

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello/नमस्ते

What a strange week it has been. I know I talk about the weather frequently but it does affect the children [and some of us adults!]. The wind on Monday was quite fierce and this was quite challenging for the children when playing outside and on some occasions needing to stay inside. It was lovely to see all the children back in school following the strike action that impacted upon a few of the year groups. Thank you for your support.

We have two weeks of the Spring Term left before the Easter break [Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April] and there is so much to do. Please see overleaf for the dates of events that are still pending.

I do hope that you have managed to sign up for a **Parent Consultation** on **Tuesday 21st March** or **Thursday 23rd March** with **SchoolCloud**. Please note **SchoolCloud** booking closes at noon on **Monday 20th March**. Teachers are looking forward to sharing your child's current attainment and providing next steps to enable them to reach their true potential by the end of the academic year. Please look out for Target Sheets sent via email today and a piece of writing uploaded to **Tapestry** for children in YR, Y1 and Y2. Please keep this appointment as its challenging for staff to reschedule these meetings for different times when they have other commitments after school. Thank you for your support.

We look forward to seeing parents in both schools with **work share events** from **Year 1** on **Thursday 23rd March** and **Year 2** on **Friday 24th March**. We also hope to see parents of children in **Year R** [Easter Concert] and **Year 3 and Year 4** ['Medley of Musicals'] scheduled on **Tuesday 28th March**. Exciting times!

Have a good weekend. Best wishes/शुभकामनाएं/

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Easter Bonnets/ ईस्टर बोनट

Traditionally, the children in the **Infant School** have made **Easter bonnets** at home for a parade we hold on the front playground on the last day of term. We look forward to seeing the children's creations on **Friday 31st March** and you are invited to come and support us.



Red Nose Day/ माह की भाषा

Thank you to all the children who entered the Infant School Colouring competition. The children raised £82. The winners will be chosen by the School Council and announced.

Today your **Junior School** child has been given a '**Design a Red Nose**' entry that they need to complete over the weekend and bring back with a donation of 50p on **Monday 20th March** and the **Junior School Council** will pick some winning entries across the school.

Good Luck everyone and thank you for your support.

Earrings/बालियां

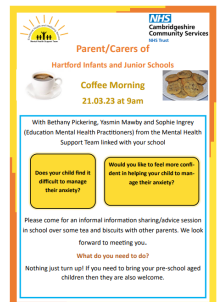
As per a previous newsletter, the national guidance has always been that no jewellery should be worn in PE including swimming. It is also not safe to cover earrings/studs/sleepers with tape. Where an item of jewellery cannot be removed then it is the adult teaching's responsibility to try to establish a safe situation to enable participation by considering how, or if, the context can be made safe by amending the task, conditioning the activity or creating some other management strategy to make participation safe. School has a duty of care and cannot be put in the situation of looking after a child without exercising that duty of care, we are dictated by national guidance and must comply. It is not just making the wearer of the earring safe, so a parental disclaimer is inconsequential and would not stand up in law. However, recently we have been given guidance that we can allow children to wear headbands to cover the ears please see this picture for an example. Thank you for your support.



Mental Health Parent Event /

मानसिक स्वास्थ्य माता-पिता की घटना
You are warmly invited to the Infant School hall to speak with our colleagues from the **Mental Health Support Team** on **Tuesday 21st March** from **9.00am** until **10.00am**.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided and there is ample room to come along out of the cold with any pre school children to chat and find out top tips for supporting your child's anxieties.



Dates for the Diary/ डायरी के लिए दिनांक

MHST Coffee Morning	Infant school	Tuesday 21st March	Any parent of a child in the Preschool, Infant or Junior School are welcome to attend this coffee morning organised by MHST [Mental Health Support Team].
Work Share Event	Infant School	Thursday 23rd March & Friday 24th March	Each KS1 class invite their parents into the school hall from 9.00am for a short presentation to showcase their learning about the UK this half term: Class 3 & 4 Thursday 23rd March Class 5 & 6 Friday 24th March
Parent Evenings	All Schools	Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd March	Online Parent Consultations scheduled. Bookings will be open on SchoolCloud until Monday 20th March – please see below for links: SchoolCloud - Hartford Infant School SchoolCloud - Hartford Junior School
Non Uniform for Fete	All Schools	Friday 24th March	Children bring in chocolate easter eggs for the tombola and/or raffle prizes for the Easter fete if they wear non uniform
Easter Concert	Reception	Tuesday 28th March	Parents and Carers of children in Year R [Class 1 and 2] are invited to listen to the children's Easter Concert from 9.15am
Musical Production	Year 3 & 4	Tuesday 28th March	Year 3 and 4 perform, 'A Medley of Musicals' at 2.00pm and 6.00pm .
Cake Sale	All Schools	Tuesday 28th March	After school from 3.00pm donated cakes to be sold on front playground. Any parent helpers would be much appreciated [you can collect your child early if you are helping us on the stalls]
Easter Fete	All schools	Thursday 30th March	Easter Fete [similar to the Christmas Fete], £3/child [see ParentPay for how to purchase your child's entry] for a bag of goodies, an entry to the colouring/quiz competition with separate prizes and an entry ticket for the Easter egg tombola. The raffle will be drawn after school at 3.30pm in the Infant School hall for the prizes- you are welcome to pop in to hear the draw
Easter Bonnet Parade	Infant School	Friday 31st March	Please bring in home made Easter bonnets to school and the children will parade these outside on the front playground at 2.30pm
Last day of term	All Schools	Friday 31st March	All children return to school on Tuesday 18th April at 8.45am

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Preschool

This week, **preschool children** have been busy, we continued to think about people we love and Mothers Day, using some heart shapes to practice our fine motor skills cutting and mark making. We explored small shapes to comment on pattern and shape, Amelie made 'a house for a mouse' and Archie made '2 crocodiles they are friends'. We were still thinking about the snow we saw last week and extended this by playing our matching snowman pairs game, turn taking and commenting on the same or different and what made them different. We also grouped them, Julian was able to tell me, '4 the same, I found 4 now Mrs Childerley' " what great maths skills! **Next week**, we will start learning our Easter time song 'Chick, Chick, Chicken' and exploring Easter.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, have been using our phonic knowledge to write labels and captions for our 'Supertato' story. In maths we have been exploring ways to make a total of 7 with two numbers and 'chunking' to make 5 and 2 more, using lots of resources to support our understanding of this concept. In art we have been using pencils to explore mark making and looked at some of Pablo Picasso's early pencil sketches and drawings to inspire us! **Next week**, we will be thinking about doubling numbers 1-5 in maths. In art we will be using our newly acquired skills to experiment with infilling and create a self portrait using coloured pencils.

Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we have begun learning to use capital letters and full stops in our own writing. In maths we have been representing numbers using tens frames, dienes and coins (10p and 1p). You can see our maths work on Tapestry. We have been practicing our art skills and learning about Scotland in our enquiry lessons. **Next week**, in English we will be joining words and ideas using the conjunction 'and'. In maths we will be counting in 2s and 5s.

Year 2

This week **Class 5 and 6**, have been making our very own peas and put them into comfy boxes. This is all to imagine how the character is feeling from the story of 'The Princess and the Pea' by Mini Grey. In maths we listened to the Number Jacks times-tables songs and used this knowledge to solve problems in divisions of 2,5 and 10. **Next week**, in English we will plan and write a sequel to the story. I wonder what the pea will do next. In maths we will continue multiplication and division. We are looking forward to showing you what we have learnt in our geography assembly on Friday morning. We hope you can come!

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, the children have been learning how to write a unit fraction (see this week's Seesaw homework) and have continued to identify parts and wholes. The children have started to rehearse for our 'Medley of Musicals' in the hall. The children are doing very well and are looking forward to the performance. Please remember to send in your child's required outfit next week (BEECH= **black/brown/grey** leggings or joggers with similar coloured non logo top. CHESTNUT=**blue** or **pink** clothing) both classes will be making other accessories in class to complete the costumes. Please don't forget to sign up for parents evening appointments to discuss your child's progress with the teacher.

Year 4

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, we have been really enjoying practising our singing for our performance and we are sounding brilliant! We have even been learning some actions and movements to go with our songs. In maths we have been exploring dividing with a remainder and in English we have been continuing our work looking at the features of a diary. In geography we have looked at tourism in colder climates and thought carefully about why people might want to visit a specific area. **Next week**, we are looking forward to continuing our hard work practising our performance and using our plans in English to write our, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' inspired diary entry.

Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, we have continued to look at column multiplication in maths, extending our knowledge to multiplying 3 x 2 digits. **Next week**, we will begin to look at written methods for division. In history we continued our work on the Byzantine empire and will next week look at the African empire of Aksum. In art, we continued to make mixed medium space themed pictures, using oil pastels and pencil. In RE we were gripped by the story of Judas betraying Jesus and Peter denying him three times when he was being tried in court by the Jewish leaders. We are excited to continue the next part of the story as we build up to the Easter holidays.

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, the children have been working hard on writing. They have written a narrative based on a video called 'Something Fishy' and have drawn on their knowledge from our geography unit to write a non-chronological report on coastal landforms. The children also enjoyed recreating a famous artwork by painting a background and posing themselves as the subject.

