

The Head's Lines

What a blustery and wet half term it has been! Nevertheless, this has not prevented it being a busy time and the weeks have been crammed with amazing learning opportunities! We are busy preparing to share some of our new skills and knowledge with all of you before the end of this term... details to follow!

Mrs Fenner

Pupil Premium Funding and Free School Meals

Since the introduction of Universal Infant Free School Meals for Key Stage 1 pupils, there has been a significant reduction in the number of families applying for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals funding. If you have a child who will move to Y3 in September, school meals are now chargeable. Therefore, if you think you might be eligible to apply Free School Meals, please visit the following website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or click on the following link [Free schools meals](#) . If your circumstances have changed in recent months, you may also qualify and may want to consider applying.

As a school, we also benefit financially from funding for Pupil Premium pupils so even if your child is in Key Stage 1 we would encourage you to apply. Not only will the school receive additional funds, it also saves you having to remember to apply when your child moves into Year 3. If you need any additional information, please speak to Mrs Fenner, Mrs Hibon or Miss Butler in the school office in confidence.

Breakfast Club

We still have places available in our Breakfast Club. Please let the school office know if this is something you are interested in.

Breakfast Club At: Hexton Junior & Infant school

Date: W/c 12th April 2021 – W/c 12th July

Day: Monday – Friday

Times: 7.30-8.50am

Price: £5 Per session

***Small breakfast provided**



How to Book...

Go to www.premier-education.com/parents and search for your child's school using our handy school activities finder.

Attendance

We continue to have high attendance in school and are grateful to parents who are following the guidelines when a suspected case of Covid-19 occurs within their family. We know that it is often confusing to separate Covid-19 symptoms from common colds. Whilst some schools are not accepting children in school with any symptoms of any illnesses, we feel that it is important that children attend school regularly and wherever possible. If your child demonstrates any of the Covid-19 symptoms, please **DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL**. Please follow the steps in the guidance we have previously released.

We will continue to ask parents to keep their child at home for a period of **48 hours** following a bout of diarrhoea or vomiting commencing from the last episode of illness.

We will continue to contact you if your child becomes unwell at school and needs to be collected to go home. This will include when we feel a child may be demonstrating Covid-19 symptoms. In this case, we will ask you to arrange for your child to be tested and not return to school until we have confirmation of negative test or your child has self-isolated for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. If your child is generally unwell, please also consider if it is in their best interest to be at school. Please contact the school office if your child will be absent from school for any reason.

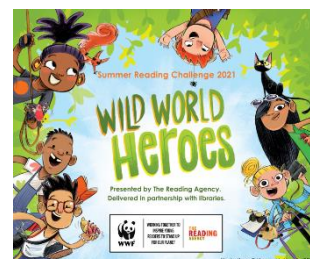
Reading

Author Visit

On Thursday 27th May we are excited to have a visit from local author Julia Jarman, who will be talking to the children about being an author and answering any questions they might have. Julia will also be reading to the children.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge, delivered by public libraries and The Reading Agency, is entitled *Wild World Heroes* and is delivered in partnership with WWF. The challenge is all about celebrating and inspiring a love of reading and the theme this year celebrates a love of the planet too. As part of this, we will have a visit from Hitchin Library on Tuesday 6th July to promote the Reading Challenge to the children.





Diary dates

Hexton School dates 2020-2021

*New dates added/changed will be in bold

Thursday 27 th May	Julia Jarman author visit
Friday 28 th May	Inset Day
HALF TERM 31 st May – 4 th June	
21 st - 24 th June	Bikeability – Oak Class
Tuesday 6th July	Summer Reading Challenge Library visit
Thursday 8th July	Transition / Move up day
Friday 9th July	Hexton Walk
Wednesday 21st July	Leavers Assembly
Thursday 22nd July	Last Day of Term – early finish @ 1.30pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS 23 rd July - 1 st September 2021	
Wednesday 1st September	Inset Day
Thursday 2nd September	Children Return to School

Term Dates 2020-2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12 April – Thursday 22 July 2021
Half Term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021

Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2021
INSET Day: Friday 28 May 2021

Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1 September – Tuesday 21 December 2021
Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October 2021

INSET Day: Wednesday 1 September 2021
OCCASIONAL Day: Friday 26 November 2021

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5 January – Friday 1 April 2022
Half Term: Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February 2022

INSET Day: Wednesday 5 January 2022

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19 April – Friday 22 July 2022
Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2022

INSET Day: Tuesday 19 April 2022
Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022
INSET Day: Friday 27 May 2022
INSET Day: Monday 6 June 2022

Community News

**Ickle Drama Starlets
Weekly Term-Time Classes
at Walsworth Community Centre**

every Tuesday

for children in Reception to Year 4

4pm to 5pm £6 per week

Acting, singing, dancing and drama games every week.
Performance at the end of every term.

Through drama children can become confident performers and also gain
confidence in everyday life.

Fees paid termly in advance, first trial class free.

CALL/TEXT VALERIE TO BOOK A PLACE

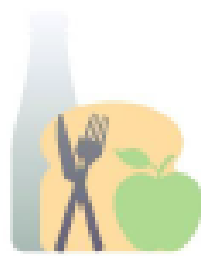
or email ickledrama@hotmail.co.uk



www.ickledrama.co.uk

Call to book: 07961 426268

HITCHIN FOOD PROVISION



Hitchin Food Provision continue to support individuals and families with supermarket vouchers.

We have funding thanks to donations and grants to help those impacted financially due to changes in employment status as a direct result of Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions.

It is easy to apply, please check you meet the criteria below and contact us by email. We can call you back if you wish to discuss or you are not able to access the form.

Criteria

- Anyone who has been impacted by furlough, loss of employment or reduction in hours as a result of Covid-19 restrictions and not in receipt of Universal Credits/benefits.
- Anyone living in Hitchin.
- Anyone who is self-employed and cannot claim from the Governments self-employed income support scheme.

Contact us for an application form:

foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk

Please pass this on to anyone you know who may need some extra help.

Hitchin Food Provision Application Form – return to foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk

Hitchin Food Provision are hoping to provide support during the current Covid-19 crisis for as long as is feasible for families who have suddenly found themselves in financial difficult as a result of the crisis. This emergency provision is being organised by and supplied by charitable and volunteer groups. This is to help families who will struggle to provide food to their children during this difficult time.

CRITERIA

- For families with children living in Hitchin NOT in receipt of Universal Credits/benefits.
- Families who have been impacted by furlough, loss of employment or reduction in hours
- Families who are self-employed and cannot claim from the Governments self-employed income support scheme

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS IN FULL

Date			
Full Name			
Address			
Contact Phone Number/s			
Email (essential for e-voucher)			
Which School/s do your children attend?			
Please state your supermarket preference	Sainsbury	Asda	
Have you been Furloughed?			YES/NO
Have you lost your employment (during COVID-19 crisis)?			YES/NO
Have your hours been reduced Reduction of hours (during Covid-19 crisis)?			YES/NO
Are you self-employed and unable to work?			YES/NO
Are you In Receipt of benefits/Universal Credits?			YES/NO
Have you applied for Universal Credits?	YES/NO	If YES when do they start	
Do you qualify for Free School Meals?			YES/NO
How many Adults in your household?			
How many children in your Children in household?			
Please give brief details of the reason for referral:			
Please indicate with YES that you have read and understood the Privacy Statement			
For professional referrals - Referrer Details (please complete all sections)			
Organisation		Name	
Contact Number		Email	

*A GDPR and Privacy Statement will be provided to those being referred this data may be used for monitoring purposes
Please note we may contact you if there is anything that we are unclear about*