

ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL

Friday September 28th 2018

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you very much to the PTA for running this charity event and to their supporters for making or buying cakes for sale. Some parents who were unable to stay even came just to drop off cakes before going—you are all very kind. I am sure this charity, which I know is close to the hearts of many in our school community, will receive your donations with thanks.

For another way in which to help senior citizens in our local community at harvest time, please see overleaf.



Y5 TWELFTH NIGHT

On Wednesday Y5 attended a class workshop at Watersmeet in relation to their upcoming production of Twelfth Night (November 8th). It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to practise on the stage. Everyone enjoyed the experience and the organisers were really impressed with the children's performance comparing it to that of a secondary school. WOW!

Y4 TRI GOLF

The entire class was awarded a certificate of Achievement this morning for their excellent attitude, teamwork and sense of enjoyment yesterday when they took part in a tri golf tournament against 5 other local primary schools in our 'family' group. Thank you to Miss Mallouppa, Mrs K Patel and the

volunteer parents for assisting in this event. Who knows, we may have candidates for future Ryder Cup!

A new term of junior netball coaching is starting at William Penn Leisure Centre. The sessions, which have been running for over a year now, have proven to be really popular with girls progressing onto school and community teams. The sessions are aimed at those who are looking to play netball with friends in a fun, friendly and relaxed environment. The focus is on learning and improving skills. Sessions are led by qualified netball coach with all abilities welcome.

Classes take place every Wednesday (term-time only) from 4pm - 5pm.

You need to register in advance with Three Rivers District Council. Forms can be download from the website <https://www.threeriversleisure.co.uk/junior-net>

ACCOMPLISHED SWIMMERS

East / Southeast English Schools' Swimming Association Primary Individual Championships for years 5 and 6 will be held on Friday 23rd November 2018.

This gala is for more accomplished school or club level swimmers to compete against swimmers from schools throughout the East and Southeast regions.

The entry form is available on the Herts Schools' Swimming Association website at the following link:

<http://www.hertsssa.org.uk/primary1.html>

HOUSE POINT CUP

1st	Canaries	43
2nd	Greenfinches	33
3rd	Robins	30
4th	Kingfishers	23

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thursday October 18th (5pm to 8pm) & Friday October 19th (8am to 11am).

Please enter via the dining room doors on the far side of the school (the back door!). Please wait in the dining room for your child's class teacher to be free at your allotted time.

Please note on **Friday October 19th there will be no school for children.** However, if you would like your child/ren to wait at school while you see their teacher on both the Thursday evening and Friday morning, I shall be in the dining room to supervise them.

The **signing up sheets will be in the main hall on Thursday October 4th from 7.30am onwards.** If you are unable to sign up in person, please ask a friend or family member to do so for you. If this is not possible, **the lists will be in the school office from 9.15am on October 4th** for you to ring in for an appointment. Please be aware that certain times are very popular so you may not get your first choice. If you have more than one child, **please leave a gap of one slot (or more) between appointments** in order to avoid delays on other tables. Appointments are for 10 minutes. Please respect the other families who will be waiting after you and draw the consultation to an end if requested. Thank you.

In the case of **split households**, if parents are unable to attend together for personal reasons, please arrange for one parent to attend in autumn and the other in the spring term.

If you are new to Parent Consultations and need clarification on the above or anything else associated with it, please do not hesitate to contact me.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mrs Morgan who heard this morning that she has been selected as 'Employee of the Month' by Herts Catering Ltd. Mrs Morgan and her team work hard every day to provide the children with their lunches. She knows all of your children and always greets them with a smile. Those of you whose children attend cookery club will know first hand of her enthusiasm. Well done Mrs

Morgan on this deserved recognition.

Y6 PGL—A reminder that I shall be in the Y6 classroom on Monday October 1st at 6pm to share information with you about the residential trip. If your older child/ren went on this trip and you feel that you do not need to attend, you can always contact me at your convenience with individual queries.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The children have been learning a new harvest song 'Happy little Harvest Song' and have enjoyed singing the old favourite 'Conkers' with Miss Seymour in music assemblies. I have asked the children to ask you if they could bring in a food item from home if you can spare it please. At this time of year we put together gift boxes of food which Year 6 take down to our neighbours at Bucklands. They make harvest cards for the senior citizens who live there and hopefully get to have a chat with them when delivering the boxes. This year there are 9 single flats and 3 couples. Please send in your gift from Monday October 1st onwards. Suggestions include: tea, coffee, sugar, drinking chocolate. Tinned food such as soup and fruit are always popular. Custard and rice pudding go down a treat. Perhaps you have an extra packet of biscuits or a cake that you can donate. You might like to send in something practical like washing up liquid or something useful like hand wash, tissues or a bar of soap. I shall leave it up to you. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE**