

This week

- Fri 27 Apr: FOTC Year 3 disco

Dates further ahead

- Wed 2 May: Year 5 production, afternoon performance
- Thu 3 May: Year 5 production, evening performance

[A full calendar is available on our website](#)

Notices and reminders

We would like to welcome all our pupils back after the Easter holidays. We trust that you all had a chance to relax, reflect and enjoy the company and love of your families and friends over the holiday period. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to two new members of administrative staff: Ms Rennie (Data Administrator) and Mrs Furlong (Finance Administrator).

With the warm weather arriving at the start of this term, pupils may now wear the optional summer uniform. Further details are available on the school's website. We would also like to remind you of the importance of sending your child in with a water bottle and hat (both named) to enable them to stay hydrated and protected against the sun.

Friendship is the value we are reflecting on in worship this half term: encouraging and supporting one another; making time for each other and learning to listen to each other. We all hope that the children will take this knowledge with them as they continue on their learning journey this term.

Attendance is vitally important in ensuring the children make progress and we would like to congratulate pupils in * (best class); * (best year group) and * (House) for their excellent attendance during the month of March. Year * has the best attendance so far this academic year.

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to help in the dining room at lunchtimes. Further details are available from the school office. Please see opposite for a link.

We would be very grateful for donations of small/medium sized plant pots. Year 4 are growing herbs and fruit this term and we are very keen to re-use rather than purchase new ones. Please bring donations to the school office.

Recent letters

Last week we sent out these letters, which are also available on our website:

- Welcome to the Summer term from the Year groups
- Election of Parent Governors

This week's attachments

Today we're attaching:

- Election of Parent Governor
- Dacorum Family Services Drop in Session
- Potten End Guides
- Swimming club at Astley Cooper School

We currently have a vacancy for a [Midday Supervisory Assistant](#). Visit www.thomascoram.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/ for full details and application forms.



**SWIMMING CLUB AT ASTLEY
COOPER SCHOOL FOR YEAR 3
to 6 STUDENTS**

DO YOU LOVE SWIMMING?

CAN YOU SWIM 36 METRES (2 LENGTHS
OF THE POOL) IN EACH STROKE?
(Breaststroke, front crawl & backstroke)

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR
SWIMMING STROKES?

If the answer is 'YES' to all these questions
then please ask your teacher for a letter.

The club will continue after the Easter
Holidays at Astley Cooper School on Fridays
from 3.45 – 4.45pm.

Only £3.00 a session
(If attending every week of the term)

Dear Parents

Ref: Swimming Club at the Astley Cooper School

The Dacorum School Sports Network has teamed up with a local Swimming Teacher to provide an after school swimming club for pupils in years 3 to 6.

Due to the success of the swimming sessions in the PE lessons, a lot of the children have expressed an interest in continuing to develop their strokes and swim more often. Therefore, an after school swimming club has been established. The coach will be Christine Thear, who has been teaching swimming for several years, and teaches 5 Junior schools within Dacorum.

Places are limited to **20** at each session and we will require payment for the eleven week period. **Children will be selected on how quickly reply slips are returned.** Christine will confirm your son's / daughter's place with the Club.

Although the network can no longer fund this club, we have secured use of the pool which helps keep the cost remarkably low. Under these circumstances we need to ask for a contribution of **£36.00** for the twelve sessions. When returning the reply slip could you please include full payment of **£36**. Please make cheques payable to 'The Cavendish School' and date them for 20 April 2018.

The club will be on the following evenings:

Fridays (3.45 – 4.45) April 20th and 27th. May 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. June 8th, 15th 22nd and 29th. July 6th and 13th.

I hope you will allow your child to participate in this club, as this is a unique opportunity in this area to develop school-club links. **All children must be able to confidently jump into deep water and swim two lengths of the school pool (36 metres) on front crawl, breaststroke and backstroke. They must **not** be a member of an ASA affiliated swimming club.**

Please fill out the form below as soon as possible and send it, with payment, to **Christine Thear, 58 Cardy Road, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1SQ**. You can contact Christine on 07546 513355 or chris.thear@virginmedia.com

Thank you, and we look forward to working with your child in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Clare McCawley
Dacorum School Sports Manager

Child's Name: _____ **Year:** _____

School: _____ **Home Contact No.:** _____

Emergency contact number while at the club. _____

Email _____

Medical Conditions _____

I certify that my child can jump into deep water and can swim 36 metres of each stroke.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Dacorum Family Services
"Drop in" Surgery at Ashlyns School
Wednesday 2nd May 2018
9am-3pm

WE OFFER FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES. WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

Managing
your child's
feelings &
behaviours

Parenting
Advice

Family
Wellbeing

Routines &
Boundaries

Making
Positive
Changes

Linking with
other
Services

Lisa MacGovern is a positive, approachable and proactive person who is able to support you and your family to make the changes that really matter.

She is available via a referral or you can drop into one of her surgeries for an informal chat (Please call to book a time).



For more information and to book a time slot please call Lisa on 07780114079





Come and Join 1st Potten End Guides



Guides get out there and do something different. At guides you can plan your own meetings and explore new places, go on camps and trips, and learn new skills for life. Fancy making new friends and having lots of fun?

We are an active and busy guide group - who do lots of different activities - and we need more guides!

We meet Monday evenings in Potten End. For further details, contact Catherine on Catherineroper@yahoo.co.uk or register through the Guiding website.