



This half term we are focussing on: Empathy

William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to finally see the sunshine making a welcome appearance! The children are really enjoying the freedom that the field is offering and, although there are opportunities to use some of the few shaded and inside spaces, many really want to be out running around. With that in mind, can I please ask that you all ensure that you are sending your child into school with a sun hat to give them that bit of protection as we move toward summer. Sunglasses are allowed to be worn by all children, but please ensure that they are child appropriate and that they are brought in on the understanding that they are done so at your own risk, as the school is unable to cover any losses and damage sustained.

Following on from items that should be coming into school, we are also starting to see other items that should not be coming in to school making an appearance. With this in mind, please can you ensure that your child is not bringing anything into school that they do not need for the school day. This includes Rubik's cubes/devices, trading cards and/or stickers and chewing gum. Finally today, a special mention for our Year 6 children, who will be taking their SATs tests next week. I hope you all enjoy the weekend, spend time outside in the fresh air and get an early night on Sunday.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend and I hope you all enjoy the sunny weather!

Mr Plunkett



Coming Up Next Week...

Monday

- Yr 6 SATs

Tuesday

- Yr 6 SATs

Wednesday

- Yr 6 SATs
- Yr 3 Maple Class Swimming
- Yr 5 Djembe drumming

Thursday

- Yr 6 SATs
- Cricket match v St Andrews

Friday

- Oak & Ash Class school trip to Herrings Green Farm
- Yr 4 Anglo Saxon Day in the hall
- School Disco
 - 3:30 - 4:30pm Reception
 - 4:00-5:00pm Year 3 & 4

Smartphone Free Childhood

Please complete our survey about children owning and using smartphones. You may have heard about the Smartphone Free Childhood movement of parents that has sprung up across the UK recently - including at William Ransom! We'd really appreciate parents taking 5 minutes to complete the survey below, to help us to understand the concerns and priorities we should focus on for our school community. Please click here to access and complete the survey.

Thank you from all in the William Ransom Smartphone Free Childhood group.

Cricket Match Report

On Thursday 9th May the William Ransom cricket team played their first match against Samuel Lucas; who were a really good team. Unfortunately for us, our Year 6's weren't available to play, but we still played really well! We took quite a few wickets and hit some amazing shots! But, in the end, Samuel Lucas did win. It was a close game and our team played really well.

Krish, Yr 5





Disco tickets Sale closes Monday!

Tickets sale for the Reception and Y3/4 disco will close at midday Monday 13 May. Tickets will continue to be available via the booking site for the Y1/2 and Y5/6 discos until 20 May.

Tickets cost £5 each and include unlimited squash/water, a packet of sweets and access to the disco.

There will be separate sessions for each year group. The dates and times are:

Reception - 17 May (3:30pm)

Y3/4 - 17 May (5pm)

For further details and to book a ticket visit: bit.ly/WRSPA

Y1/2 - 24 May (3:30pm)

Y5/6 - 24 May (5pm)



Uniform shed - new opening hours

The opening hours of the uniform shed have changed. It will now be open on four days a week at the following times:

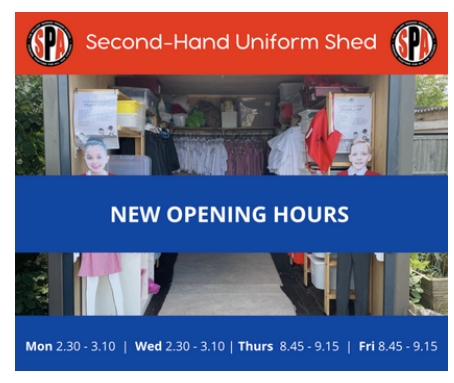
Monday: 2:30pm - 3:10pm

Wednesday: 2:30pm - 3:10pm

Thursday: 8:45am - 9:15am

Friday: 8:45am - 9:15am

Thank you to all the volunteers who keep the uniform shed operating!



Water Safety Opportunity From Everyone Active

As your swimming lesson provider, we take school swimming and water safety very seriously. With around 48 percent of children in England, leaving primary school unable to swim, we want to ensure that your pupils get the best possible opportunity to be able to keep themselves safe in and around water.

With Everyone Active supporting the Letchworth Festival throughout June there will be an Open Day at the Lido on Sunday 2nd June 2024. We would like to involve the local schools in the community to come to a session at the Lido where our colleagues will be promoting water safety and drowning prevention at the Lido.

We're delighted to offer a Water Safety session for school children aged 8-12years old on Sunday 2nd June 2024 at Letchworth Lido 9:30-11am. There will be 20 spaces per school available.

Please contact the school office for further information or to reserve a spot



Latest News From Hitchin Triangle Garden

We have lots going on this summer for adults and children alike including nature photography, essential cycle maintenance skills! Click on the image to find out more



Term Dates for 2024-2025

Term Dates for 2024-2025 are now confirmed and can be found on the school website [by clicking here.](#)

Reminders...

Vomiting and Diarrhoea

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



Headlice

Unfortunately, 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](#).

Please Look After Our Neighbours

With 422 children now in the school, we realise that picking up and dropping off are going to be very busy times outside the school. But please make sure that you are parking sensibly and responsibly and being courteous to our neighbours.

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. 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"

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

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

"It puts me in a good routine"

"It makes me smile"

"I feel part of the community"






WILLIAM RANSOM WRAP-AROUND CLUB

BREAKFAST CLUB

From 7:30am - £6.00
Breakfast served until 8.15 only

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Until 5:00 pm - £9.50 per session
Until 5:30 pm - £11.00 per session
Until 6:00 pm - £13.00 per session



MON
Trampolining

TUE
Summer Sports

WED
Dodgeball

THU
Inflatables

FUN FRIDAY
Friday Fun Day

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.

Please also note we are unable to have in school, or hand out, birthday sweets/cakes. This is for everyone's safety. Thank you for your support.

School Uniform

Please can all parents please ensure that 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.

