

A NEWSLETTER FROM



MS ELBOURNE-CLOAD



# HEADS UP

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Well I can't believe half-term is already upon us - what a busy term so far, with so much more to come!

## **New Buildings**

As many of you know, we had our mobile classroom taken away by the county council last October as it was here on a temporary basis for our bulge class. However, having got used to the extra space, we wanted to work towards replacing the building so that groups of children or meetings with adults could be held without disturbing existing groups and classes. Therefore, we are very pleased to say that our 2 new 'garden rooms' will be installed by the end of the half-term holiday. There are two separate buildings being installed and we hope this will give much needed additional space.

The start of this work will be commencing tomorrow (Thursday) and so we will be putting part of the large playground out of action and also the path that runs from the end of the lower school classrooms to the playground. As the rest of the works should be taking place in half-term there should be very little disruption to the school community.

## **Christmas Fayre**

We would like to have a really big drive to get as many people as possible to come and support our Christmas fayre this year on **Saturday 24 November from 12-3pm**. Please be sure to check your PTA letters for dates for non-uniform days in exchange for tombola prizes and other donations that we are looking for.

## **Harvest Assembly**

We had some really generous giving for our Harvest Assembly at the beginning of the month and as a result were able to give a fair number of boxes to St Albans Foodbank.

## **Lifeboats and Poppy Appeal**

Another 'thank you' has been received from the RNLI for our collection around the school. We are starting to sell poppy merchandise from tomorrow, with prices ranging up to £1 for a ruler.

## **Lost Property**

Having cleared the pile of lost property from last year it is a little disheartening to see the clothes mountain that is again starting to build. Unfortunately, the majority of this is un-named and so impossible to return to the rightful owner. We do have monitors who go through the lost property and return named items but could I strongly urge everybody to take a permanent marker to their children's clothes and name everything again over half term. Please remember to name any non-uniform items that also come into school such as coats and wellies and P.E sweatshirts. We will be putting these out for children to look at before half-term.

**Late Arrivals/Sickness**

Please could we remind you that lateness is recorded in the same way as attendance and a report has to be run and given to the Attendance Improvement Officer each term. Lateness is not only disruptive for the class and office but also affects children's learning. We would encourage all children to be on the school playground by 8.45am if possible. This gives them time to catch up with their friends before coming into school in a calm way, ready to learn. Often, children who are regularly late to school feel unsettled and take a little time to get down to their learning. Also as part of our safeguarding policy, could you please inform the office by 9am if you know your child is off sick. This means that the office can inform teachers before they do the register and it also saves teaching assistants waiting for children for interventions.

I hope you have a restful (homework free) and fun half term and look forward to seeing all the children back, safe and sound, on Monday 5th November.

Ms Elbourne-Cload  
Headteacher



**PARENT FEEDBACK**

**NAME :**  
(Optional but helpful if you would like a reply or explanation)

**COMPLIMENTS:**

**COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS:**