

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

An official welcome back to the new school year – I hope you all had a great summer holiday and feel rested and relaxed (though I imagine you're feeling more of that since 8:45a.m yesterday morning!).

The children, as always, have come back to school full of smiles, enthusiasm and positivity and are settling well into their new classrooms and routines.

We welcomed our new Nursery and Reception pupils yesterday along with a high number of other new pupils across the school – it's great to see some of our smaller classes starting to fill up, finally.

We had lunches together in the hall yesterday which the children were excited about and, of course, we have begun assemblies again after 18 months. It has been nice for us to come together as a 'wider school family' and see each other in the same space (well-ventilated and spaced out, of course)!

We hope, like you, that this year will be a more normal year with a full calendar of events and activities that can be face-to-face in school. We will send out the termly events calendar with next week's newsletter so do look out for that. Our plan is to have such things as the 'Meet the teacher' sessions, concerts and nativity plays during the term (Covid rates and guidance allowing).

However, parent consultations will remain virtual for the foreseeable future – we had very positive feedback about these last year with most of you preferring this way of 'meeting' as it means you don't need to find childcare. It has also been recommended by County to continue in this way via their risk assessment for schools.

Finally, as you know, Miss Pratchett and Miss Evans were getting married to their respective partners during the summer holiday...see below for photos of the glamorous brides and their new husbands. Both had amazing wedding days; neither of which were impacted by Covid – phew!

Miss Pratchett is now Mrs Kennedy and Miss Evans is now Mrs Hunt.
Huge congratulations to them both.



Have a great weekend – and prepare yourselves; the long awaited heatwave is coming next week (I won't hold my breath)! 😊

PE Days

Children should come into school wearing their PE kits on the following days:

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| Year 6 | Monday & Tuesday |
| Year 5 | Tuesday & Friday |
| Year 4 | Tuesday & Friday |
| Year 3 | Tuesday & Thursday |
| Year 2 | Thursday & Friday |
| Year 1 | Monday & Friday |
| Reception | Wednesday & Friday |
| Nursery | Thursday |

As children will be in their PE kits all day, please ensure they are wearing the correct items in the correct colours, so they still look smart. These are:

- plain white round-neck T-shirt, royal blue shorts and plain black plimsolls or trainers (for inside/warmer weather)
- plain white round-neck T-shirt, plain black jogging bottoms and plain black plimsolls or trainers (outdoor/colder weather).

School sweatshirt or sweatcardi over the top, when needed.

- Long hair should be tied back with plain blue, white or grey hair accessories only

No leggings, cycling shorts, or any hoodies/other sweatshirts, please.

School Stationery – Years 1 to 6

Please purchase your child's stationery for this academic year via School Gateway, if you have not already done so. The cost is £8 for KS1 and £12 for KS2.



School Dinners

The cost for school dinners for children in KS2 is £2.65 per meal. School meals need to be paid for in advance via School Gateway.

After School Extra Curricular Clubs

Details of clubs will be sent out at the start of next week.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club starts at 7.30am and costs £3.50 per session. We serve cereal, toast and fruit with a hot or cold drink. Bookings and payments should be made via School Gateway.

EnergyKidz After-School Club

The after-school club runs each day until 6pm. Please see the link for booking and further information:

<https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/sandridge-school-st-albans/>



The following children celebrate their birthdays this week:

Elsbeth, Theo C, William H, Lacey

