

Dear Parents and Carers/ Cari Genitori e Tutori

Hello/Ciao

This is the last newsletter for the year. Thank you to everyone who has read all thirty six of them and the recent comments on what you have enjoyed has been gratefully received, it is good to know that it is read. This week has been busy, I'm sure as you read through the newsletter you will find out how busy all the children have been. It has been a challenge for some but our Characteristics of Learning [AKA 'Hartford Heroes'] have helped the children participate and be successful across the activities. A HUGE thank you to everyone involved in making the week a success with so many visitors and volunteers. I was especially proud of the **Year 5 Sports Leaders** who popped over to help the Infant children in their Sports Day.

Have a restful weekend and enjoy the Summer Holidays when they arrive. We will finish ahead of some of the other schools in the local area on **Wednesday 19th July**. You may remember that some other schools had a longer Christmas break which upset some children but hopefully they will enjoy these extra days.

Please remember that whilst school will be closed for the summer some staff will make regular check-ins via emails and may contact you to offer any support. I am contactable via rlee@hartfordinfantschool.com and welcome any communication. Do be safe and know that we look forward to seeing you in September for another exciting year.

Best wishes/I miei migliori auguri

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Please don't forget the following for next week:

- **Collect PE kits, Forest School suits and wellies**
- **Return all library and reading books to school**

Healthy Week / Settimana della salute

Wow ! What a fabulous **Healthy Week** we have had at **Hartford Infant and Preschool** this week. We kicked off Monday with lots of activities involving **healthy eating** , fruit and vegetable tasting and how sleep and exercise benefits our bodies and keeps us healthy. Every child in the school has had the opportunity to take part in the following activities , our annual **sports day**, a **trip to the Olympic Gym** with **Mr Scott**, a **visit to the park**, **dance** with **Miss Charlotte** , **yoga** with **Mrs Verity** and **multi skills sessions** with **Miss Hazel**. It has been a pleasure to see the children respond so well to these visiting experts. We have also found the time to raise some money with **Pro Kick Football Challenge** and had a **visit from a Paralympic athlete!** **Forest School** has continued this week and we have been running some workshops **about keeping our teeth clean** and **staying safe near water** and out in the sun. Many of the children were delighted to take home a new toothbrush and a mini toothpaste. A fun week has been had by all and we hope that each and every one of the children have had the opportunity to explore a new activity or try something new.

Children across the **Junior School** have thoroughly enjoyed activities as part of 'Healthy Week'. We started on Monday by completing **field events and sprint heats in PE lessons**. On Tuesday, the children (and some adults!) absolutely loved taking part in the **Pro-Kick Challenge**. Wednesday saw the return of our **'Sports Day'** in a new style afternoon format. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending and supporting their children. Thursday was an opportunity for the children to learn more about **healthy eating, mental health** and taking part in **Yoga**. The week will culminate with a visit from a **'Sporting Mentor'**. We are incredibly excited to welcome **Alistair Patrick-Heselton** to the school on Friday. Alistair is an ex-Paralympian footballer, who has represented Great Britain! What an exciting week full of learning opportunities.

A HUGE thank you to **Mrs Claire Booth** and **Mr Christopher Squires** for organising such a jam-packed event for our children. We appreciate your feedback on the Sports Day Events and as reflective practitioners will make adjustments accordingly. Thankyou for your continued support and appreciation of the organisation that goes into these events.

Dates for the Diary/ Fechas para el Diario

Double Denim Day	Infant School	Monday 17th July	To celebrate the retirement of Mrs Jayne Hill our Mid Days Supervisor /Teaching Assistant
Preschool Party	Preschool	Wednesday 19th July	Children can come in party clothes for a end of term party
Leavers Assembly	Infant School	Tuesday 18th July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly from 9.15am 2 seats per Y2 child
Y6 Leavers Party	Junior School	Tuesday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers Party – from 5.30pm to 7.30pm—PLEASE ensure you drop off and collect your child from the hall– see the yellow letter sent out earlier this week for further information
Leavers Assembly	Junior School	Wednesday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly from 9.15am 2 seats per Y6 child
End of Term	All schools	Wednesday 19th July	End of the Summer Term from 3.15pm
Autumn Term	All schools	Monday 4th September	Children in Year 1 through to Year 6 start at 8.45am

Good bye/ Arrivederci

This term we say goodbye to **Miss Diana Waterer** in the **Junior School** and wish her well in her next steps as a primary school teacher in a local school. I'm sure we will stay in contact. **Mr Harry Stent** and **Miss Kirsty Mulberry** are leaving us this year, they have worked tirelessly across both schools and they have led Preschool PE sessions this term but will return to full time at St Peters School. Our Year 6 children will hopefully see them next term. We thank them for their boundless energy and supporting our PE knowledge. We also wish **Mrs Vic Hollinson** who has worked across the Junior School but mainly in Year 4 luck with the birth of her second child. She has worked until to the end of the school year and managed those stairs several times a day—well done to her and we look forward to sharing the news about the arrival of her baby.

We also say a fond farewell to two longstanding members of staff in the **Infant School**. **Mrs Claire Peacock** who has worked with us for 15 years and **Mrs Jayne Hill** who started back in 2014. Both these ladies will have supported your child in their first years at school and we will miss them immensely. On Monday the infant children are welcome to wear double denim alongside the staff as Mrs Hill loves to wear jeans, which is not normally a part of our dress code at school.

Year 6 Production/Produzione Anno 6

It was such a pleasure to watch the children from **Holly** and **Willow Class** perform their 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' production on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon. What superstars they are! Great comic timing, superb singing and all round good entertainment. We will miss this year group for their sensible behaviours, their humour and their diligence in class. **Mrs Jo Smith** and **Mrs Emily Swann** talk positively about them in meetings and are very proud of them all. **We wish everyone of them the very best in their next steps and hope they return and visit us for work experience or to let us know of their successes.** We will also miss many of you as parents if you do not have younger siblings with us, we hope that the journey with your child at both Hartford Schools has been positive, we have welcomed your feedback and developing a relationship with you all.

Preschool

This week, **preschool children** have enjoyed 'healthy week'. They were amazing runners at Sports Day! We enjoyed a dance and yoga class, helping us to learn different ways we can move our bodies and how to take care of them by drinking water and noticing how our bodies were working harder! We explored the importance of brushing our teeth, 'because of bacteria!'. We practised our hand washing too alongside reading the story of 'Wash your hands' by Tony Ross. Thinking about why it is important and why we need to keep our bodies healthy. **Next week**, Mrs Childerley, Mrs Kadar and Mrs Shopylak look forward to enjoying a '**party day**' with all of the children on our last day to celebrate our year together! Children can wear party clothes if they wish and we will enjoy a party snack together as well as some songs and games.

Reception

This week in **Class 1 and 2**, children have had the opportunity to try lots of new and exciting activities! We have learnt a dance routine to a song from The Lion King, taken part in the Pro Kick football challenge, enjoyed some yoga and visited The Olympic Gym and the local park. The children have been learning about dental hygiene and keeping our bodies and minds healthy. We have thought about sun safety and shared lots of healthy living homework posts via Tapestry – thank you! **Next week**, in our Religious Education sessions we will be learning about how Christians and Muslims welcome and celebrate the birth of a new baby.

Year 1

What a busy and amazing week in **Class 3 and Class 4!** We'd probably struggle to choose our favourite healthy activity this week – there have been so many! Our visit to Huntingdon Olympic gym saw the children leaping into the foam pit, the dance teacher taught us a choreographed dance to Moana and we showed off our football skills at Pro Kick. We cheered for our classmates in the running races at Sports Day and had lots of fun joining in all the activities then finished the week with a calming Yoga session – perfect! **Next week**, remember to take home your wellies and bring in a bag to put all your books and classroom items in.

Year 2

This week, in **Class 5 and 6**, the children enjoyed their healthy week. We have been impressed with their knowledge of how to keep a healthy mind and body. They have been busy practising songs for the **Leavers Assembly on Tuesday morning at 9:15am**. We look forward to seeing you all there. **Next week**, we will learn about special books in Religious Education and talk about transition to Year 3.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, we finished our work on shape. The children can use terms such as 'quadrilateral' (shape with four sides and four corners) and 'polygon' (shape with many angles/corners and straight sides). As part of healthy week, we learnt what can support a healthy mind as well as a healthy body. The children enjoyed exploring music for different moods and singing and dancing to their favourite songs. **Next week**, we will finish our castle project in DT, please check your child that has the 'parts' they need for Monday.

Year 4

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes** we have really enjoyed healthy week. We have thought about the food pyramid, created our own healthy plates and enjoyed completing our 'pro kick' challenge. In maths we have been exploring angles using a range of practical resources, thinking about right, obtuse and acute angles. In geography we continued our work on deserts, thinking about how they are formed. **Next week**, we will finish 'Krindlekrax'. We are looking forward to continuing our amazing teamwork in DT to complete our cars. Once completed we will be having a race with them!

Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash Class** have revisited some concepts we found tricky this year such as- recognising prime and composite numbers, rounding decimal numbers and the division of four digit numbers. In our early morning fluency sessions, we enjoyed solving a series of maths questions in an investigation linked to healthy eating. In English, we have been using DADWAVERS to help us plan and write a narrative. This technique has helped us to focus on the key components of descriptive writing, resulting in some wonderful and very gripping stories. In RE, we were learning about the importance of fasting for Muslims during Ramadan and in geography we enjoyed finding about the flora and fauna you could expect to find in deserts around the world (including Antarctica)! In PSHED we discussed peer pressure and how to be assertive when faced with it. In addition to this, we thoroughly enjoyed the Healthy Week activities such as the pro-kick challenge, sports day and designing our own healthy meals.

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, the Year 6 children have made us all very proud, busy rehearsing and performing brilliantly for all the children and then the parents. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the costumes and staging. **Next week**, we have the leavers party and assembly (we will be busy rehearsing) and we have a secondary school 'Q&A' session with Mrs Peart from St Peters School. Year 6 you are amazing!

