



Junior News

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Dear Parents

It has been a busy end to the term in the Junior School. We have had spring sunshine to brighten everyone's spirits, with a few snow flurries thrown in today, much to the children's excitement!

The fine weather has brought plenty of opportunities to make full use of the glorious grounds at Pitsford. Following last year's bubbles, it is so wonderful to see the children playing together on our fields.

During my lunchtime duty earlier this week, I stood back and watched children from all year groups play together - from Kits to J6. I was particularly proud of our oldest children who stopped playing their own games to entertain the younger ones, helping them to have fun! For me, it summed up our school value of 'Kindness and Consideration'.

As term draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school. I hope that you have a restful Easter break.

With best wishes

Rachelle Heard



J6 – Le Touquet Residential Visit

As I write, the children in J6 class are enjoying a fantastic residential visit to Le Touquet, France. So far they have had some amazing experiences, including ordering drinks at the café, visiting la chocolaterie and learning how to make baguettes at le boulangerie.

It is great that this class can finally head off on a residential visit in their final year of the Junior School, having missed these opportunities earlier on due to the pandemic. Residentials help to make memories and give the children the chance to experience something new. I am looking forward to hearing all about it when they return tomorrow!

Thank you to Mrs. Pitts, Mr. Auckland and Mme. Conroy who are supporting the children on this visit.



Farewell Mr. Pink

Today we were very sad to bid farewell to Mr. Pink who has been working in Kits and Squirrels class this year. We will all miss his sense of humour and dance moves!

We wish Mr. Pink all the very best as he begins his new job at Blackthorn Primary School.



J5 in Space

Last week J5 spent a fascinating day at the National Space Centre in Leicester, an exciting finish to their topic on Earth and Space. They climbed the rocket tower, explored the solar system and thoroughly enjoyed a workshop on life in the space station. We learned about the practicalities of life in space and by the end of the session, quite a few of the class were inspired to find out more about how to become an astronaut!



Wanted!

Do you have any unwanted toys and items for babies and toddlers? We are looking for things in good order, such as activity mats, duplo, toys, board books etc.

If you have any, we would be very grateful indeed to receive them. Please send them in to the Junior School reception after the Easter break. Thank you!

Blue House Fundraising Day

Thank you all for supporting the Blue House fundraising event last week. The Blue House reps, led by Mrs. Goode, had worked hard to come up with lots of creative ideas to support their nominated charity.

We are absolutely delighted that **£200.12** has been raised to benefit Rainbows Hospice.



At the Zoo!

This week, Kits, Squirrels and J1/2 headed off to Hamerton Zoo as they have been learning all about animals. Although it was a chilly day, the children were excited to see all kinds of creatures up close.

Back in school, I was incredibly impressed with J1/2 class who produced some outstanding written work in response to the visit. Well done!



The Big Battery Hunt

The children have brought home battery collection boxes as Eco Club are running the Big Battery Hunt over the next month. There will be a prize for all children that return their collection boxes. Eco Club will then organise the recycling collection. Thank you for your help!



Coming soon – Clubs and Activities!

We are finalising our summer term programme of activities and look forward to sharing this with you at the start of the Easter holiday. A sign up sheet will be circulated on Firefly.

Here's hoping for a sunny start to the summer term so we can get outdoors as much as possible!

Junior School: Dates for your diary!

- Monday 25th April:** **Staff training day**
- Tuesday 26th April:** **Re-open for Summer term 1**
- Wednesday 27th April:** PTA breakfast meeting at 8.30am – Sports Hall café
- Friday 29th April:** 'Open Doors' 9.30-11.30am
- Monday 2nd May:** **Bank Holiday – School closed**
- Friday 13th May:** Kits/Squirrels assembly to parents – 9.00am (coffee from 8.30am)
- Thursday 19th May:** 'Young Voices' choir concert – new date!
- Friday 20th May:** **Red House (Hesketh)** fundraising day to support the Guide Dogs Association.
- Wednesday 25th May – Friday 27th May:** J4/5 residential visit to Hollowford
- Friday 27th May:** **Close for half-term**
- Monday 6th June:** **Re-open for Summer term 2**
- Friday 8th July:** Sports Day: Juniors (morning) and Seniors (afternoon)
- Wednesday 13th July:** **Close for the summer holiday**

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

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Toddler Group

FREE activity group for toddlers and pre-schoolers at Pitsford School - all welcome!



Different activities each week from 9am till 10.30am:

Weds 4th May - Music

Weds 18th May - Baking

Weds 8th June - Bushcraft

Weds 22nd June - Art

Limited spaces available - please email registrar@pitsfordschool.com to secure your place