

A NEWSLETTER FROM



MS ELBOURNE-CLOAD



# HEADS UP



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Unfortunately, this was not the newsletter I was hoping to write, on what we had hoped was the end of lockdown day. With increased Covid Cases and a delay in the 'Road Map' of Lockdown, Hertfordshire County Council sent an email on Friday with additional guidance about various upcoming events for schools. As a result our schools, together with most other St Albans schools, have had to make hard decisions about which events can still go ahead before the end of term. I have outlined below some of the events that have been affected but this is not an exhaustive list and we will be letting you know of other changes closer to the time.

## The Circus

It is with great regret that we have postponed our Circus Event which was planned for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. I fully understand how disappointed you may be with this decision but with the current Covid-19 cases on the increase it is simply not possible to hold this size event within the existing school guidance. Ultimately, the health of our children and our school community is our priority.

The good news is that we have managed to secure the Circus for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – this means our return to school will be an exciting, fun-filled return! We will still be hosting our circus week and the workshops this term for the children to enjoy, as we are able to ensure this is done in a Covid-secure way.

All purchased circus tickets will be valid for the show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, but if you do wish to have a refund then please complete the form that will be sent out on Parentmail this week.

The PTA are going to try and arrange an activity in which you can win some of the tombola donations so please keep an eye out for any notifications you may receive.

## Y2 Transition

We have had to move our 'New to Year 3' parent evening for our current Y2 parents to a Zoom meeting this evening. Details of the zoom call can be found on Parentmail.

## Y6 Transition

Because of the County announcement on Friday, the Hertfordshire-wide Y6 transition day on Thursday 8 July has also been cancelled in its present form. We are awaiting further information to find out how individual schools will be carrying out induction for the Year 6 pupils and we will be letting you know as soon as we have that information. However, we will still be carrying out a transition hour for the other year groups on this day, where they will have the opportunity to spend time with their new teachers and support staff, where possible.

## Sports Day & Sports Extravaganza

Sadly spectators at sports day is another area we have had to review. The children at both schools will still be having a sports day and the sports extravaganza in year groups but unfortunately these will now be closed to parents.

### **Open Classrooms**

Although parents will be unable to come in to the classrooms on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, we will be asking children to put their favourite examples of their work across subjects on Seesaw for you to see.

### **Drop In Consultations**

We had drop in consultation booked for 14<sup>th</sup> July.

This was only for parents who had a particular query about their child's report. We will instead ask parents to request a telephone slot if required. Usually this only entails one or two parents per class.

### **Fitbits/Smart Watches**

May I also take this time to remind you that no smart watches of any kind are permitted at school. An analogue or simple digital watch can be worn but we do not allow Fit Bits, apple watches or other smart watches. The school cannot accept responsibility for these items so we ask children to leave them at home.

### **Junior Library Book Fair**

I would like to thank you all for supporting our Library Book Fair we made a sizeable profit of nearly £700. Mrs Dowden has been able to buy lots of new books so the children will enjoy visiting the library and reading some great new titles. Next year we have booked the Book Fair for both schools.

### **Class Allocation**

It is getting to that time in the year where we are starting to prepare the children for moving up to the next year group. In line with this, please look out for the Parentmail that will be sent home on Friday afternoon with the class allocations for next year.

### **Parent Questionnaires**

Hopefully you have all seen the parent questionnaires that were sent out by Parentmail last week. It would be great if you could complete them by this Friday. Although we fully appreciate that the last 2 academic years have been completely outside of the normal, we still want to ensure that we are in touch with parents and aware of areas we are doing well in and areas we can make even better.

Although I have had to share disappointing information in this newsletter, looking forward I hope that we are able to have a busy and productive last 4 weeks of term and that we can approach the final run up of the year with high hopes for a great summer.



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