Dear Parents and Carers,

**Reception Class – September 2017**

I would like to remind all parents with children of Nursery age that school applications for September 2017 close on Sunday 15th January 2017.

We have 2 Open Days where parents have the opportunity to come into school and meet our Reception team and be shown around the classrooms. Our Open Days are Wednesday 23rd November 2016 at 9:15 am and Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 2:15 pm.

Children currently attending our Nursery do not automatically transfer into the Reception classes. Parents/Carers must apply for a place in Reception class. This can be done online [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions). Alternatively, if you do not have access to the internet you can request a printed version of the application form from Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

**Parent Governor**

Our Governing Body is going from strength to strength in working with the Leadership Team to continue to improve the school. There is currently a Parent Governor vacancy and we are asking parents that are interested in becoming a School Governor to contact the school office. The Governing Body meets monthly and each Governor has an area of responsibility linked to the school’s many priorities and operations. They also act as a Link Governor for a year group. This allows Governors to meet Class Teachers and have year group visits. I am happy to discuss this further with parents who are interested. Irvin Needle, the Chair of Governs is also very keen to speak to interested parents.

**Children In Need**

Thank you to all the parents who helped their children wear something SPOTacular to help raise money for Children In Need. Lots of innovation was shown and many children looked great. Due to lots of events over this time of year we had to raise awareness one week early. We will be able to tell you how much we raised in the newsletter next week.

**Remembrance Day**

Thank you to Hazel Class for their assembly on Remembrance Day today. The whole school gathered in the Olympic Hall at 11 o’clock to respectively observe two minutes silence.
Assessment Weeks
Assessment Week will conclude next week Friday.

Occasional Day
Just a reminder that school will be closed on Friday 25th November 2016.

Coffee Morning focus:
I would like to remind parents about our coffee mornings that are taking place every Tuesday. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with Sam Ward our Parent Support Worker and ask questions and discuss issues related to the topic of the session. Please come along if any of these sessions interest you.

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| 14th November 2016 | **KS1 Phonics**
How you can support your child’s phonics development at home          | David French   |
| 21st November 2016 | **Time-out parenting strategy**
A strategy for parents to gain control and be able to discipline effectively | Sam Ward       |
| 28th November 2016 | **Reading – Key Stage 1**
Understand how reading is taught in school and support your child reading at home. | Toyin Keshiro  |
| 5th December 2016  | **Developing your child’s self-esteem**
How to promote your child’s self-esteem and how to recognise possible low self-esteem. | Sam Ward       |
| 12th December 2016 | **Reading – Key Stage 2**
Understand how reading is taught in school and support your child reading at home. | Sarah McCay    |

Assemblies: We have a whole school assembly every Friday that parents are able to attend. Please come and support your child during their class assembly.

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| **Anti-bullying week**               | **Class**
Beech - Year 3                                                                     | 9:05am - Olympic Hall
Friday 18th November                  |
| **Road Safety Week**                 | **Class**
Oak - Year 1                                                                         | Thursday 24th November               |
| **St Andrews Day** (30th November)   | **Class**
Hawthorn - Year 2                                                                   | Friday 2nd December                  |
| **Hanukah** Jewish Festival of Lights (24th December to 1st January) | **Class**
Mulberry - Year 4                                                                   | Friday 9th December                  |
| **Christmas concert to parents**     | **Class**
Key Stage 1 – time to be confirmed                                                   | Friday 16th December                 |
Charter and Star Certificates - Congratulations to:

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Attendance

Whole school Attendance up to Friday last week for this academic year is 96%

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November 2016
Monday 14th November 2016 – Anti Bullying week
Monday 14th November 2016 – Assessment week
Tuesday 15th November 2016 - U11 Basketball at Queens School
Tuesday 15th November 2016 – Year 1 Challenge cup at The Grove Academy
Wednesday 23rd November 2016 – Reception Open Day – 9:15 am
Thursday 24th November 2016 – Non Uniform day – Bottles and Jars
Thursday 24th November 2016 – Year 2 on trip to Willow Farm
Friday 25th November 2016 – Occasional Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 29th November 2016 – U9’s Speed Stacking competition at Watford Girls School
Tuesday 29th November 2016 – Drama Challenge Cup at Warren Dell Primary School
Wednesday 30th November 2016 – Christmas Decoration Day

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DIARY DATES – continued

December 2016

Thursday 1st December 2016 – Christmas Tree Decoration Day
Thursday 1st December 2016 – Non Uniform day – Raffle prizes and ‘nearly new’
Monday 5th December 2016 – Year 4 Stone Age workshops
Wednesday 7th December 2016 – Reception 2017 Open Day – 2:00pm
Friday 9th December 2016 – Nursery & Reception Christmas Panto in school
Monday 12th December 2016 – Carol concert at Watford Colosseum
Thursday 15th December 2016 – Year 5 Victorian School
Thursday 15th December 2016 - Christmas fete – TBC 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Friday 16th December 2016 – 9:05am Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 1 parents
Monday 19th December 2016 – 9.05am Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to Key Stage 2 parents
Monday 19th December 2016 – 6.00 pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert to parents
Tuesday 20th December 2016 – Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 21st December 2016 – 1.30 pm School closes
Wednesday 21st December 2016 PM Nursery group to attend AM session – 9:00 am to 12:00 midday

Wednesday 21st December 2016 – Wednesday 4th January 2017 School closes at 1:30 pm for Christmas break