



NEXT WEEK'S ASSEMBLY: **NO ASSEMBLY**

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OUTDOOR FOOTWEAR

In order to do all that we can to avoid groups of children mixing at this time, we have staggered our break and lunch times and organised specific areas for each year group to play in.

From time to time, your child will be playing on the school field which, as the weather changes, will become increasingly damp and muddy. If possible, please can you send your child in with wellies or other suitable outdoor footwear to be kept in school during the week and used when necessary. Ideally, wellies should be brought in in a plastic carrier bag. Wellies should not replace indoor footwear! Thank you.

MUSIC LESSONS

Instrumental music lessons are available with our school's music provider, Hertfordshire Music Service from September. If you haven't applied for lessons already, all the information you need to book is available [here](#). HMS tutors will be teaching face to face or online and every effort has been taken to ensure both tutors and pupils are kept safe in line with guidance available [here](#).

CHOIR – Y4, Y5 AND Y6

Mr Harvey is hoping to take a choir to next year's Young Voices national school concert at the O2 in May 2021. In order to prepare for this fantastic event, he needs a choir! If your child is interested in becoming part of the school choir, a letter will be coming out very soon with more details for them to sign up for this event.

In order to be Covid-secure, each year group will be assigned a separate area of the hall to rehearse and numbers will not exceed government guidelines.

BIRTHDAY CAKE

A big Thank You to the PTA who have agreed to fund birthday cake for each year group to add to their monthly birthday party food on the 1st Friday of the month.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations for the parties.

SCHOOL PICK UP

Please let the office know in advance if your child is either going home with another child or is being picked up by another relative or family friend.

NATIONAL OR LOCAL LOCKDOWN, SCHOOL CLOSURE

I am sure that you are aware of news of local lockdowns and school closures due to outbreaks of Covid-19 in various parts of the country – and some schools in our area. Please be assured that should there be a need for school closure – either full or partial – we will let you know immediately.

Plans are in place for us to support children's learning remotely which will be different to what was experienced from March onwards this year. We have been government funded for access to Google Classrooms and are currently undergoing training as to how to make the best use of this learning platform. I will let you know more once we have further details of this exciting new venture.



OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

Over the coming months, we will be developing our outside areas to promote and support all types of play at breaktimes. We have joined forces with a company called OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) who are experienced in establishing a play culture in schools that enriches children's break time experience, which then improves behaviour and outcomes in the classroom.

Watch this space for information about each phase of the project as we keep you up to date with this exciting development in our school.

