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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

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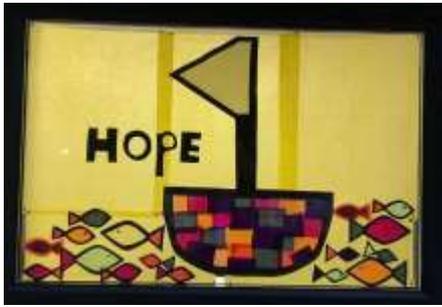
This half term, in the run up to Christmas, we will be thinking about Hope, Love and Light in our whole school collective worship times. Under the banner of 'light' we will be celebrating our Streets of Light displays and starting the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' campaign this week.

This half term promises to be busy and exciting! Please keep an eye on the school calendar at the end of this newsletter/on the school website.

### Streets of Light

We hope you have enjoyed some of the wonderful Streets of Light displays that are all around the school, offering messages of Hope, Love and Light on these dark Autumn nights. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this project, and even got a big shout out from the organisers on Facebook!





### **Be Bright, Be Seen**

Mrs Dimond spoke to all the children yesterday about keeping safe when walking to and from school as the evenings draw in. The Hertfordshire County Council scheme 'Be Bright, Be Seen' encourages the children to wear bright, fluorescent or reflective clothing when out and about. All the children have been given a reflective star to put on their school bags and parents may want to consider other reflective items as potential Christmas gifts! Be Bright, Be Seen!



### **Reminder – Nut Free School**



As our school currently has pupils on roll who suffer from a serious nut allergy, we request that parents and carers do not send food to school that contains nuts.

This includes; all types of nuts, spreads and sandwich fillings containing nuts like peanut butter and Nutella, cereal and chocolate bars which contain nuts; cakes or biscuits which contain nuts, shop bought houmous or pesto.

**Please check food labels if you are unsure about ingredients.**

## The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



We will have a Poppy Appeal honesty box outside school from Thursday to donate to the Poppy appeal at pick up and drop off. The children are having a remembrance service in school next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## Applying for a School Place September 2024

The online application system for applying for a place in Reception class in September 2024 is now open. [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## School lunches

School lunches are provided free of charge for children in Reception and KS1. For children in KS2 lunches cost £3.20 per day and payment is online via the School Gateway. Please can we remind parents that lunches must be paid for in advance (**pay as you go**) and your account may be frozen if it is in arrears. Thank you.

## Free School Meals

The school is aware that with the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme automatically providing all children up to Year 2 with a free meal every day, many families do not apply for means-tested free school meal provision until their child reaches Year 3. This could mean parents are missing out on other sources of support they are entitled to, linked to household income and the benefits of associated pupil premium funding. Please see link below to check eligibility:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

## Our School Development Plan

### **School Development Priorities – St Andrew’s three main priorities 2023-3024:**

- 1 For pupils to play a more active role in their learning journey – including a greater awareness of their own progress towards the end points for each subject.
- 2 To improve children’s emotional literacy across the school, to help them articulate their feelings positively.
- 3 To improve the school’s carbon footprint and the children’s understanding of creating a more sustainable future.

Mrs Dimond looks forward to sharing our progress against these priorities at the end of each term.

## Diary Dates 2023/2024

Friday, 03/11/2023 – Netball Team trip to see London Lions Basketball team

**Tuesday, 07/11/2023 – Year 5 Collective Worship 9.10am**

Friday, 10/11/2023 – Remembrance Day service in school

**Wednesday, 8/11/2023 – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening in school – 3.30pm until 5pm**

**Thursday, 9/11/2023 – Parent Teacher Consultation Evening in school – 3.30pm until 5pm**

**Tuesday, 14/11/2023 – Year 4 Collective Worship 9.10am**

Thursday, 16/11/2023 – Vaccination UK Flu immunisation YR-Y6

**Tuesday, 21/11/2023 – Year 3 Collective Worship 9.10am**

**Friday, 24/11/2023 – Occasional Day school closed**

**Tuesday, 28/11/2023 – Year 2 Collective Worship 9.10am**

**Tuesday, 05/12/2023 – Year 1 Collective Worship 9.10am**

**Wednesday, 06/12/2023 – EYFS Nativity at 9.30am**

Monday 11/12/2023 – Cinderella Pantomime trip to South Mill Arts Centre

**Tuesday, 12/12/2023 – Year Reception Collective Worship 9.10am**

Wednesday, 13/12/2023 – Whole School Christmas lunch (£3.20 for traditional Christmas lunch)

**Thursday, 14/12/2023 – KS1 Nativity (afternoon and evening performance)**

**Tuesday, 19/12/2023 – Term ends at 2.00 pm**

W/C Monday, 13/05/2023 – Key Stage 2 SATS week

03/06/2023 – 07/06/2023 – Brenscombe Week straight after half term (Monday is the INSET day)

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## Term Dates for 2023/2024

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<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
<i>Friday, 1 September 2023</i>	<i>Inset - school closed</i>
<b>Monday, 4 September 2023</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 23 October – Friday, 27 October 2023	Half term
<i>Friday, 24 November 2023</i>	<i>Occasional day – school closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, 19 December 2023</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<i>Wednesday, 20 December 2023</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	
<b>Thursday, 4 January 2024</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 19 February – Friday, 23 February 2024	Half term
<b>Thursday, 28 March 2024</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	
<b>Monday, 15 April 2024</b>	<b>Term begins</b>
Monday, 27 May – Friday 31 May 2024	Half term
<i>Monday, 3 June</i>	<i>Inset – school closed</i>
<b>Friday, 19 July 2024</b>	<b>Term ends 2pm</b>
<i>Monday, 22 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>
<i>Monday, 23 July 2024</i>	<i>Inset – School closed</i>



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Be inspired by amateur theatre

MUCH HADHAM DRAMA GROUP

TERENCE RATTIGAN

# FLARE PATH

9th, 10th & 11th NOVEMBER 2023

Much Hadham Village Hall

at 8pm (doors open 7.30pm)

Tickets £10

**BOX OFFICE**

**01279 842742**

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/much-hadham-drama-group/](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/much-hadham-drama-group/)



This amateur production of "Flare Path" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)

**Fireworks**

**Hot Food**

Join the family fun at  
The Mission Hall Field, Green Tye

Gates Open 5:30pm  
Bonfire Lit 6:00pm  
Fireworks 6:30pm Approx

Off road parking  
available  
Please follow the  
signs & park  
responsibly

Numbers limited. Book  
early to avoid  
disappointment

# Bonfire Night 2023

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Ticket prices:

	In Advance	On the Gate
Adult	£5	£8
Child (5-16yrs)	£4	£6
Family	£12	£20

Tickets in advance from:  
Londis, Much Hadham,  
Prince of Wales Pub, Green Tye  
Or [PGGTBonfireNight@gmail.com](mailto:PGGTBonfireNight@gmail.com)

Please do not litter  
\*\* No Sparklers \*\*





Have YOU got  
what it takes  
to turn  
the page?

**Are you aged 8+?  
Come and join us to complete fun  
activities, chat about books and  
make new friends!**

Bishop's Stortford Library 4pm-5pm  
22nd November until 13th December  
£2.50 per session.  
Places limited please book at the library.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)

