

# News on the Nineteenth

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## February 2010

### FEELING GOOD DAY

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February the emphasis in school was "no stress but feeling good". The aim of the day, part of a National Feeling Good Week was to emphasise to children the importance of wellbeing and feeling positive. It was a chance to find out what made children feel good and to take part in some of these activities.

This involved, dressing up, cooking, baking cakes, P.E., parachute games, watching dvd's, playing on laptops (Dance EJay, Kartouche), games, etc.....

We hope Parents who attended the sessions 'Children get depressed too' found this helpful.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is a fun time for children to socialise and share breakfast together, play table tennis, board games, etc..... The cost is: £2 first child, £1 siblings.

The menu is: toast with butter, jam, Bovril, chocolate spread, honey, marmalade or peanut butter.

Cereals, yoghurts, juice, hot chocolate, and tea are available.

All years welcome on a turn up on the day basis.

## MAY FAYRE

### Your opportunity to develop Community Cohesion.

This year's May Fayre will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. We will **need** volunteers to help plan for the day, collect supplies, bake cakes, supervise bouncy castle, run stall, set up, etc.



Please offer your support as this is an important fund raiser for the school, church and village, and many hands make light work. Thank You.

### EXTREME WEATHER

Please check the school website if there are extreme weather conditions and you are unsure if the school is open at [www.ponsbourne.herts.sch.uk](http://www.ponsbourne.herts.sch.uk). Information will also be posted at: [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)

As there are occasions when the school is unoccupied during severe weather and telephone calls are unanswered the best means of contact is via the school email :

[admin@ponsbourne.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ponsbourne.herts.sch.uk)

## CONSULTATION EVENING

On Wednesday 3rd March it will be Parent Consultation afternoon/evening.  
Discoverers' class consultations will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Class lists will be available at children's exit doors from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Please sign on the lists for an appointment and time or ring the office.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. Children will have individual photographs taken and if you would like younger siblings to be photographed too then please let Michelle/Nicki in the school office know as this can be organised first thing.



### SCHOOL ANSWER PHONE

We have a new answering system:  
To leave a message or report an absence - press Option 1.  
To contact the school office - press Option 2



### PARENT READERS - KEY STAGE 2

We are keen to recruit parent/grandparent helpers especially in KS2 to listen to children read. If you can offer your support please contact the school office.



### ZEBRA CROSSING

There have been a couple of dangerous incidents with parents and children crossing the road. Police have asked that ALL incidents are reported to them. If a car does not stop at the crossing or is speeding please get their number plate/car description if possible.



### PE KIT - YEARS 1-6

It is very cold and some children are not bringing jogging trousers/coats into school. Unless it is pouring, children will go out for PE. KS1 children need long trousers and trainers for PE also.

### SIDE DRIVEWAY

Please remember to keep the driveway CLEAR AT ALL TIMES. This is a shared driveway and can be in use at any time of day. THE LAST PERSON TO LEAVE THE PLAYGROUND MUST CLOSE THE GATES.

### FASHION SHOW

The FTS are organising a Fashion Show on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Models are needed for the show; if you are interested please speak to Julie Millwood or Rachel McHattie. Tickets available after half term.



### HEADLICE

We have had a report of headlice in school, please check your child's hair regularly.

### KINGSWOOD

Our Year 5/6 pupils had a wonderful time in Kingswood . Teachers have remarked on how children achieved real challenges with enthusiasm and courage -Miss Bullen, Mrs Bower and Mrs Kubik took the challenge too!! To see this in action, have a look at the photographs on our website.  
[www.ponsbourne.herts.sch.uk](http://www.ponsbourne.herts.sch.uk).

There are still some items to be collected. If anyone has items that are not their own, please send into the office.

### WEBSITE

Mrs Vicary has been working really hard to update the website. Please take the time to surf it!!



Pioneers parents may wish to know there is a link to the Pioneers own website which they have spent much time creating.

If there is anything that would be helpful to you on the site, please speak to Mrs Vicary.

### SATS WEEK

Assessment week for the whole school will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Please ensure that your children are in school during this week.

## National Science Week

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010

We are planning exciting events and activities with an overall theme of Healthy Living; this will involve exercise and cookery. Children will be involved in carrying out investigations and experiments which explore scientific phenomena. Activities are heavily subsidised by the school but we ask for a contribution of £5 per child towards the weeks' costs. Each class will receive their own timetable shortly before.

Please send your contribution to the school office after half term.

### MONDAY MORNING CHURCH ASSEMBLIES

Parents are invited to attend Monday morning assemblies which are held in the Church each week at 8.50am.

After the service, tea, coffee and biscuits are provided by Mrs. Sutcliffe and parents are very welcome to stay and chat with other families and Rev. Pauline.



### Mercury Vouchers.

The Mercury newspaper are printing tokens which can be exchanged for a bird box. Please give your vouchers to Yesh Tomlinson who has kindly agreed to co-ordinate this promotion.

## PACKED LUNCH REQUIREMENTS

This year we will be applying again for healthy school status and the school will be audited. School meals are produced under healthy school guidance and packed lunches *must* also fall in line with these guidelines. Food standards for schools are mandatory which means schools must comply legally. **School dinners** must meet these standards and so too must **packed lunches** consumed in school.

Packed lunches should include the following every day:

- Meat, fish or a non-dairy source of protein
- A starchy food
- At least one portion of fruit
- At least one portion of vegetable or salad
- A milk or dairy food
- Soup
- Water or pure fruit juice with less than 5% added sugar

Packed lunches **must not** include:

- Confectionery such as sweets and chocolate bars
- Savoury snacks other than nuts, cheese biscuits, rice cakes and seeds with no added salt, sugar and fat
- Manufactured meat products more often than occasionally

Many of the foods no longer allowed under the food-based standards are associated with a growing range of child health issues including obesity, anaemia, tooth decay and diabetes.

For more information, you can contact the following websites:

[www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk](http://www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk)

[www.foodinschools.org](http://www.foodinschools.org)

[www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/healthyliving](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/healthyliving)

## UNIFORM LIST

BOYS	GIRLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grey trousers, long or short</li> <li>• Blue polo shirt with school logo (available from school office)</li> <li>• Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (available from school office)</li> <li>• Grey ankle socks</li> <li>• PLAIN BLACK leather trainers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers</li> <li>• Blue polo shirt with school logo (available from school office)</li> <li>• Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (available from school office) White, grey socks or tights</li> <li>• Pale Blue/White checked summer dress (as available in large chain stores)</li> <li>• Black flat shoes</li> </ul>
BOYS PE KIT	GIRLS PE KIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White T-shirt with school logo (available from school office)</li> <li>• Navy blue shorts.</li> <li>• A plain dark blue tracksuit may be worn in winter (available to order from office).</li> <li>• Trainers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White T-shirt with school logo (available from school office)</li> <li>• Navy blue shorts.</li> <li>• A plain dark blue tracksuit may be worn in winter (available to order from office).</li> <li>• Trainers</li> </ul>
<p><b>PLAIN BLACK</b> leather trainers may be worn as an alternative to school shoes.</p> <p>A pair of trainers should be brought to school for PE, sport and playtime. White trainers are suitable for PE/Games.</p> <p>All children need a pair of comfortable plimsolls/shoes for indoor use.</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Shoes</h3> <p>Many children are wearing shoes to school that are <b>not suitable</b> school shoes. Parents are reminded that plain black shoes or plain black trainers only are permitted. Fashion shoes are not sturdy and do not provide adequate support.</p>

**Parents will be asked to bring correct uniform for their children to change into.**

<b>Hair</b>	<b>The Big Talk</b>
Some children are coming into school with fancy hair bands which could easily be caught up and cause an accident. Please ensure that long hair is tied back at all times with a plain hair band or elastic. Many thanks	Many thanks for your attendance at the Poetry evening. We hoped you all enjoyed the evening and many thanks to the parents for the positive feedback following this event.
Well done to the talented families for the fantastic artistic Discoverers models that have been created. How supportive you all are!	<b>Communion Service</b> The Communion Service will be held in the church on Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March at 9am. All welcome.
<b>Earrings</b>	<b>Payments</b>
Reminder: Small stud or sleeper earrings only should be worn to school.	Many thanks to majority of parents who pay for dinner money, swimming and Artis promptly. Dinner money payments <b>MUST</b> be made at the beginning of term. If you have payments outstanding please arrange to settle these as soon as possible.
<b>This is a Health and Safety requirement!</b>	

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

New amendments have been made in green.

<b>15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February 2010</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2010	Inset Day
24 <sup>th</sup> February	School nurse height/weight Year 6 children
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	Knex challenge KS2
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2010	FTS meeting at Viv Owen house 8pm.
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2010	PARENTS Evening FROM 3.20PM Parents surgery - please book an appointment to see the Head and Chair of Governors via the school office.
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	<b>Gala concert Royal Albert Hall</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	<b>Y5/6 Netball/Football tournament all day</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	<b>Governors Meeting</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>School individual photos</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Gifted and Talented session Archaeology at The Ryde School Hatfield</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Explorers visit to London</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Chris Rodis in school for Music lessons</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010	Finish school at 1.15pm.

<b>2<sup>nd</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> April 2010</b>	<b>Easter holiday</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April 2010</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	Children return to school
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	BAG2SCHOOL
28 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	Gifted and Talented Session 'Mission to Mars' at Countess Anne School
29 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	Primary Reception Allocation Day
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	FTS fashion show
10-14 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	SATs week (KS1/KS2)
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	May Fayre
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2010	Primary Reception Appeal Deadline
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2010	African Football tournament Y5/6
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May -4<sup>th</sup> June 2010</b>	<b>Summer Half Term</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	Children return to school
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	Gifted and talented Creative Workshop at DeHavilland School
16 <sup>th</sup> July	THE BIG BANG EASTERN STEM SHOWCASE DAY DUXFORD MUSEUM
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2010	School concert
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010</b>	<b>Finish school @ 1.15pm</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2010	Inset Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2010	Children return to school
20 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	Governors Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	BAG2SCHOOL
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	Autumn half term.
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	Governors meeting
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December 2010</b>	<b>Finish school @ 1.15pm</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December-3<sup>rd</sup> January 2011</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb - 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2011	Half term holiday
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April 2011</b>	<b>Finish school @ 1.15pm</b>
11 - 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Easter holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Children return to school
2nd May 2011	May Day Bank holiday