

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the end of the school year approaching rapidly, I thought it might be helpful to provide you with a short update and remind you of the arrangements and events that are still to come.

### **Year 6 Residential to Gilwell Park**

The Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed their 3 day trip to Gilwell Park last week. They joined in all the activities enthusiastically, supported each other throughout, and the instructors and other visitors to the centre complimented them on their superb behaviour. We are very proud of them! A huge thank you to Mrs Aitbenmoussa, Mrs Collins, Mrs Poole, Mrs Cheruvathur and Mrs Middleton for accompanying them and giving up their own time (and sleep!) to make sure they were safe and had a great time.

### **Fieldwork Fortnight**

Thank you to Mrs Humbles who co-ordinated our Fieldwork Fortnight as our Geography leader. The children have all enjoyed going out into the local area to investigate different aspects of the human and physical environment. Thank you also to the parents who have helped to supervise the children and enabled the activities to go ahead.

### **Cricket team success**

Congratulations to our newly formed cricket team who have been part of the creation of the new St Albans Schools Cricket League. They played their first three matches recently and have made it through to the first ever final which is taking place after school today at Cunningham Hill Junior School. Supporters are welcome to attend if they would like to go and cheer them on. Good luck, and thank you to Mr Clements for his work with the team and helping to set up the league.

### **Transition Day**

On Thursday this week all the children will be spending some of the morning in their new classroom with the adults who will be working with them next year. Good luck to our Year 6 children who will be spending the day at their new schools, and welcome to the new Reception children who will be joining us. I hope everyone enjoys their day.

### **Open Evening**

To celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school opening, we are holding an open evening on Thursday between 5 and 7pm. Light refreshments will be available thanks to the PTA. We are looking forward to welcoming all our current, former and future pupils, their families and members of staff too. Entry is through the playground gates. Every classroom will have work on display, and there will be videos and photographs to enjoy too, so please take the opportunity to visit all the different areas of the school.

### **Enterprise Event**

This half term the children in Year 5 have been learning about money and enterprise. They have been given some money to purchase resources and have been working hard to create crafts, jewellery and other items that they will be selling for 50p or £1 during the school day on Friday. They hope to recover the investment and make a profit that will be reinvested

into school resources. Each class will be able to visit the event with their teacher during the day on Friday, so if you would like to support the Year 5 classes please send your child with a 50p or £1 coin to spend. No change given I'm afraid!

### **ACS partnership with Open Door**

I am pleased to launch a new partnership between ACS and Open Door in St. Albans ([www.opendoorstalbans.org](http://www.opendoorstalbans.org)). This is a charity that assists people at risk of homelessness. In 1993 it opened the St Albans night shelter and led the development of the accommodation and Drop-In Centre in Bricket Road. As this is so close to our school, we would like to support the charity and people in our local community by collecting donations of items they are in need of: instant coffee, sugar, biscuits, spf15 lip balm, sun cream, 600ml bottled water and reusable water bottles. If you are able to donate any of these items, one of our parents Alex will be at the school gates at drop-off on Friday morning this week to collect them and run them across to the shelter. Thank you in advance! We hope that if this event is successful, we will be able to hold more donation events next academic year so that we can make a difference and support our local community, as well as teaching our children about how they are helping other people.

### **School reports**

I hope you found your child's end of term report helpful in understanding their progress and attainment this year. There is a link on the report to an online form to provide any comments you would like to make, but please feel free to speak to your child's teacher if you would like to discuss any aspect of the report.

### **End of term**

Term ends at 1.15pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July for children in Years 1-5 and 1.30pm for children in Year 6.

Thank you very much for your continuing support. I hope everyone enjoys what is left of this academic year, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Open Evening on Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

### **Diary dates**

Mon 10th July	Year 2 trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
Tue 11th July	Year 1 Trip to Knebworth House
Wed 12th July	Y3 Trip to Verulamium Park Museum
Wed 12th July	Year 6 Leavers' Show in the Main Hall 9.15am
Thu 13th July	Transition Day
Thu 13th July	Open Evening 5-7pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Door donations at playground gate 8.30-8.50am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Enterprise Event
Fri 14th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wed 19th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in the Theatre 9am
Wed 19th July	End of term (Reception – Year 5 1:15pm, Year 6 1:30pm)
Thu 20th July	Inset Day
Fri 21st July	Occasional Day