

# GCA NEWS

20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well that is another week done and what a busy one it has been. The residential trip was an amazing experience – we hope we gave you a flavour of it on the dojo story.

Our Nursery children have settled in so well and they are enjoying exploring their surroundings – we are so proud of them.

Please ensure you send your child with a water bottle and a coat everyday – these are essential items for school.

In the coming weeks we will be developing a healthy lunch guidance. Please take time to think about what is in your child's lunchbox and ensure they are getting a healthy balanced diet. More information will follow on this. In the meantime please can I remind you children are not allowed nuts (including Nutella) in their lunchboxes.



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the cashpot for schools on the asda rewards app - our pot is growing and there is still time to sign up if you shop at asda.





# Foodbank!

The foodbank will now be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.50am – 9.15am.

This will take place at the top entrance next to the nursery. If families are in need of foodbank support outside of these times you can email or call in and the family support team will provide you with some food.



# E-Scooters

A message from our neighbourhood policing team:

Officers are increasing patrols in hotspot areas of North Hertfordshire to tackle e-scooter use.

North Hertfordshire Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) will be carrying out additional patrols in response to concerns expressed by members of our local community.

Ahead of the patrols, officers are keen to remind the public about the legality of e-scooters.

Inspector Lant, from the NPT, said: "It is currently illegal to ride e-scooters on public land anywhere in Hertfordshire.

"The only way you can legally use an e-scooter is if you are on private land with the landowner's permission or if you are in an area taking part in a government trial. To be clear, there are no such trials happening in North Hertfordshire or the wider county.

"We know these vehicles are popular and many people may be unaware that they are breaking the law by riding one. Parents may also be buying them for their children thinking they are harmless fun. However, these vehicles can be very dangerous.

"There has been at least one report of someone being injured by an e-scooter locally, along with many more near misses. Sadly there have even been fatalities elsewhere in the country and we want to prevent that happening here.

"There are penalties for riding e-scooters illegally. Firstly, the e-scooter could be seized and then you can also be reported for driving offences. This can lead to significant penalty points and a fine. If you are a parent letting your child ride these in public, you will be the one found responsible and in turn this could affect your own driving licence.

"We are determined to ensure the roads and pavements remain safe from these vehicles and you will notice increased patrols in the area as a result. In the meantime, please take notice of this advice and if you have a friend or family member using these vehicles, let them know so that they don't get into trouble."

For further information or advice on this issue please contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101.

# Dates for your diary.

20th September – Second Hand Coat Sale

23rd September – Year 5 swimming starts

WB 30th September – Collection for our Harvest celebration

2nd October – Year 5&6 Cycling Project

8th October – Year 6 SATS information

9th October – Author visiting school – More information to follow

11th October – School Photographs

22nd October – PTA Halloween Disco

23rd October – Year 3&4 Creative Chefs – more information to follow

28th October – 1st November – Half term

11th November – Flu Vaccination – first session

15th November – Children in Need – More information to follow

25th November – Flu Vaccination – second session

28th November – Non uniform for chocolate tombola donations

29th November – School closed for occasional day

6th December – Christmas Fair

8th December (Sunday) – St Pauls community celebration

12th December – Christingle service

17th December – Imajica Christmas Panto

20th December – Last day of term 2pm finish.

# GCA way.

I have been so impressed with how smart the children have looked this week. They have also remembered and shown me that they can follow the GCA way – what a brilliant start to the term.

Please can I remind you to name all clothing – We have already found some unnamed jumpers on the playground.

## Birthdays this week



Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Ruck

# Uniform

We have a school-colour based uniform. The school colours are Jade and black.

It helps the younger children to settle into school more quickly and to acquire independence if they wear clothes that they can easily manage for themselves. Suitable clothing could be chosen from:

Sweatshirt or Cardigan, preferably with the school logo  
Black skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts  
White shirt/polo shirt  
Checked or striped dresses in green and white  
White socks

Please note: Joggers and leggings are not permitted as part of the school uniform.

## P.E.

(PE days will be communicated to you by the end of next week)

School PE T-shirt and black shorts and trainers. Plain black, non-branded tracksuits can be worn in the colder weather. Alternatively your child can wear plain black jogging bottoms and their normal jade school cardigan/ jumper over their PE kit. We ask that children come into school wearing their PE kit on PE days.

## Footwear

Black school shoes only please. Trainers are only to be worn for PE.

\*NEW – Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day\*