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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope that everyone had a lovely break, the children have returned to their classrooms and seem more mature in their outlook to their learning. We always promote the Characteristics of Learning across both schools. These are fondly known to our **Key Stage One [KS1]** pupils as the 'Hartford Heroes'. Each week in our assemblies we celebrate the children that have been 'caught' emulating them in their learning. Across both schools these 6 principles guide us in our learning and are referred to in lessons to help the children make progress and 'bring out the best' in them all.



Our **Chair of Governors**, Mrs Naomi Jeffrey has expressed her concern of a lack of a **Crossing Patrol Person** on Mayfield Road at drop off and pick up times, since the retirement of Mrs Coffin. I echo her worries and together we will contact the county council for a replacement. Would you be prepared to write a letter to support us? I'm sure you have noticed that the parking and traffic on Mayfield road and Mayfield Crescent can be dangerous. We implore that everyone uses the Mayfield Shops car park [located behind the shops] when coming to school by car and use the underpass to cross the road safely. Please talk to your older **Key Stage 2 [KS2]** children if they are walking without adults and find me for the County council contact.

A huge thank you to **Mrs Hayley Shaw** for organising our **Infant School** Sparky Start visitors over the past week, we have had a range of adults from the community [Wood Green] and closer to home [Harriet's mum, Richard Smith and John Hall] and have learnt how people can help us. This is linked to our new enquiry work on Heroes and Heroines which includes the NHS. We also engaged with a **First Aid** session courtesy of Direct Action Training.

We hope that this Spring Term is a happy and safe time across all schools, please ensure that you check what possessions your child are bringing into school. Ensure that items that could cause harm to others are not in pockets and bags. If your **Junior School** child must bring mobile phones into school, ensure they know to place them in the classroom safes. We have had a recent spurt of smartwatches with recording devices being worn to school. Please ensure these types of watches stay at home along with other jewellery and expensive possessions. Thank you for your continued support.

This month we are learning to say simple phrases in **Lithuanian**. If you have any books or resources including pictures we would love them for our **Infant School** display.

I hope that you have all received the latest **Spring Term Learning Leaflets** for this half term. These are on our school websites.

Best wishes / Geriausi linkėjimai

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

The Cam Academy Trust will be hosting a **Recruitment Roadshow** from **Thursday 18 January – Tuesday 13 February** to promote current staff vacancies in our schools. This roadshow will take place at five venues over the course of a month. [Click here for more information.](#)

RECRUITMENT ROADSHOW
Thursday 18 January to Tuesday 13 February 2024

Are you thinking about a new career in education?
If so, then look no further. We are actively looking to recruit new staff for a number of teaching and support staff roles across the trust. Why not come along, meet our teams, and explore the available opportunities in our schools.

The recruitment roadshow will take place at the following venues:

- St Peter's Huntington, PE29 7DD
- St Andrew's, PE29 6JG
- Gaillingey Village Primary, SO19 3HD
- Thrapston Endle Primary School, PE29 1PX
- Monday 15 February 2024 9.30am - 3pm
- Camboorne Village College, CB23 6ER
- Thrapston Community School, PE29 6JG
- Melbourn Village College, SG8 6EJ
- Thursday 13 February 9am - 12pm

Please register your interest using the QR code below

For information about our current vacancies please navigate to: [www.camacademytrust.co.uk](#)

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Preschool

This week, **preschool** children have welcomed our new starters. We began reading our new book, 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' and linking it to new vocabulary, 'big', 'biggest', 'medium', 'small', 'smaller' and more! We learnt how to represent '3' with our fingers. We are interested in clocks and so have used this interest to try and recognise numerals up to 5 and count in order to 10, and linked this to 'Hickory Dickory Dock'. **Next week**, we will continue exploring Goldilocks with some sensory oat play and bowls of 'big' 'medium' and 'small'.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, have been finding out about the NHS and the huge range of people who work hard to look after us. We learnt how hospitals in the past were different to hospitals today. We met some exciting visitors linked to our enquiry learning about real-life heroes, including Volunteers from Wood Green Animal Shelter and a train driver! We loved being 'Mini First Aiders' and learnt how to bandage a friend's arm or leg. **Next week**, we will learn about different parts of the human body and what they do and conducting our own research using iPads and non-fiction books. **Don't forget that PE day for Class 1 has changed and is now Thursday.**

Year 1

This week **Class 3 and Class 4** children enjoyed our Sparky Start visitors. In maths we have been learning to understand equals and solving and writing equations using bar models and part whole models. In English we have read 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett and have identified some of the key features of a postcard. **Next week**, in science we will be identifying and labelling basic parts of the human body.

Year 2

This week, **Class 5 and 6**, learnt about different sentence types (statements and exclamations). In maths we divided objects into groups of 2, 5 and 10. In history we enjoyed finding out about events that have happened in NHS history. How lucky we have been to meet so many visitors as part of our 'People who help us' enquiry learning. **Next week**, in English we will introduce the children to our new text 'Dear Teacher'. The children will be writing a postcard, using different sentence types, and giving excuses for being late to school. In maths we will continue to focus on multiplication and division and solve problems with arrays. Keep practising those x2, x5 and x10 tables.

Year 3

This week **Beech and Chestnut Classes**, started 'The Iron Man'. The children made metal machines using cutlery, screws and bolts inspiring them to create a story opening, similar to the novel. In maths, we started to identify angles. We have explored right angles and developed our understanding of quarter, three quarter, clockwise and anticlockwise turns. In science, we started our 'light' topic. In PE, we focussed on speed, strength, agility and balance in fitness sessions. Keep an eye out on Seesaw for homework related to angles and a spelling list.

Year 4

This week **Holly and Willow Classes** enjoyed hearing their classmate's holiday stories. In English we read 'The Catch' and made inferences about Olerbri's character, predicting what might happen next and described the events at the beginning of the story. We also began, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl using Quentin Blake's illustrations to compare the character's facial features with the additional information from the text. In maths it has been fun working out which numbers are divisible by 3 and 6 and securing our understanding of these times tables. **Next week**, we will explore the 7 times tables. Most of all, we have loved recording the decibels of different sounds around our school and learning about how the ear hears!

Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash Classes** have begun to read our new book, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and have been thinking carefully about our skill as readers. In maths we have continued to look at fractions and we have been looking at how to add and subtract them which will continue next week. We have started new topics in History (Vikings) and Geography (migration) which we will be covering this half term. For more information on what we are learning this half term, please look at our Learning Leaflet. **Next week**, we will be looking at poetry design.

Year 6

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes** we started lots of new topics. In science we are looking at living things and their habitats, we discovered how Carl Linnaeus created classification tables and started to create our own mind map of vertebrates and their main features. In maths we are converting units, for example, we are remembering how many millilitres are in a litre and then converting litres to millilitres and vice versa. In English we started a new book called 'Street Child' and the children have discovered that a boy named Jim Jarvis influenced the start of Barnardo's charity. We are also researching the Victorian era and will be writing a non-chronological report on the facts we find.

Dates for the Diary/Dienerascio dates

SATs Meeting	Year 6	Monday 29th January	Parents and Carers of children in Year 6 are invited to a meeting at 6.00pm in the school hall for a workshop about the end of year statutory Assessment Tests [SATs].
Sleep Workshop	All Schools	Tuesday 30th January	Everyone is invited to meet with Emma to talk through how to support your child if they have difficulties with sleep. Refreshments will be provided. In the infant school hall at 9.00am
NSPCC Number Day	All Schools	Friday 2nd February	A workshop for all children across the school day with a focus on maths
PATHS Disco	All Schools	Thursday 15th February	More details to follow– but can you help out?
Half Term	All Schools	Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February	Have a relaxing break, school will reopen on Monday 26th February
World Book Day	All Schools	Thursday 7th March	More details to follow
Comic Relief/Sports Aid	All Schools	Friday 15th March	More details to follow
Parents' Evening	All Schools	Monday 25th & Wednesday 27th March	These will be in person in the school halls
End of Spring Term	All Schools	Thursday 28th March	School will be closed on Friday 29th March and reopen on Tuesday 16th April





Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Katie Smith

Will be delivering the

Sleep workshop

at Hartford Infant & Junior Primary School

On Tuesday 30th January 2023

The session will begin at 9.30am and last approximately 1 hour.

To book on to this face-to-face workshop, please speak to your school office.
If you are unable to attend and online would be easier, please follow the link below for our Teams link to book.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4tCXXqv3PC>

Education Inclusion Family Advisor's offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing.

For more information speak to your school office or contact me directly on:

✉ katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Katie Smith

1:1 Drop in appointments

Individual Appointments for Hartford Infant & Junior Primary School

Appointments available on the following date, from 12.30pm till 3pm.

These appointments are pre-bookable availability only with limited space.


Tuesday 30th January 2023

To make an appointment, please email katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
I will contact you to confirm a time.

If sessions are full, I can arrange an appointment via telephone on an alternative day.

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