

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello/नमस्ते

I hope this newsletter finds you well and after the recent cold snap and that you are warm and well. Lots of the children have worn their gloves and scarves and now we have quite a few lost items in our Lost Property boxes. Please come and check the lost property in both schools because there are many jumpers and cardigans that children probably need to be wearing in this cold weather.

It was a pleasure to see parents who popped into school to find out more about the **Burwell Residential Trip**. Please remember to ensure that all **permissions** and **medical forms** and **£5 spending money** is sent into the school office by **Monday the 23rd March**.

We appreciate that the **Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting** was scheduled on the *same* day as the Burwell Residential Trip meeting and that we haven't advertised this as best as we could. But as you know we are a reflective school and will learn from this mistake. If you wish to have a copy of the slides they will be posted on Tapestry, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions on how you can support your child further with their acquisition of phonics.

The **Year 3 and 4 'A Medley of Musicals'** is well underway with the children very excited with the songs that they will be performing on **Tuesday 28th March**, please complete and return the form [sent home last week- blue Y4 and cream Y3] and tickets will be issued and sent home with the children. How exciting!

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 creations on **Friday 31st March** and you are invited to come and support us.

Earthquake/ भूकंप

Both schools raised over £600 for the Syrian and Turkey earthquake appeals, thank you for all your support.

Red Nose Day/ माह की भाषा

The **Infant School Council** at would like to raise some money for **Red Nose Day** by holding a **colouring competition**. On **Monday 13th March** your child will bring home a picture to colour. If they would like to enter the competition, they need to colour it in and return it to school by **Friday 17th March** - which is **Red Nose Day**. Please attach a donation of 50p to the picture. The School Council will judge the entries and a winner will be chosen from each class.

In the **Junior School**, children will be given a **'Design a Red Nose'** entry on **Friday 17th March** that they can do 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.

Strikes/हमलों

The **teaching strikes** will be affecting both schools on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March**. Please **check your emails and ParentHub** to see if your child has been offered a space in **Year R [Class 1 and 2], Year 3 [Beech and Chestnut], Year 4 [Sycamore and Pine] and Year 5 [Oak and Ash]**. Due to limited teaching staff we are unable to offer spaces to all children in these year groups, we have followed Local Authority recommendations and offered spaces to children who are deemed vulnerable for a variety of reasons. Please note **Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6** will be open for all children as usual. **Thank you for your support.**

Celebrating Birthdays/जन्मदिन मनाना

As per a previous newsletter I just wanted to remind everyone that due to staffing constraints we are unable to distribute party invitations in school time. Please feel free to hand out any invites before and after school, we are happy to facilitate that your child leaves class a little earlier to catch everyone outside with invites and other birthday celebrations. We will not give out sweets and cake due to health and safety reason e.g. allergies and intolerances to ingredients. We try to celebrate children's birthdays in designated assemblies if they are in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for the Diary/ डायरी के लिए दिनांक

Strike Days	All Schools	Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March	Children in YR, Y3, Y4, and Y5 restricted access– please see emails/ParentHub for further details Y1, Y2 and Y6 all open as normal
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 open on SchoolCloud from 9.00am on Sunday 12th 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 . See overleaf for ticket details
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 planting some seeds and thinking about how they will grow. They have been making cards using our wonderful mark making and fine motor skills and reading a book by Nick Butterworth, 'My Mum Is Fantastic' all in preparation for a special day coming soon. **Next week** we will continue planting and exploring our core book this term, 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, have enjoyed using an iPad to create a digital 'painting' of their favourite famous London landmark! They have also had a go at taking a digital photo. We have been busy learning lots of lovely spring time songs ready for our **Easter Concert on Tuesday 28th March**. Look out for a note about your child's role in the concert on Tapestry soon! Next week we will be exploring making marks in art, using a range of media. We will be writing speech bubbles for 'Supertato' book characters and developing our understanding of the composition of numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we have been describing 'Gerald the Giraffe' from our new story, using adjectives. We thought about his appearance and his feelings. **Next week**, we will be writing sentences about Gerald using capital letters and full stops. In our maths lessons we have been relating addition and subtraction facts and begun to count forwards and backwards to 50. **Next week**, we will begin to learn about the place value of tens and ones.

Year 2

This week **Class 5 and 6**, enjoyed exploring another Mini Grey text 'The Pea and the Princess'. We asked questions to further our comprehension of the text. In maths we revisited multiplication and division facts for 2, 3, 5 and 10 and applying this knowledge to read scales in divisions of 2, 3, 5 and 10. Get practising those times tables Year 2! "One 5 is 5, Two 5s are 10, etc" We have loved using charcoal in art to learn about the techniques of stippling and blending. **Next week**, we will continue our exploration of the UK in our geography lessons by visiting Northern Ireland.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, we were super busy! In English we have been identifying prepositional phrases and have been using them in our own sentences. See seesaw for this week's homework on prepositions. In science we have been investigating why some materials are magnetic but not others. The rehearsals for the production are coming along nicely, don't forget to return your form for tickets ASAP to ensure you get tickets to the performance of your choice.

Year 4

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, we have been deepening our understanding of multiplication and division using place value counters to support our learning. In science, we have been learning more about animals' habitats and their features. In history, we have continued to learn about the Byzantine Empire and how everyday life has changed and reflected in the art they created such as the mosaics. **Next week**, we will be busy preparing for our upcoming musical, with singing practise and making of the props.

Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, we have been looking at column multiplication, looking at multiplying up to 4 digits by a 1 or 2 digit number. Our knowledge of our times tables has really helped us with this. In English, we have been thinking about and using concise nouns in our writing and enjoying reading the final part of our class novel, 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. In science we had fun testing the properties of various types of paper and in PSHE we have started to think about puberty. Our geography focus was how income is generated for the tourism industry and in history we continued to look at how the Byzantine empire expanded. **Next week**, we will continue to focus on multiplication in maths, further properties of materials in science and mountain adventures in geography.

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, we are recreating some famous pieces, children have painted the background and next week we will be taking photos with them being part of the picture. In science we looked at how exercise affects our heart rate and the children were out of puff after doing high knees and burpees! **Next week**, we will complete a non-chronological report on Victorian Workhouses and continue to follow Jim's journey in our book 'Street Child'. We will also be learning about statistics in maths.

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