

*Hello/Ciao*

Dear Parents and Carers

Hooray today was a little warmer, could this be the first signs of Spring? It has been lovely to see the children outside, when it has not been raining, so they can run around and get some exercise. Hopefully after half term the children might be able to go on the field in the warmer and drier months to come.

Please note that after half term the **Junior School Lunchtime** will begin at the earlier time of **12.15pm** and **finish at 1.15pm**.

It was lovely to see so many children at the **discos** last night, a **HUGE** thank you to the PATHS team for all that they do to make these events run smoothly. I appreciate that it's a challenge sometimes to pay via Parent Pay before the event. However, as a fundraising organisation purchasing the right amount of product means there is less waste and we can allocate the exact amount of adults and resources to ensure we fulfil our Health and Safety ratios. **Thank you everyone for your support and understanding.** Please note our office staff are not members of PATHS they kindly help the team out and follow the rules regarding tickets.

If you would like to be a part of the **PATHS** Team [Parents and Teachers of the Hartford Schools], our next meeting is on **Thursday 29th February** at **3.30pm**.in the **Junior School** Staff Room, we will be planning our Easter Activities. If you cannot make this meeting but would like to share your ideas, please email in to the school offices: [office@hartfordinfantschool.org](mailto:office@hartfordinfantschool.org) and or [office@hartfordjuniorschool.org](mailto:office@hartfordjuniorschool.org) so that we can share them with the Chairs [Mr Gavin Macartney and Mrs Freya Davis].

This week we didn't stick to our usual timetables, we supported **Internet Safety Day** with Lillie from **Open View Education** who came to our school to deliver informative and interactive assemblies or workshops to all year groups which contained essential guidance for all our pupils about staying safe online. Please be aware that the pupils have been reminded about age restrictions on certain games and websites. If you know that your child is playing a game with varying ratings (such as Roblox) please support them to check the appropriate settings.

We also had used the last few days to explore RE across the school day. We have tried to make these days as interactive as possible whilst still sharing the knowledge expected from the Cambridgeshire Syllabuses. The children have engaged with a range of activities including eating apples dipped in honey and making stained glass windows. Ask them what they enjoyed the best – we always like feedback!

After the half term the children in the **Infant School** will be engaging with a **Sparky Start Day** about the **UK**. I believe there are some treasure boxes to be found in the classrooms and all children will move around the school to explore the treasures that lie within. How exciting!

We will be sending out our **Learning Leaflets** in the first week to share with you the learning that will be shared with the children over the short half term [only 4 weeks and 4 days this year!]

Have a wonderful half term break, although there will be no staff on site please know that you can [contact me](#) as I regularly check in with emails. We are here to help in any way we can.

Best wishes / Auguri  
Rae Lee [Headteacher]

**Please help us to keep the following out of the schools:  
nuts, chocolate spread, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks and chewing gum.**

*Thanks*

### *Preschool*

This week, **preschool** children enjoyed making and tasting pancakes! We thought about how this relates to the world around us, we recalled the process and ingredients 'flour, eggs, milk' and we used our mark making skills to create 'recipes'. We thought about the different people in our lives and linked this to Valentine's Day making pictures and cards. **After the half term break**, we will be introducing the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' as our core story.

### *Reception*

This week **Class 1 and 2**, enjoyed our 'Safer Internet Day' activities to help us keep safe online. In our RE sessions we thought about the idea of 'belonging'. We found out about the importance of being part of a different groups including our school. Please use Bug Club to support reading over the break from school. We would love to see some posts of you out and about enjoying fresh air and exercise in the break! **After half term**, we are looking forward to our Treasures of the UK 'Sparky Start' Day, a new Literacy book 'Supertato' and partitioning numbers 6-9 into '5 and a bit'.

### *Year 1*

This week **Class 3 and Class 4** evaluated their fruit kebabs. They said which fruit they liked the most and what they would change next time. In maths we have been solving addition stories using a number line. We created a class pictogram in science of the colour of our eyes. During Safer Internet Day we learnt how technology has changed over time and we designed a new piece of technology that we would like to see in the future. Ask your child how they keep themselves safe online. Don't forget to log onto Bug club and Numbots over half term.

### *Year 2*

This week, **Class 5 and 6**, used feedback from their teachers to improve their English writing. They edited handwriting, added missed out words in sentences and applied their phonics. In maths we solved addition problems. We played a game about pets in science, so we could learn about how to ask relevant questions. We celebrated the successful completion of homework with an assembly. Thank you, parents, for your continued encouragement and support with homework. Perhaps you should all get certificates too! **Next term**, in English we begin a new text, 'Traction Man is Here' by Mini Grey. In maths we will solve addition problems, where we cross the tens boundary by adding two 2-digit numbers. We will be geographers, through enquiry lessons, and learn about the countries of the United Kingdom, including capital cities and surrounding seas.

### *Year 3*

This week **Beech** and **Chestnut** Classes, looked for the devices Ted Hughes used in 'The Iron Man' to inspire their writing, e.g. using expanded noun phrases and similes. In maths we looked for efficient methods when finding the small differences in our subtraction work, e.g. to solve 62-58, count back from 62 to 60 and then how many more to subtract, we applied this to larger subtractions. In computing, we finished our programming unit on Scratch and can change sprites, backgrounds, sounds and actions in our designs. On Safer Internet Day we discussed how to make good choices on the internet. In RE we explored Jewish family life, learning about Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah,. The children ate apples dipped in honey and made 'Shofars'.

### *Year 4*

This week **Holly** and **Willow** Classes have applied their learning to writing a diary entry for Charlie or Mr Wonka. The children produced some wonderful diary entries and have spent time publishing them too! To celebrate their success, they will be used to create a beautiful display. In maths, we put our multiplication and division by 10 and 100 skills to the test and have applied this understanding to solving word problems. In art, we created wonderful flower paintings in the style of Georgia O'Keefe and have really enjoyed comparing different religions in RE.

### *Year 5*

This week **Oak** and **Ash** Classes looked at how those who follow Islamic and Christian beliefs celebrate their faith through art and music. We have been creating our own art and music inspired by this. For Safer Internet Day we have looked at what to do if we are worried about anything we see on the internet. **After half term**, we will be **swimming on Wednesdays**. This is our only PE day until Easter.

### *Year 6*

What an amazing week **Pine** and **Sycamore** Classes had! We had a great workshop on internet safety, dusting off our acting skills and performing our scene to the class. Keeping this theme, we sang a song and made some actions to it – lots of smiling faces and dodgy dance moves! We have continued reading our class novel and found out more about what happened to Jim – ask your children about 'Grimy Nick'. To end the week we have been learning about Buddhism and created our own Mandala.

*Dates for the Diary / Date per il diario*

Half Term	All Schools	Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February	Have a relaxing break, school will reopen on <b>Monday 26th February</b>
Sparky Start Day	<a href="#">Infant School</a>	Monday 26th February	Children in the <a href="#">Infant School</a> will take part in our Sparky Start Day celebrating the UK and finding out about all the different countries in a fun and interactive ways including dancing and possibly eating different foods. How exciting!
PATHS Meeting	All schools	Thursday 26th February	All parents and friends of Hartford School are invited at 3.30pm to discuss the Easter Fundraising Festivities in the Junior School
VIP Writing Assembly	<a href="#">Selected KS2 children</a>	Thursday 26th February	Look out for an invite as your child may have been selected to receive this award and you would be cordially invited to attend. These celebrations happen on half termly basis. Exciting!
Next Page Book Fair	All Schools	Wednesday 6th March	To support our <b>World Book Day</b> festivities we will have a <a href="#">Next Page Books</a> stall in each school hall, for you to browse and purchase books.
World Book Day	All Schools	Thursday 7th March	We will be dressing up in PJs and bringing our favourite books, look out for more information about events in both schools
Comic Relief/ Sports Aid	All Schools	Friday 15th March	Our School Councils are collecting the thoughts of the children across the schools on how to raise money
GenR8 Assembly	<a href="#">Junior School</a>	Tuesday 26th March	The KS2 children welcome back <a href="#">GenR8</a> into school to celebrate Easter
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 <b>Friday 29th March</b> and reopen on <b>Tuesday 16th April</b>
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Our <b>After School Club</b> will not be open on this day due to staff training.



