

ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



Friday January 31st 2020

OFSTED LETTER

We have received the final report from Ofsted summarising the two day visit earlier this month.. The report is on our school website and can be accessed through www.arnetthills.herts.sch.uk Statutory requirements tab Achievements

The report accurately reflects the conversations with the inspector—recognising what the school does well and how we can develop in the future.

I would like to pick out the following sentences from the report as they had the greatest resonance for us: " **At this school, every individual is treated as a valued member of the community. Many staff, pupils, parents and carers told me that the school is like a loving family. Teachers teach pupils to care for each other. They do so very well.**"

Thank you to you, our families for showing your commitment to our school through the completion of so many of the online questionnaire (113 Parent view and 94 pupil questionnaires): you are a very valued part of our school. **ONWARDS!!**

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Monday March 23rd (3.30pm to 5.10pm), Monday March 30th (3.30pm - 4.30pm) & Thursday 2nd April (4.30pm to 7.20pm).

In order to try to be as fair as possible to parents who can access the school at different times, on this occasion the signing up sheets will be in the main hall on Monday March 2nd from 8.30am onwards. If you are unable to sign up in person, please ask a friend or family member to do so for you. If this is not possible, the lists will be in the school office from 9.30am on Monday March 2nd for you to ring in for an appointment. Please be aware that certain times are very popular so you may not get your first choice.

We are looking into having an automated sign up system in the future in order to make this process as fair as possible.

If you have more than one child, please leave a gap of one slot (or more) between appointments in order to avoid delays on other tables. Appointments are for 10 minutes. Please respect the other families who will be waiting after you and draw the consultation to an end if requested. Thank you. In the case of split households, if parents are unable to attend together for personal reasons, please arrange for one parent to attend in autumn and the other in the spring term.

PTA


The PTA met this week for the first time in 2020 and are busy organising fun events for the year ahead. The PTA needs new members—please do not think that this will be onerous. Many roles are shared; systems are already in place to help new members; meetings are sometimes organised around a social occasion. **PLEASE GET INVOLVED**—the PTA's work is a very important part of school life.

Funds raised help all children to enjoy affordable visits and visitors to enrich the curriculum. If you are interested in joining the PTA please catch me or your class rep or any of the PTA officers that you may recognise. Look out for information on the PTA notice board,

BAGS 2 SCHOOL—half term week will be a perfect time to start having a clear out of your cupboards in readiness for collection on Tuesday February 25th. **PLEASE NO TOYS WHATSOEVER**. All bags to be dropped off on the grassy area in front of my office window by 9am

The PTA newsletter can be found on the school website <https://www.arnetthills.herts.sch.uk/community/pta>

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Joseph Prior, Alice Hutchinson, Harrison Choi, Mia Pemberton and Florence Chiappi are all performing in Rickmansworth Players' Youth production of 'Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat' at the Pump House Theatre Watford during half term, February 20th to 22nd. All tickets cost £12 and can be bought at www..joseph2020.co.uk The eagle-eyed amongst you will recognise Leonardo Chiappi, a former pupil, on the poster.

House point winners this week

- 1st— Robins
- 2nd— Kingfishers
- 3rd - Greenfinches
- 4th - Canaries

Sporting news

The school football team played Eastbury Farm yesterday. Mr Sills reported that "they held their own" in the first half conceding one goal but succumbed in the second half, losing 5-0 in the end.

The children showed a great attitude throughout.



Safety notice

Cycling, walking and scooting to school are great ways for children to keep healthy. However, it has come to our attention that not all children are doing so safely. Please ensure that your child is aware of road safety and understands how to be courteous towards other users of the pavements. Please remember that pavements are for pedestrian, walking. There have been incidences where people have been knocked into. In the same way please adhere to our rule whereby children must dismount before coming through the gates and walk scooters / bikes to the storage area. I shall be reminding the children of this in the coming days.