



Dear Parents,

#### **Absences**

There has been a lot of illness over the last few weeks, I hope that the half term break will provide a much needed rest and improve everyone's health. After half term we will return to our normal policy of 24 hours exclusion for pupils who have been sick rather than the current 48 hours. We look forward to seeing all children in school every day next half term!



#### **Internet safety day**

Tuesday was national eSafety Day. eSafety is an important issue for all parents and children. The MultiAgency eSafety group in Hertfordshire, which consists of the police, child protection services, social services and education specialists, have provided a list of possible questions for parents to discuss with their children, along with some information about how to keep your child safe at home. All headteachers in St Albans' support and promote this guidance, as it is hoped that by working together we can all help children to be safe, happy and confident users of technology. This guide is also available on our website under the children's link.

Well done to year 5 who helped us show just how upsetting using the internet badly can be by making a spoof video about the staff which was shared with the whole school and playing along as they got into terrible trouble for it. The great acting in Year 5 helped us make a really strong point which we hope everyone will remember!

#### **Class Assembly**

Butterflies class assembly is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>; we look forward to seeing parents at 9.15 am.



#### **Snow was "snow" problem!**

A huge thank you to the parents who came and helped clear snow from the paths and playgrounds this week - it was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Jose and a willing band of Mums, Dads and year 6's we were able to open on time, be safe and enjoy the snow! London News were even planning to cover our positive "can do" spirit on Monday but too much of the snow melted before they could get here to film us!

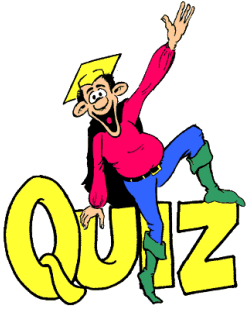
If you would be willing to help clear snow when the need arises we would be very pleased to hear from you, please email [admin@mandeville.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mandeville.herts.sch.uk) with your name and contact number and we'll have shovels at the ready next time we have a white world.

#### **Good School Food Olympic Challenge**

Starting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March all children who have school meals every day will be eligible to take part in the Hertfordshire County Council Gold Medal Challenge. Children who don't normally have regular school meals can also take part for the 2 weeks by filling out the attached form and returning to the school office before the 5<sup>th</sup> March.



Every day your child will receive a medal for their collector card. Junior pupils will also have to answer a question every day. At the end of the 2 weeks the children will be put into a Grand Prize Draw. Please see attached for further information regarding this great challenge.



### **M & M Quiz Night – Friday 9th March 7.30pm**

Dust down your trivia, brush up your sporting knowledge and start reading up on soap operas from the 1980s. It is time for the Mandeville M & M Quiz! Will you beat the quizmasters or run away with the wooden spoon? It doesn't matter so long as you come along and have a go whilst indulging in a delicious pudding and glass of wine. You can either get a team together or buy a individual ticket and the teams can be put together on the night. There will be a raffle with great prizes and a bar. So come along and join the fun! Tickets will be on sale after half term.

### **Dr Bikeit**

We have rearranged for Dr Bikeit to do his free bike safety checks on Tuesday 6 March.

**Amanda Godfrey**  
**Headteacher**

### **Diary for the week after half term .....**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Tag Rugby Art Club 3.15 – 4.15 Storytellers 3.15 – 4.15
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	12.40 – 1.10 KS1 Singing Club 3.15 - 4.15 Elite beats, 3.15 – 4.15 Speed stacking 3.15 – 5.00 Cool zone
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	12.15 – 12.45 CC4B Choir at ICT Festival 1.30 – 3.00 Rugby Year 3/4 3.15 – 4.15 Tennis and Football Club, 3.15 – 4.15 Homework Drop In Club 3.15 – 4.15 Let's Get Cooking
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	8.30am Treasure Chest, 8.40 Shared Reading 9.15 Butterflies Class Assembly 12.15–12.45 and 12.45-1.15 KS1 French Club 3.15 - 4.15 Gardening Club, 3.15 – 4.15 KS2 French Club 3.15 -4.15 Craft Club, 3.15 - 4.15 KS2 Fashion Design
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	12.15 – 12.45 CC4G 3.15 – 4.00 Choir 3.15 – 4.15 Streetdance

**Have a good Half Term.**  
**Children Back to school**  
**Monday 20th February**