badminton Festival

On Friday our Year 3 & 4 football teams were playing again, which now means that over 60 children in Year 3 & 4 (boys and girls) have represented the school. This time it was the turn of the boys at Whitehill. This group are very dedicated, and it has been a joy to see their enthusiasm for football grow. They were led by team captains Joseph and Michael. We were joined by an encouraging crowd and I am sure that this helped the boys a lot. They all played with a lot of heart and both teams came away with the win. Well done to all involved!



Miss Mumford



This followed hot on the heels of the Year 3 & 4 badminton festival that took part on Wednesday afternoon. It was one that all of the children involved really enjoyed and really excelled in - well done to all of our fantastic participants!

Mrs Herbert

The Uniform Shed Needs You!

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shed helps reduce waste, provides quick and easy access to affordable uniform and raises money for the school - WIN-WIN-WIN!

To be able to continue opening regularly, we need volunteers who can spare an hour a week to help staff the shed. There is flexibility regarding when that hour might be.

To find out more please email: williamransomspa@gmail.com or speak to any member of the SPA committee.

School Uniform

Please can all parents please ensure that all children are attending school wearing the correct school uniform. If there are difficulties in doing that, please approach a member of the School Office or a member of the leadership team and we will happily discuss this further with you.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

THE LISTER HOSPITAL NEONATAL UNIT
GOLDEN MILE
SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024

THIS YEAR, AT THE HITCHIN 10KM, WE HAVE INTRODUCED THE BRAND NEW GOLDEN MILE RUN. AIMED PURELY FOR CHILDREN! TAKING PLACE ON SUNDAY 5TH MAY, 9-10AM*

FOR EVERY CHILD THAT TAKES PART, 100% OF THE ENTRY MONEY WILL GO DIRECT TO THE LISTER HOSPITAL NEONATAL UNIT, AS PART OF THEIR PROGRAMME TO UPDATE THE FACILITIES FOR THE PARENTS WHO NEED THEIR SERVICES.

- THERE ARE DIFFERENT AGE CATEGORIES!
- EVERY CHILD WILL HAVE A RACE BIB AND CHIP TIME!
- EVERY CHILD WILL GET A RACE MEDAL!
- TROPHIES FOR THE FASTEST GIRL AND BOY IN EACH AGE GROUP!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE DETAILS, AND TO SIGN UP YOUR CHILD FOR THIS NEW RUN, PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.BURNTHARE.COM

THE HITCHIN 10KM @BURNTHAREEVENTS

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The Cambridge Club Festival

The Cambridge Club Festival is offering discounted tickets to all William Ransom families. Typing in SCHOOLS20 will secure you a 20% discount on all General Admission tickets booked through FIXR. Staff and parents will just need to input the promo code when prompted at the checkout.

All festival information is on our [website here](#) (including line up, venue, transport, FAQs etc). The line up poster is below.

THE CAMBRIDGE CLUB FESTIVAL

CHAKA KHAN
A CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS IN MUSIC

JESSIE WARE

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
EXPERIENCE BY AL MCKAY

(A-Z)
D-TRAIN GABRIELLE INCOGNITO MELANIE C
NATASHA BEDINGFIELD REBECCA FERGUSON
SISTER SLEDGE SOUL II SOUL THE FAMILY STONE

WITH SUPPORT FROM
DANNY TOEMAN MR GRIFF UNCLE FUNK'S DISCO INFERNO

(A-Z)
FAT TONY MOUSSET T. NORMAN JAY
DJ PAULETTE DENISE VAN OUTEN MELON BOMB
LITTLE GAY BROTHER SIGGY SMALLS SOPHIE LLOYD WAZE
ABBA DISCO WONDERLAND BONGO'S BINGO
DAISYBELLE & CARLY FOX FT. TASTY LOPEZ

BRYAN BY DAY BANGEE HOUR BARRINGTON (JUNK & SOUL SPECIAL) BIG JAMZ CHRIS JAMMER
DJ CHRIS BROWN DJ MAX GALACTIC FEVER PITCH HEAVY SOUL JOSH LOVATT KANE LACAM
LOST IN DISCO HARRY PEARCE MUSCLE MEMORY RUNAWAY TAKEOVER

AUDITORIUM OF INTRIGUE FOOD FOR THOUGHT NEW 108 2024

MARCUS BRIGSTOCKE TRISTAN WELCH
ZOE LYONS EMANUEL SONERI 2 MORE CHEF DEMONSTRATIONS
RYAN CULLEN JOE MCTERSEN CHAMPARTING
CAREY MARY ANDRE VINCENT LIVE Q&A PANEL DISCUSSION
COMEDY & LIVE TALKS FINE CUISINE & WINE TASTING
GROOVY GOINGS-ON IMAGINATION STATION CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT
MIND, BODY & SOUL WELLNESS AREA | ON-SITE CINEMA

7-9 JUNE 2024

FORTNUM & MASON
EST. 1769

Year 1 Visit to the Shuttleworth Collection

Year 1 enjoyed a brilliant day at Shuttleworth as part of their work in History. They have been learning all about the history of flight and it was an amazing experience to be able to see lots of the old planes in the hangars. The children had an action packed morning taking part in a variety of activities. Then, after lunch, they went on a ride on one of the old buses before sketching some of the planes. They were even lucky enough to see a plane take off from the airfield!

Mrs Tite & Mrs Thorn

Miss Swinburne needs your help!

'JUST TALK' WEEK

In the Summer term, we are looking to run some activities linked to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing.



Do you have a talent for yoga and could lead some mini-yoga sessions?

Do you have a background in dance and could lead some mini-dance sessions?

Do you have a talent for singing and could lead some mini-singing sessions?

Does your child have some old Lego they could donate to our school?

Please email:

a.swinburne@wransom.herts.sch.uk

if you think you might be able to help in one of these ways (or any other!)

Year 6 Residential to Bawdsey Manor

Our Year 6 residential trip to the wonderful Bawdsey Manor is coming up in just a few short months time, taking place from Monday 24th - Friday 28th June. Experiences like this are amazing opportunities for the children to discover more about themselves, to build up confidence and self-belief and further strengthen bonds with those children that have been with them for the last seven years of their lives. For

all those who are attending, payment must reach us in full by 25th April. We would be very grateful for any families who are able to pay the remainder of the balance sooner to please do so. For further information on Bawdsey Manor and the experience that your child will be getting [please click here](#)



Reminders...

Please Look After Our Neighbours

With 423 children now in the school, we fully realise that picking up and dropping off are going to be very busy times outside the school. But please be respectful of our neighbours. Please make sure that you are parking sensibly and responsibly and being courteous.

Taking Care Around Railways

We wanted to share the following links to two assembly videos focussed on railway safety with you all. With the school being in close proximity to a railway track and station, we are aware that some of our children are of an age where they might be independently exploring their local community and we want everyone to be as safe as possible. You can access the KS1 video by [clicking here](#) and the KS2 video by [clicking here](#).



Crossing Wymondley Road

As you are all aware, Lollipop Kate has now retired and the role is currently being advertised. If you feel that this could be for you, then please do make enquiries and, even though your employer would be Herts County Council, we would welcome you into our team. In the meantime, please continue to remind your children to take extra care and be extra cautious when using the crossing on Wymondley Road.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL AT

William Ransom Primary School

THE PAY IS £11.59 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements)

JOB SHARES ARE AVAILABLE

FULL TRAINING AND SUPPORT ARE PROVIDED BY THE TEAM

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE ACTIVE AND SAFER TRAVEL TEAM ON

01992 556816/01992 556803
OR EMAIL: scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Can we please remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely

Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,
County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN.
Tel: 01992 556816 January 2024





"It provides me with extra income"

"It's given me the confidence to get back to work"

"It makes me smile"



"Term time only is perfect as it fits around child care"

"It puts me in a good routine"

"I feel part of the community"





**WILLIAM RANSOM
WRAP-AROUND CLUB**

BREAKFAST CLUB

From 7:30am - £5.50
Breakfast served until 8.15 only

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Until 5:00 pm - £8.50 per session
Until 5:30 pm - £10.00 per session
Until 6.00 pm - £12.00 per session

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FUN	FRIDAY
Trampolining	Dance	Dodgeball	Inflatables	Console/movie/games night	

At our after school club, children will start the session with the activity listed above or by having time in our chill and care area where they will have access to a variety of play activities. (Activities may be subject to change). After tea, there will be further opportunities for indoor or outdoor games and play activities or quiet time if they prefer.

To register please go to
risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk
If you need to contact us please email
williamransom@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk 07919 330254
or for admin queries: info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk 01462 790152

On registering your child for a place on our course Rising Stars will collect certain information about you/your child which will include your names, email address, telephone number, child's date of birth, gender and school. We will not share this information with any third party for marketing purposes.




Allergy Awareness To Protect Every Child

We need everyone to do all they can to protect every child in the school. Some of our children have known allergies, others are being diagnosed and there will be some who have allergies that have yet to come to light. Children bringing snacks in for breaktimes should only be bringing in fruit. Please ensure that your child is not bringing in nut based snacks. Thank you for your support.

Birthday Cakes/Sweets

Due to both known and unknown food intolerances and allergies, we are unable to have in school, or hand out, birthday sweets/cakes. This is for everyone's safety. Thank you for your support.

