

Newsletter 23

20th March 2018

Head's Message

Well done to all the KS2 pupils who put on a fabulous Open Morning for parents and families last week, starting with volcanic eruptions and ending in a lovely tribute to Mrs Kesseru to mark her retirement at the end of this term. Thank you to Mrs Kesseru, Miss Flint, Mrs Stewart and all the support staff for all their hard work planning and preparing the pupils for the event.





As you will already know, we were required to evacuate the campus due to a threatening email sent to the school on Monday morning. Mr Hans Purdom has sent an email out to explain the circumstances. I am sure you understand that for the safety of the pupils and staff we had no choice but to follow our major incident procedure. Despite the unwelcome disruption caused it was pleasing that the procedure worked so quickly and effectively. Thank you all staff, pupils and parents who work so well as a team (and to Greggs who provided refreshments FOC when they learnt of the evacuation!).

Congratulation to *Xen*, our Young Enterprise team, who won two categories at the Regional Qualifier event last week. They now progress to the Regional Finals next term. Good luck!

Reports – Parents of pupils in Years 3 to 8 will receive a short report at the end of this term. Parents of pupils in Years 9, 10 and 12 will receive a full subject report early next term.

Calendar – An initial version of the calendar for next term is included in the mailing of this Newsletter.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Concert on Friday.

Cross Country Event Wednesday 21st March

This year's joint school cross country and obstacle challenge event with Biggleswade Campus is taking place on Wednesday at Ampthill Park, Woburn Street, MK45 2HF from 11.15-3pm. All parents, families and friends are invited to attend; it would be great to see many of you there in what promises to be a fantastic day. There will be refreshments and a charity cake stall.

We are still quite a way short of our charity target so please donate using the interactive link below, it will be great if we could smash the target:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/crosscountrykeechampthill/dashboard>

If you want to find out more about Keech then please visit www.keech.org.uk



Spring Concert – 23rd March 2018 – travel

Pupils will travel to school as normal on the morning of Friday 23rd March (except for members of the bands who have sound checks at Dunstable Conference Centre from 8.45am). Buses will then remain at school to take the pupils down to the dress rehearsal at the venue starting at 10.30am.

Pupil Checklist for Cross Country

- Pupils need to arrive at Amptill Park, Woburn Road, Amptill, MK45 2HF at 10.30–10.45
- Pupils to arrive in full school PE kit with coloured top (Y3 normal PE top if they haven't got a coloured top) with **race number** sewed on the front. Trainers must be worn (no spikes please).
- If arriving in buses you must stay with your driver upon arrival and they will walk you down to the bag drop area and then to the assembly point to be registered by your designated group teacher.
- From then on you must stay with your group teacher in the locations listed on the map for each race and ask permission from them if you need to use the toilet.
- When racing your coloured top and race number **must be visible**. You may wear under-armour/skins/running tights/leggings under your PE kit and coloured top.
- Pupils may wear gloves when running please but no hats please.
- Please bring lots of warm clothes – coat, fleece, jumper, tracksuit, hat, gloves etc as you will be spectating for a lengthy time during the day and may get cold.
- Pupils **must** bring **school uniform** and a towel in case they need to get changed if wet/muddy after their race (there are showers available in the changing rooms).
- Pupils only need to bring a light lunch/snack as refreshments will be served for them after they have raced in the refreshment hall.
- It is recommended that pupils have a substantial breakfast so they are not eating too much close to when they are running.
- All pupils **must** bring their own **water bottle**.
- Any pupils who use an **asthma inhaler** must take it with them whilst they are running.
- Make sure you warm up properly before your race starts and warm down afterwards. When you have finished the race please do not walk off, you need to go straight to the warm down area where your designated teacher will lead you to the refreshment area/changing rooms when all of the group is accounted for.
- After the presentation at the end of the day pupils travelling on buses must line up with their bus driver at the assembly point before their driver will walk them to collect bags and back to their bus.
- If any pupils who arrived in a bus are to be taken home by a parent it is **essential** that they inform the bus driver they came with who can tick them off. **Primary pupils must also get their parent to inform their class teacher in this case.**

Thank you and good luck!

100% Attendance Competition

With one week to go the number of pupils with 100% attendance this term stands at 59...

Our overall attendance figure for the school year still remains at 96.3% this week...we are still aiming for 97% as a minimum

As we approach the end of the second term, there are currently 24 pupils who still have 100% attendance since September 2017.

Any pupil who manages to maintain full attendance for the whole year will receive an award at the End-of-year Award Ceremony in July!



EVENTS TO KEEP IN VIEW

MARCH/APRIL

21st March – Joint House Cross-country Event – Amptill Park

23rd March – Joint Spring Concert – Dunstable Conference Centre

23rd March – Term Ends – 3.00pm

9th April – Summer Term Starts for all Pupils

17th April – A level French Speaking Exam

18th April – Northampton KS2 Swimming Awards

19th April – GCSE Art and Design Practical Exam