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Dear Families,



We had a fantastic time on Friday wearing 'Red for Red Nose Day'!
The children looked amazing and even Donny put on his red nose!



Nursery Class got into the spirit of the day by completing a tally of all the red things they could spot around the school and Years 1, 2 and 3 had an amazing time at Jump In. The children were invited to Jump In as part of the centre's 'Jumpathon', raising money for Comic Relief.

A big thank you to Jump In Trampoline Parks for including us in their special event!

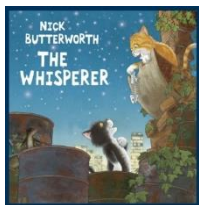


With kind regards,

Lisa Bub
Headteacher

Notices

Words in the 'Wood



Please see the attached flyer which is an invitation to view the Borehamwood and Elstree Schools' Consortium's 'Voice of Change' exhibition at the Metro Bank from 21st to 24th March. Thank you to Miss Styles for all her hard work organising our participation in this event!

Parent Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Parent Consultation Evenings last week. If you took away a data collection sheet to check, please could you return it to school as soon as possible. This will allow us to ensure that the information we hold is up-to-date and accurate. Thank you.

Year 5 parents, please look out for the data collection sheets which will be sent home by the end of this week for you to check.

Monksmead Local Community - A Million Jumps for Jake

You may have seen in the local press that at Yavneh Primary they have a 5 year-old, Jake, who is fighting neuroblastoma, a rare and aggressive form of childhood cancer. When not in hospital or at risk of infection, Jake goes to school as much as possible. He loves school and is very popular with his classmates.

Since diagnosis aged 3, Jake has had many gruelling treatments – lots of chemotherapy and three rounds of MIBG therapy (involving weeks of isolation in a lead-lined room). He is currently undergoing six months of immunotherapy, to be followed by radiotherapy and surgery. One of the cruelties of neuroblastoma is that if Jake goes into remission there is a 50% chance of relapse. The survival rate upon relapse is around 10%. Trials are available to give Jake the best possible chance of going into, and staying in remission. They are not available yet on the NHS, so with the support of Solving Kids Cancer, Jake's parents are building up a war chest for when the time comes to access that treatment. They need to raise more than £200,000.

Schools in Borehamwood are joining with Yavneh Primary to take part in a special jumping event during the week of 20th May. As part of our PE sessions that week, children will be counting how many jumps they can do. Our school total will then be added to the grand total. The aim is for the children to achieve one million jumps across all the schools! As part of this, we will be asking parents to make a donation to help support Jake and his parents. More details will follow. Thank you in advance for supporting a child from our community.

Monksmead Community – World Autism Week

One of our parents, Gary Hawker, will be taking part in a 15K walk on 6th April to raise money and awareness as part of **World Autism Awareness Week**.

Autism is a lifelong disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. There are approximately 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK. People from all nationalities and cultural, religious and social backgrounds can be autistic. If you would like more

information about autism, a good place to start is the National Autistic Society website:
<https://www.autism.org.uk/>

We wish Mr Hawker good luck with his walk!

Friends of Monksmead – exciting project!

In May there will be an exciting new development! The Friends of Monksmead have raised money to purchase and install a new climbing frame in the KS1 playground. Weather permitting, this will take place during the first few days of May – fantastic timing for the summer weather! Our thanks go to the Friends for all their hard work and dedication and also to everyone who has contributed through the many fundraising events. We can't wait for the big reveal!

Friends of Monksmead - meeting

The next Friends of Monksmead meeting will be taking place on Monday 25th March. It will begin at 8pm and will be held at school. You are warmly invited to come along to find out more about what happens and how the Friends support the school.

Packed Lunches and Snacks

As a school we aim to help our children make healthy choices. This can be tricky for parents when it comes to packed lunches and snacks. We recognise that the main priority is that your child eats, however we would encourage you to consider the contents of the packed lunch box. Try to avoid sugary treats and instead include a piece of fresh fruit. Talk to your child about the choices you make and encourage them to help you with making the healthy choices. For more ideas, take a look at the change4life website: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Online Safety Tip

Roblox is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. It is another game that is incredibly popular with a large number of our children. I have attached an information poster from National Online Safety to give you more information.

School App



Downloading our school app onto your phone is a great way to keep up to date with school diary dates as well as news updates! Recent news has included World Book Day and Red Nose Day. There is a gallery for photos and the monthly newsletters are also now being uploaded to the app. I have attached a poster explaining how to download the School Jotter app. There are a number of ways you can find the app, including scanning these QR codes.



Upcoming Dates for your Diary

22.03.19	Fri	Year 2 Class Assembly
22.03.19	Fri	Year 4 Cinema
21.03.19	Thur – Sun	Words in the ‘Wood at Metro Bank
25.03.19	Mon	2.15pm – Y3 & Y4 singing Show
25.03.19	Mon	Friends of Monksmead meeting 8pm (school hall)
26.03.19	Tue	6pm – Y3 & Y4 singing Show
28.03.19	Thur	FOM: Second-hand school uniform sale – details to follow
29.03.19	Fri	Nursery Assembly
01.04.19	Mon-Thur	Y6 - PGL
05.04.19	Fri	Easter Egg Hunt – Raffle
05.04.19	Fri	End of Term (1.30pm finish)
20.05.19		A Million Jumps for Jake
23.04.19	Tue	School reopens for Summer Term
25.04.19	Fri	Year 5 PGL Meeting for 2020 visit
03.05.19	Fri	Crazy Hair Day
06.05.19	Mon	Bank Holiday – school closed
08.05.19	Wed	Full Governing Body 6pm
13.05.19	Mon- Thur	KS2 SATs week
13.05.19	Mon-Fri	Y4 – IOW visit

NICK BUTTERWORTH THE WHISPERER



Borehamwood and Elstree

Schools' Consortium

presents

Words in the 'Wood 2019

Voice of Change

An exhibition

celebrating primary school literacy work

exploring The Whisperer

by Nick Butterworth

21st-24th March 2019

Metro Bank, Borehamwood Shopping Park,

Unit 3E, WD6 4PR

With grateful thanks to Nick Butterworth

and Metro Bank Borehamwood



Invitation

**Our open
day is open
to all.**

**That means
you too.**

scouts.org.uk/join
#SkillsForLife



Tired of dull weekdays? Want to try something new, learn new skills and meet a whole new group of friends?

Why not come along to a FREE taster session at 1st Elstree & Borehamwood Scouts on Monday 25th March from 6.30pm at Everett Lodge, Paxton Court, (off Arundel Drive near the junction with Manor Way) WD6 2AA.

Each week we help young people enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills for life. Why not be one of them?

To find out more call Andrew on 07966186375. We encourage you to park close by or walk as parking is restricted. We are look forward to seeing you!

Your school has the School Jotter app! Check it out!

Why should I download the app?

This innovative app keeps parents engaged by sending all the essential information straight to your phone. You will have access to regularly updated information:



- News**
Keep up to date with the very latest items
- Calendar**
Term dates, important events and parents evenings
- Newsletter**
Get newsletters from your school instantly
- Galleries**
Access photos shared by school
- Notices**
Push notifications for urgent messages and reminders
- Contacts**
See who to contact and how
- Maps**
List of useful locations of sports events or school trips

Everything in one app!

How do I download the app?

Android users

Go to Google Play, search for School Jotter or scan the QR code.



iOS users

Go to App Store and search for School Jotter or scan the QR code.



If you require this information in a different font size or language, please contact the school office

