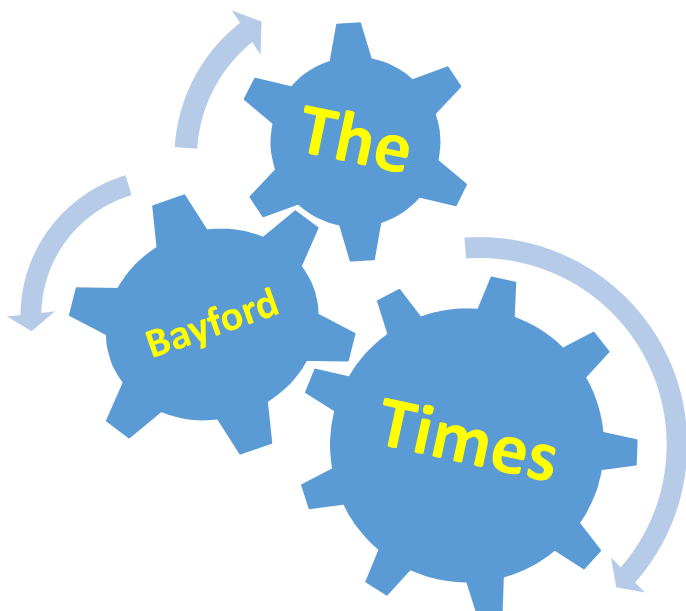


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New School Lockers

The children were very excited today to see our new lockers installed for Classes 1, 2 and 3.

Children should bring in a plastic bag in order to keep their outdoor footwear in, inside their locker.

This should assist us in our determination to tackle the issue of mud in and around the school. (The Governing Body is looking into ways in which we can best address this.)

A big thank you to FOBs who have funded these!



School Bus

If your child is brought to school or collected from school any day may we remind you to contact Golden Boy directly if there are any changes to arrangements.

Class 2 Swimming

This term Class 2 have started their swimming lessons in Hartham Leisure Centre. These take place on a Wednesday afternoon and the children should remember their swimming costumes and towels.



Sacred Garden Opening

Many thanks for all your support when we opened our new Sacred Garden just before Christmas.

The garden was officially opened by the Archdeacon of Hertford and we were treated to some carols from the children, along with mulled wine and mince pies.

PE Lessons

Please ensure PE kits are kept in school and taken home at the end of a half-term.

For health and safety reasons girls should have their hair tied back on days when they have PE and Games lessons.

Class Sharing Assemblies

We will be holding our new Class Sharing Assemblies starting this half-term with Reception and Class 1 as follows:

Reception Friday 6th February at 2:45pm
Class 1 Friday 13th February at 2:45pm

Parents and families of these classes are warmly welcome on these days.

Value



This half term our value is 'Courage'. We will be focussing on this during assembly times and also in our daily school life.

FOBS

Friday night Film Club

Friday 30th January
5pm-7pm
Food and drinks provided (all food is nut free)
£5 per person
Nursery children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.
Please see Emma Barnes or Lorna Chilton for tickets.

Romeo and Juliet Disco

On Thursday 12th February Class 3 will be holding a disco in the village hall. All proceeds raised will go towards funding the Young Shakespeare Company, who work with the class on a performance of their own in the summer term.

FOBS

Date for the diary:

Thursday 12th March
Ladies Pamper Evening for Mothers' Day



Make up

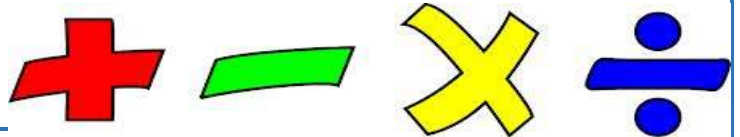
Can we remind you that make-up is not allowed in school and should not be worn.



Parents Curriculum Evening

On Wednesday last week we held an evening just for parents, where we looked at the school's Calculations Policy. Rachel Rayner, a maths Teaching and Learning Advisor for Hertfordshire led the evening, which involved parents practically examining the way we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Of our 34 families, 21 were represented i.e. 62% !!!
Anyone who missed the evening and would like a copy of the Calculations Policy, please see the office.



Clubs

A reminder that the following clubs run during and after the school day:

Netball Y4/5/6 Monday 3:20 - 4:30pm.

Football Class 1 Wednesday 3:20 - 4:15pm.

Football Class 2/3 Wednesday Lunchtime

French R to Y6 Thursday Lunchtime

Tennis Y1 to Y6 Thursday 3:20 - 4pm

Anyone interested please see Mrs Sims.

Zig Zag Lines

A number of parents have been parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school.

Can we remind you not to do this as this is dangerous!

A further Message from Rachel Rayner

Myth – Boys are naturally better at maths than girls
Myth – You either can or can't do maths

There is no evidence to support this in research. Girls are just as able to do well at maths as boys. Unfortunately, our culture sees maths as something we either can do or can't. This is also untrue, with practice and hard work we can excel in maths. Girls currently have poor messages about maths – on tv and film. Did you know that when a girl gets told by her mother that *she was no good when she was at school* or that *maths was never my thing either*, that child's progress begins to dip the very next term. Instead, when our children find maths difficult tell them that when a mistake is made our brain grows but when we already know something nothing happens. This really is true and proven!
It's about effort as much as it is about ability. If you feel nervous about maths – let's not pass that on to another generation.