



William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

It was all about sport this week and what a great range of different sports available to the children there was! We had the now usual array of sporting clubs available at lunchtimes and after school, as well as our ongoing participation in football and netball leagues and Year 4's continuing their swimming journey. But this week also saw our school competing against other schools in tournaments and festivals as well!

On Wednesday our Indoor Sportshall Athletics squad travelled to Hitchin Boys' School to compete in a number of different athletic events in what might be one of the noisiest events in the school calendar! There was a terrific atmosphere, and the support that everyone in our squad gave to each of our children as they competed was really something to be proud of! They all did fantastically well with the girls coming third and only narrowly missing out on second place. While the boys sealed a second place finish and, by doing so, booked their place in the finals later this month. Well done to all who took part!

It was then time for the Dodgeball Festival on Thursday and another fantastic show of team spirit and performances to be proud of! Well done to all who took part and congratulations on a fantastic result for our Year 6 team, who came second out of the ten teams taking part in their heat.

Next week our Year 3 and 4 children will take part in a speed stacking festival and our Year 3 and 4 football team will take to the field against Whitehill.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Plunkett



Coming Up Next Week...

Monday

- 8pm - SPA Meeting

Wednesday

- Yr 6 Harry Potter Studios trip

Thursday

- Yr 3 trip to Radlett Reform Synagogue
- Yr 3&4 Speed Stacking festival at Knights Templar School

Friday

- Yr 4 swimming
- Yr 3/4 football match v Whitehill

NHS Vomiting and Diarrhoea

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

A New School Library!

We are excited to let you know that we are in the process of designing a new school library to enable all children to borrow fiction and non-fiction books, enjoy library lessons and have a wonderful space to do research, read and enjoy books. If you are passionate about books and would like to help us with this process, we would love your help. Preferably, you would have basic IT skills and good attention to detail. We need a team of volunteers (parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles) who would be able to give us an hour or two per week helping to catalogue books and sorting and tidying bookshelves. If you are interested or have further questions, please email Jo Mace or Alison Coulseay library@wransom.herts.sch.uk



Come and Try Day

A chance for prospective new students, or current pupils looking to take up a second instrument, to come and try a variety of instruments to find their perfect match!

Join our fantastic teachers to have a go.

There will also be a scavenger hunt around Highbury house!



Saturday 10th February
1.00pm - 2.00pm
North Herts Music School (SG4 9RU)
FREE to attend, no need to book tickets

01462 434052 | www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-NorthHerts



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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. Thank you for your support.



A Message From HCL

A reminder that Herts Catering Limited will charge parents who forget to cancel their children's lunch order. This is especially important for parents of children who have a mix of school lunches and home packed lunches as part of the new system. The School Office will automatically cancel school lunches for children not attending through illness.



WILLIAM RANSOM WRAP-AROUND CLUB

BREAKFAST CLUB

From 7:30am - £5.50
 Breakfast served until 8.15 only

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Until 5:00 pm - £8.50 per session
 Until 5:30 pm - £10.00 per session
 Until 6:00 pm - £12.00 per session



MON Trampolining TUE Dance WED Dodgeball THU Inflatables FUN FRIDAY Console/movie/games night



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.



Elasticated ties

A reminder from the SPA

that if you have a broken elasticated tie, where the elastic has either snapped or been pulled out, instead of throwing them away please put them in the SPA donation bin in the car park so they can be repaired and reused through the uniform shed.

Birthday Cakes/Sweets

Due to both known and unknown food intolerances and allergies, we are unable to have in school, or hand out, birthday sweets/cakes. This is for everyone's safety. Thank you for your support.



Crossing Wymondley Road

As you are all aware, Lollipop Kate has now retired and the role is currently being advertised. If you feel that this could be for you, then please do make enquiries and, even though your employer would be Herts County Council, we would welcome you into our team. 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

"It provides me with extra income"

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

"It makes me smile"

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

"It puts me in a good routine"

"I feel part of the community"



Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,
 County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN.
 Tel: 01992 556816 January 2024





Please Look After Our Neighbours

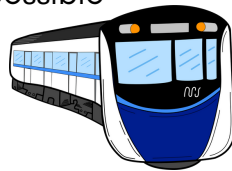
With 423 children now in the school, we fully realise that picking up and dropping off are going to be very busy times outside the school. But please be respectful of our neighbours. Please make sure that you are parking sensibly and responsibly and being courteous.

Spring Term Sports Clubs

Our Spring term sports clubs started last week. This half term there will now be 15 lunchtime clubs running for every single year group! All children have been able to attend the clubs they have been signed up for and we are covering 10 different sports. For more information and to see an overview of all of the clubs running this half term, [please click here](#)

Taking Care Around Railways

With our school being very close to a railway line, we wanted to share links to two assembly videos focussed on railway safety. We will be sharing these videos during assemblies at the start of the spring term but, with the two week Christmas break coming up shortly, we wanted to take the opportunity to share them with you now. We are aware that children might be around railways and railway lines over the break and we want everyone to be as safe as possible over that time. You can access the KS1 video by [clicking here](#) and the KS2 video by [clicking here](#).



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Services:
Participate in Our Survey!*

At Citizens Advice North Herts our mission is to ensure that individuals receive the support they need in a manner that suits them best. We value the opinions of our clients and the wider community. Your input can play a crucial role in shaping our future services.

Take a few moments to complete our online survey by visiting:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CANHAccessSurvey2024/>

School Pick Up Arrangements

The spring term will see a revision to some of our pick up arrangements for children across the school. From Friday 5th January:

- All parents and carers in Year 3 (Elm and Maple) are invited onto the playground through Gate 3. We ask that you wait by the gate on the playground (cones will be placed out to mark a waiting area) but spread out across the space so that class teachers can clearly identify you and we can ensure a safe handover.
- All parents in in Year 4 (Beech and Lime) are invited onto the main playground through Gate 6. We ask that you wait behind the cones (that will be put out) by the wooden activity trail, again spread out so that class teachers can clearly identify you and we can ensure a safe handover.
- Parents of Year 4 children wishing for their child to leave by themselves should confirm this by email to admin@ransom.herts.sch.uk. We will only allow children to leave by themselves if we have received this confirmation.