



William Ransom Weekly



Good Morning Parents and Carers,

This week has been all about the importance of community.

Last week saw a focus on anti-bullying with togetherness and looking out for each other in classrooms, and across the school, being key factors in discussions with children.

Following a recent meeting with Tom Hardy, the Bid Manager at the Hitchin Bid Team, we asked what we could do as a large Hitchin school to support the town and our local community. As a result of this, members of our staff team went above and beyond last week at the old M&Co site in the heart of the town. They were hard at work putting up a beautiful Christmas display in the windows to make sure that, instead of being dark and empty, it will now hopefully spread Christmas cheer and some much needed happiness to everyone in our local community. If you get a moment this weekend, please pop down and see if you can spot your child's Christmas tree in the window - but with over 400, it might take you a little while to find yours!

Yesterday was also all about community, in the much larger sense of the word, with our school community showing its support for Children in Need. Thank you for all of the contributions that have been made, either by bringing in cakes for the cake sale, or by donating through Arbor. We appreciate all of your support for this very worthy cause! Although a final figure is not yet available, we have already surpassed the £800 mark and that total is still growing! Your generosity in challenging times is really appreciated - thank you.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend ahead.

Mr Plunkett



Coming Up Next Week...

Monday

- KS1 & KS2 Anti-bullying Assemblies

Wednesday

- Flu Vaccinations
- Handball Festival
- Boys Football v St Andrews
- Girls Football v St Andrews

Thursday

- KS2 Assembly - Diversity in Worldviews

Friday

- Occasional Day - School Closed



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your local
Policing Team



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should your local
police focus
on

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Our School Magazine, The Orbit, Needs a Sponsor

Our Orbit team for this new school year has been hard at work already, preparing for their first magazine of the year. This is a wonderful feature of the school and the children gain so much from it, as does the rest of the school community. We are looking for a sponsor to support this great venture this year. The sponsorship pays for the printing, which comes in at around £200 per year and in return you will get the back page of the magazine to advertise your company. The magazine is twelve pages long and goes out to each of our families. Please contact the school office if you are able to support.

Taking Care When Crossing Wymondley Road

As you are all aware, Lollipop Kate has now retired and, as per the advert here, Hertfordshire County Council are currently advertising for someone to take on the role. As yet, there has not been any interest that we are aware of and it could, therefore, be quite some time until a crossing guard is present. If you feel that the role could be for you, then please make contact. Although any successful candidate won't be working for the school, we will look after you and value you as though you are. You will be welcomed into the school team and be able to enjoy a friendly conversation or two every day!

We have had reports of children crossing the road without looking and without due care to the oncoming traffic. Please ensure that you take some time to discuss how to safely cross a road with your child, on the understanding that although vehicles should stop at crossings, there is no guarantee that they will. The darker afternoons and evenings are now fast approaching and this will add a further element of danger to crossings, with approaching vehicles not being as easy to spot and people not being as visible to approaching vehicles.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL WANTED!



Please be informed that the School Crossing Patrol **KATE** will be leaving on the **20TH OCTOBER 23**. We are therefore looking for someone who would be interested in becoming the School Crossing Patrol for

WILLIAM RANSOM

**THE PAY IS £10.60 PER HOUR
(excluding enhancements)
JOB SHARE CONSIDERED**

If you are interested or would like further information please contact The Active and Safer Travel Team on 01992 556816

Please take extra care while the crossing is unmanned.

Hertfordshire County Council, Transport, Access and Road Safety,
County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN.

Tel: 01992 556816 **OCTOBER 2023**

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

Christmas Carols at William Ransom - 7pm, Monday 18th December

On Monday 18th December, Christmas Carols at William Ransom will be taking place. This will be an outdoor event on the school field and will involve our Year 5 and 6 children singing a selection of Christmas Carols (with everyone present joining together to sing a few more!) to live music from a local quartet featuring our very own brass teacher, Mr John Lavelle. An area at the front will be reserved for family members of Year 5 and 6 children, but we are inviting the entire school community to join us for a festive evening of Christmas song.

It will also be 50 years to the day that the school was officially opened and we feel that this is an occasion worth marking and celebrating!

With mulled wine and mince pies being sold by the SPA, we really hope that many of you will join us for this outdoor event and help to make it a Christmas night to remember!



Decorations Day - Friday 1st December

On Friday 1st December we will be holding our first Decorations Day. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, we are inviting a parent or a family member to come in to school for an hour to join them in making Christmas decorations in their classroom, or in a space close to it. You will get the chance to come and see your child in their learning environment and to join in with them in making some festive creations! Christmas jumpers/tops are optional for all children and adults on the day! The timings for the day for an adult for each to attend are as follows:

Ash and Oak - 2:15-3:15pm Holly and Hazel - 1:15-2:15pm
Cedar - 9:00-10:00am Pine - 10:45-11:45am

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, as they have every right to enter and leave their driveways and their properties at these times. Please make sure that you are parking sensibly and responsibly and being courteous.

SPA Secret Present Room

The SPA elves have been sorting through all of your generous donations and are quite short on gifts for the boys and men and they would really appreciate your help with any donations you can



make. Please can you put all donations into the donation bin by the Uniform Shed in the car park.

Thank you very much!

Diwali Assembly

Thank you to all of our children (and their parents!) who shared their memories about how they celebrate Diwali each year in our assemblies last week. As well as being very informative, it was also wonderful to hear what Diwali looks like for different children and their families in our school community. We all really enjoyed seeing the children looking so proud and excited!