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### Message from the Head Teacher:

I had a great start to my week as I accompanied Year 5 and 6 to St John's Church. The children displayed wonderful behaviour and were able to thoughtfully and carefully consider the assembly that was held at St John's Church. I then got to see some of the amazing work that was taking place in our Reception classes: peg hedgehogs to improve fine motor skills and some wonderful expressive art and design work. Last weekend, Central hosted its first network event for the Chartered College of Teaching. The event sees the school support the work of the college and teachers across the country. We are sharing our work on teacher development through this network. It is always good to talk about the wonderful work the teachers at Central are doing. This work continued as on Monday we were visited by two teachers from secondary schools locally to observe practice. Both commented on how orderly and sensible the children were and on how much they enjoyed their days in school: great to hear lovely feedback on our school.

Mr Mynott

### Roman Day



Year 3 had the most incredible experience last Friday, with their Roman Day. Many thanks to the parents who made this day possible by volunteering to help, and working hard on costumes. The children had a wonderful time and learned so much.

### Harvest celebrations

Year 5 and 6 visited St John's Church on Monday, to celebrate Harvest and to learn how this festival is celebrated in the Church of England.

### National finalists



Many congratulations to Ella and Kristyna, who danced at the ISTD Grand National Finals last weekend. What an achievement!

### Breakfast Club

It is now possible to book and pay for Breakfast Club in advance using the School Gateway. Breakfast Club is just **£2 per session** per child, which includes 45 minutes of childcare, breakfast and a sports club!

### School gates

Please try to arrive promptly to school. The gates will close at 8.50am each day and it is really important your child is in school on time as our school day starts straight away and if your child is even 5 minutes late they are missing spelling, handwriting, fine motor work and reading lessons. Thank you for your help with this.



### Creative work in Reception

Well done David for this fantastic superhero robot with cool hair!

### Corona Energy auction

Corona Energy is generously supporting Central Primary School this year. They will be holding an auction in October and are looking for 'lots' to raise money for the school. If you have contacts that could donate objects, events or gifts, please speak to Mrs Hooper.

### Consultation on SpLD Bases

Attached to this newsletter is a consultation in the SpLD Bases, which currently provide support for pupils with significant literacy difficulties. We would encourage you to express your views about their likely closure through this consultation process.

The consultation is featured in the Watford Observer this week:

[http://www.watfordobserver.co.uk/news/15590003.Plans\\_to\\_close\\_10\\_primary\\_school\\_special\\_needs\\_centres\\_including\\_one\\_in\\_Watford/](http://www.watfordobserver.co.uk/news/15590003.Plans_to_close_10_primary_school_special_needs_centres_including_one_in_Watford/)

### Regular features

#### e-Safety

[www.parentinfo.org](http://www.parentinfo.org) is a fantastic source of information and advice for parents striving to keep their children safe online.

Does your child have digital resilience? **Digital resilience** involves having the ability to understand when you are at risk online, knowing what to do if anything goes wrong, learning from your experiences of being online, and being able to recover from any difficulties or upsets. Children who are

digitally resilient will be equipped to handle the challenges of the modern, digital world.

1. Set fair and consistent rules in relation to your child's internet use at home.
2. Teach your child to think critically about what they read, see or hear online.
3. Help your child to pause and think about the impact of things that are posted online.
4. Maintain a positive outlook on your child's use of the internet.
5. Children who can recover from an online mistake can learn and avoid making the same mistake again. You can help by making it easy for them to talk to you about their mishaps.
6. Allow your child to explore and take charge of their online life.

Don't miss the next e-safety meetings on **Wednesday 8 November, 9am, 2.45pm, 6pm.**

### Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's 'stars':

**Aminah & David** (Y1 Maple)

**Sasha & Miriam** (Y1 Mulberry)

**Dempsey & Luke** (Y2 Pear)

**David & Megi** (Y2 Pine)

**Whole Class** (Y3 Apple)

**Whole Class** (Y3 Ash)

**Oskar & Jessica** (Y4 Beech)

**Isla & Jessica** (Y4 Beam)

**Fiazan & Tasia** (Y5 Willow)

**Alma & Demi** (Y5 Walnut)

**Tabish & Giulia** (Y6 Oak)

### Attendance

*Year 1 Maple Class* are once again winners of the attendance certificate. Well done!

Class	Attendance %
Maple Y1	98.9%
Mulberry Y1	98.5%
Pear Y2	93.4%
Pine Y2	95.2%
Ash Y3	98.5%
Apple Y3	96.7%
Beech Y4	94.3%
Beam Y4	96.9%
Willow Y5	97.3%

Oak Y6	96.7%
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## Lunch Menu

Next Week is week 2 of the Autumn 2017 Menu. Please remember that the meat in the kitchen is not Halal.

- Monday**     **Red:** Shepherd's Pie  
                   **Green:** Quorn Nuggets (v)  
                   **Yellow:** Cheese Roll
- Tuesday**    **Red:** Pork Grill  
                   **Green:** Macaroni Cheese (v)  
                   **Yellow:** Chicken Baguette
- Wednesday** **Red:** Roast Chicken  
                   **Green:** Spanish Omelette (v)  
                   **Yellow:** Tuna Baguette
- Thursday**    **Red:** Pasta Bolognese  
                   **Green:** Vegetarian Roll (v)  
                   **Yellow:** Ham Roll
- Friday**        **Red:** Salmon Fish Fingers  
                   **Green:** Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)  
                   **Yellow:** Egg Roll (v)

Our preferred method for payment is School Gateway. If you are not sure how to use this, please speak to the office.

## Dates & Reminders

## Water bottles

Hydrating the brain is essential for learning. All children are welcome to bring a water bottle to school, to keep in the classroom. Please make sure this is named.

## Shakespeare Schools Foundation

Tickets for the Year 5 performance at Rickmansworth Watersmeet on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November are available now at:

<http://www.watersmeet.co.uk/shakespeare-schools-festival-2017>

## Lunchboxes

Having a healthy lunch really helps children to learn well in the afternoon. Is your lunchbox balanced and healthy?

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX**  
 SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Please **NO NUTS** in lunchboxes, for the safety of many children with nut allergies.

## Free School Meals

We request that all families register as soon as possible for free school meals. This is essential for school funding for the universal free school meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – the school relies on your registration to receive the funding. Please speak to the school office if you need help.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

## Autumn Term 2017 Events

Good Work assembly every Thursday,  
 3-3.20pm

Mon 16 Oct	2.45-3.30pm	Y6 secondary transfer meeting
Tue 17 Oct	2.30-3.30pm	Harvest assemblies (open to parents)

Wed 18 Oct	6-6.45pm	Y6 secondary transfer meeting
Fri 20 Oct	All day	Flu vaccinations (Y1-4)
21-29 Oct	All day	Autumn half term – school closed
Mon 30 Oct	8.45am	School opens
Tue 31 Oct	9-10am	Volunteer Safeguarding training
Fri 3 Nov	3-3.20pm	Y1 Maple Class assembly
Fri 3 Nov	6-8pm	Y5 Shakespeare performance at Watersmeet theatre
Mon 6 Nov	9-9.30am	Friends of Central meeting
Wed 8 Nov	9am, 2.45pm, 6pm	E-Safety meeting for parents
Wed 8 Nov	All day	Individual photo day
Fri 10 Nov	3-3.20pm	Y1 Mulberry Class assembly
Mon 13 Nov	2.30-3.20pm	Tea & Talk
Fri 17 Nov	9-9.20am	Y6 anti-bullying assembly
Fri 17 Nov	2.30-3.15pm	Y3 production
Wed 22 Nov	6-7pm	Festival of Light
Fri 24 Nov	12.30-2.30pm	Y1 library trip
Wed 29 Nov	All day	Y2 trip to see The Snowman
Fri 1 Dec	9-9.45am	Tree Dressing
Mon 4 Dec	9-9.30am	Friends of Central
Mon 11 Dec	9-9.30am	Y3 & Y4: Advent assembly at Derby Road Church
Tue 12 Dec	10am, 2pm	Reception nativity
Wed 13 Dec	All day	Christmas jumper day (& Christmas dinner)
Thu 14 Dec	9-9.45am	Christmas concerts
Fri 15 Dec	1.30pm	Early close – last day of term
16 Dec – 2 Jan	All day	School closed