

Hello / Hola

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a quiet but busy week in both schools. Both **Year 2** and **Year 6** children have worked hard on their SAT papers in English and maths. It was lovely to see all the older children the Junior School arriving early for a breakfast and talking with staff through any concerns. All children displayed many of our Characteristics of Learning [aka in the Infant and Preschool as the Hartford Heroes]:



Well done to all the children for trying their very best. We are all proud of your efforts.

The parents and carers of the **Infant and Preschool children** will have seen the recent **Ofsted Report** in their email boxes. As I stated in the covering email if there is anything you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to email me [rlee@hartfordinfantschool.org].

Best wishes/Mis mejores deseos

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Bikes, Scooters and e-scooters / Bicicletas, scooters y e-scooters

Thank you to everyone who walks their bikes, scooters and e-scooters on school site. We appreciate that for children this is sometimes hard but ask that **all** parents support the school and that scooters, electronic or manual are not ridden on once on school site by any adults or children. **Thank you for your support.**

Governance / Gobernancia

Last night, the **Local Governing Partnership Body** met and welcomed two new members to the Leadership Team. **Mrs Laura Chamberlain** who is a parent of 2 children across both schools and **Mrs Lizzie Rogers** who has a child in the Infant School. We successfully elected a new Vice Chair **Mrs Naomi Jeffries** who has children in both schools to work alongside **Mrs Sunetha Diaram** who is our Chair and also has a child in Year 6. In a forthcoming newsletter I will share more details about our School Governors and how to contact them. In the meantime, if you would like to talk to a Governor there is a suggestions box in our Infant School Foyer which is regularly checked where you can leave messages.

Park Trip / Viaje al parque

Children in **Year 3** popped to the local park this week. It is lovely to see them using the community and treating it respectfully.



Nits / Piojos

Please can you check your children's hair this weekend we have had a few cases of **nits** in children's hair. Please [click here](#) for **NHS guidance** on what to look for and how to treat. **Thank you for your support.**



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Please check the back page for information on how to help the school. **Thank you for your support.**



Dates for the Diary/ Fechas para el Diario

KS1 SATS week	Infant School	Cont. Monday 12th May	Year 2 Statutory Assessment Week
Workshare Event	Infant School	Wk beg 22nd May	Children in the Infant School are looking forward to sharing their Australian Work with their parents and carers in the last week of the half term – Wednesday Y1, Thursday YR & Friday Y2 from 2.30pm
Half Term	All schools	Monday 29th May	Schools will be closed for the week
INSET Day	All schools	Monday 5th June	All school will be closed for the 5th INSET Day
Stay and Play	Infant School	Friday 9th June	Every Friday after half term, a 60 minute session on the front playground for children starting in Reception in September 2023
New Reception Parents Meeting	Infant School	Monday 19th June	A chance to meet the staff and visit the classrooms and find out more about life in Reception
New to Year 1 Parents Session	Infant School	Tuesday 20th June	A chance for YR children to visit the Year 1 classrooms with their parents and explore the resources before parents pop into the hall for refreshments and a session on how to support children in their next year of education in Key Stage 1
Summer Fete	All Schools	Friday 30th June	Fete from 2.00pm more details to follow
Healthy Week	All Schools	Wk beg 10th July	A festival of activities to support our children's minds and bodies, including Sports Day
Leavers Assembly	Infant School	Tuesday 18th July	Y2 Leavers Assembly
Leavers Assembly	Junior School	Wednesday 19th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
End of Term	All schools	Wednesday 19th July	End of the Summer Term



Preschool

This week, **preschool children** have planted some peas and beans and put them into clear bags hoping that they can see them growing! We also read 'The Runaway Pea' story. We have also been busy doing some jigsaw puzzles and the teachers are so impressed with how good the children's problem solving skills are getting and the complex puzzles they are now able to do! **Next week** we will be making some fruit salad to link to our thinking about 'being healthy'. **Are there any nurses/doctors/police/refuse collectors (which is a big interest of our children) who would be willing to come into Pre School and talk to the children please?**

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, we had a lovely time outdoors, enjoying the sunshine. Both classes earned their marbles in a jar reward and went to the park. In science, we started our plants unit and the children explored the outdoors, finding many plants. We also put beans into sandwich bags, which allows the children to see the growth of the beans over the next few weeks. In geography, we learned about pastoral farming and the different types of food that come from animals. **Next week**, we will continue exploring non-unit fractions and start our DT project. Please remember to bring a box with your child's name on it, thank you!

Reception

This week in **Class 1 and 2**, we have been designers, planning our own bear masks! We have been cutting, sticking, tearing and glueing materials and we are looking forward to sharing our designs and finished masks with you soon. In maths we have been recalling pairs of numbers that make 5 and then 10 and learning about subtraction, using a range of manipulatives to support our understanding. **Next week**, we will be singing and exploring how sounds can be changed in music. We will explore making long and short sounds using our voices and learning about 'duration'.

Year 4

This week **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, have been analysing an explanation text, finding all the features, ready for writing our own next week. In science we have been learning about and examining fossils in detail and how they are created. In maths we have been interpreting and answering word problems about different types of charts including bar charts, pictograms and line graphs. **Next week**, we will be continuing our photo-editing in computing and how to change the composition of images. We will also be moving onto fractions in Maths, identifying what a fraction is and will do deeper thinking about the different types.

Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we have been writing sentences about Australia using sentence strips to remind us to include capital letters, full stops and the conjunction 'and'. **Next week**, we will be writing a tourist brochure, to advertise Australia, and are looking forward to showing off our writing skills. In maths we have been solving multiplication word problems and making equal groups. **Next week**, we will learn how to share amounts equally and solve division problems. In enquiry we will make and evaluate moving pictures. **If you have any books at home with moving parts (spinners, sliders, flaps etc) it would be lovely if your child could bring them in to show their class (labelled with their name of course!)**

Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, the children read 'Greek God/Goddesses' a non-chronological report and discussed the layout and structure of the text. They then answered questions about the text and summarised facts. The children continued reading, 'Who Let The Gods out?'. They explored the difference between a non-fiction and fiction text based on similar content. The children are now analysing the key features of a non-chronological report as well as beginning to research and plan their own. We will be writing the non-chronological reports next week! In maths we have been learning about perimeter and area and **next week** we will begin to look at aspects of shape. We will also carry on learning about how Islam spread in history and what causes earth quakes in geography.

Year 2

This week in **Class 5 and 6**, the children have persevered in their reading assessments. We are very proud of them for working so hard. We also enjoyed exploring the outdoor grounds whilst looking for microhabitats. **Next week**, in English we will plan a non-chronological report about Australia. In maths we will complete maths assessments and begin our winding mechanism box models. **We would be grateful for shoe boxes as, believe it or not, we still don't have enough!**

Year 6

This week the children in **Willow and Holly Classes**, have very proud teachers! The children's attitude and effort throughout the SATs tests have been brilliant, they are all stars! It has been lovely to see them chatting at breakfast and enjoying each other's company. **Next week**, is back to normal, we will continue with 'The Hobbit' in English and electricity in science. I hope all the children have a very well earned rest this weekend.



Hartford Infant and Preschool and Hartford Junior School



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Ways to support the schools to purchase those little extras...

<p>Clothing Bank Located outside the kitchen by the Junior School. Accepts clothes, shoes, books, DVDs etc we make a % of the profits</p> 	<p>Easy Fund Raiser Sign up here and support our schools by raising money every time you shop online at retailers like Tesco, Sainsburys, eBay, SportsDirect, Groupon, The Range, Screwfix, M&S, John Lewis, Booking.com, and everything in between.</p> 
<p>Summer Fete- Friday 30th June 2.30pm-4.30pm Donate clean, soft toys for our teddy tombola</p> 	<p>Summer Fete- Friday 30th June 2.30pm-4.30pm Volunteer to run a stall and collect your child early</p> 
<p>Summer Fete- Friday 30th June 2.30pm-4.30pm Donate a tombola jar [or several 😊]- make up a jar of goodies and bring into school for other children to win</p> 	<p>Summer Fete- Friday 30th June 2.30pm-4.30pm Donate a Raffle Prize- do you have connections to someone who could give the school a BIG prize?</p> 
<p>Summer Fete- Friday 30th June 2.30pm-4.30pm Rent a table to sell your own wares £5/table and a donation to the raffle</p> 	<p>Summer Fete- Friday 30th June 2.30pm-4.30pm Volunteer for a stint on the Face Paints stall, children love them!</p> 

Which ones will you do to help?