

Welcome to Mrs Davies'  
weekly newsletter



16th June 2017

# The Voice



## Dear Parents

### The Mound

As many parents have noticed and commented to me there has been no removal of the Mound! As you can imagine this is deeply, deeply frustrating for everyone especially the children.

All I can say is that it feels the School, the Building Contractors and the EFA are stalking the corridors of St Albans District planners in order to get a decision and get it quickly.

In the meantime we will stick to the plan regarding pick up, drop off and lunchtimes.

As soon as I know anymore information I will of course keep parents updated and you will probably hear the whoops of joy all over Harpenden!

Our rota of lunch volunteers is working well and so far the children have been able to go out at every opportunity - thank you to all the volunteers. Next week we still need a few helpers on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**. Please sign up here (grandparents and other friendly adults welcome!):

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E094AACA82DA3FA7-lunchtimes](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E094AACA82DA3FA7-lunchtimes)

### Rumour quelling

I would like to quash a rumour before it begins, that we have had an Ofsted inspection this week. This is not correct.

A few months ago I requested a review 'health check' from the Education Authority. I did this because I felt that all stakeholders had put a great deal of faith in me and my abilities in September 2016 and I wanted to make sure that stakeholders' faiths had not been displaced.

Monday 19th June , 7pm, Reception Intake 2017-2018 allocation Parent briefing,

Wednesday, 21st June, 7pm, PGL Liddington Parent Info evening (Year 6 parents only)

Wednesday, 21st June, 2Steve Workshop (children only) - all day

The content of the review/health check has no bearing on Ofsted and is purely an internal audit for me, the staff and the Governing body. However I am pleased with the outcome of the day and I am very happy that the progress the school has been made over the past year has been acknowledged and validated.

### **Uniform**

The new uniform will be on display on Monday for the rest of the term. I apologise for the delay in this. Stevensons have stitched the new school logo on to the wrong cardigan. We have been waiting for the correct one to arrive but frankly I can not delay any longer. The cardigan on display is only marginally different but when the correct one finally does arrive I will swap it for the correct one.

On Monday we will send home the class uniform requirements for KS1 & KS2, along with costings and photos of the children wearing them so all parents can see what the new uniform looks like.

### **Greek Day, Year 4/5 Dahl class**

A man came to do a workshop on ancient Greek day. Everybody in Dahl class dressed up in ancient Greek clothes. We acted out myths from Ancient Greece, we were able to wear props and dress up! We also played Ancient Greek strategy games which were lots of fun! We wore Ancient Greek armour and helmets... they were very heavy! We had the best day ever!! **Lucia, Dahl class**



### **The Return of the 2Steves**

The 2 Steves are returning back to school on Wednesday, 21st September. They will spend some time with the whole school and will then work with Year 4 and Year 5 throughout the day. Sadly, they are so busy that we cannot fit in a family event too but I can assure you this is something which will happen in the next academic year. The 2 Steves will bring a selection of books with them to sell if the children wish to do so. Their books usually retail for £5-£7 if parents are interested in buying them.

## Changes to the length of the day on Friday and finish time

The consultations for the changes to Friday and the finishing time for Reception have closed. There has been overwhelming support for both changes and the comments given during consultation will be given to the Governors for a final decision.

Many thanks to those parents who took the time to reply to the consultation.

## Photographer for Class photo

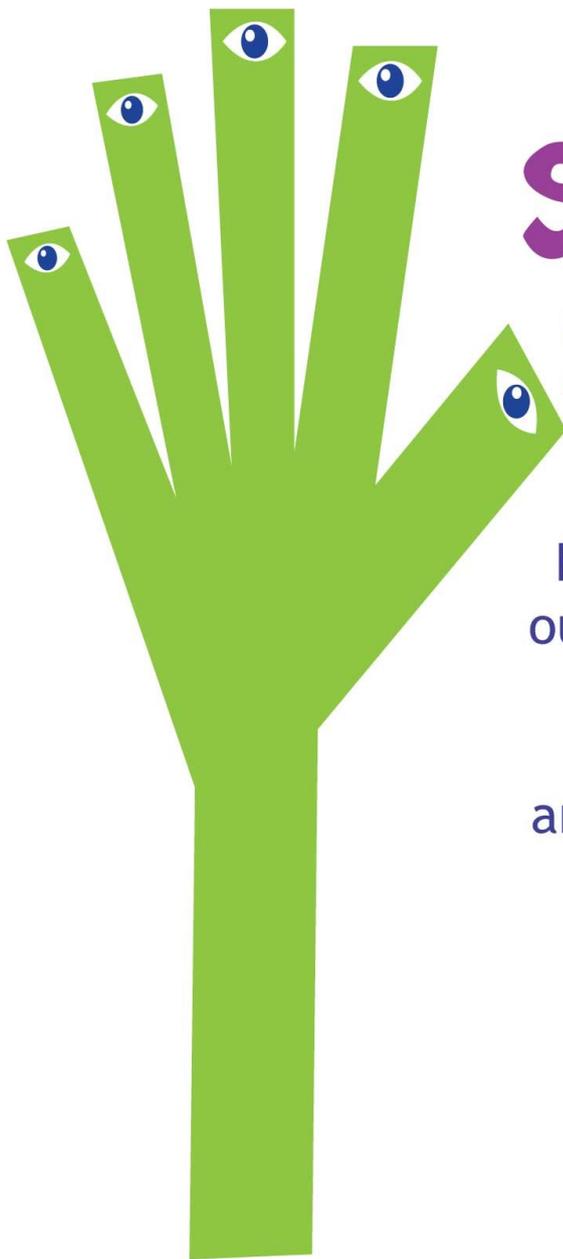
We will be taking class photos on **Friday, 23rd June** which means there will be NO FRIDAY assembly. So please make sure that the children come to school neat and tidy.

## Wednesday, 21st June, Year 6 Parents only

There will be a final school journey meeting for Year 6 parents on Wednesday, 21st June at 7pm.



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**DEMOLITION EXPO 2017**

**HERTS SHOWGROUND**  
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**FREE ENTRY**

**FAMILY FUN DAY: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Saturday fun day offers families the opportunity to get up close and personal with some giant machines. Fun and games for all include:

- Face painting
- Children's entertainer Twistopher
- Balloon modelling
- Soft Play area
- Inflatable Jungle Run & Pirate Ship
- Fire Brigade
- Ride the stimulator (experience what it's like to knock down a building)
- Vintage machinery area

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**Why not come to this event? It's free**

**Your kids will love it!**

**Spare an hour or two**

**Be proud of contributing to new gym equipment**

**Please contact Geraldine Archbold-Shore or Ruth Penfold to get involved.**