

Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior Newsletter 27 21.4.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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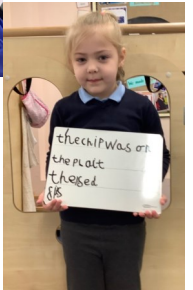
Welcome back to the Summer Term albeit a bit of a cold and rainy start! We have managed to get out on the field though for a few breaks. The Junior children are delighted with this change.

A busy four days for the Infant children engaging with a Australian Sparky Start Day across the day. On Monday the children took part in Australian cooking, music, art and PE sessions. Thank you to the children who took part in the Australia Homework Challenge over the Easter Holiday. Elsewhere in the Junior School, the Year 4 children have had a lot of excitement; they started their swimming sessions on Tuesday before packing up for their 3 day trip to Burwell House. As I write this newsletter they have been drinking hot chocolate and watching a film together after a very active day in the gardens. The Year 3 children participated in an Art Day with the Artscapers Team and had an inspiring day.

Best wishes/Všechno nejlepší

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

For the rest of April we are learning some simple phrase and words in **Czech**. If you have any resources to support this language we would be really grateful.



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Dates for the Diary/Termini pro Diar

Skipping Days	Infant School	Monday 24th April	Both schools welcome Dan the Skipping Man to 2 days of skipping fun. They provide tailored skipping days and high-quality ropes for schools of all shapes and sizes. See the link for more information. https://dantheskippingman.com/
	Junior School	Tuesday 25th April	
Niche Book Sale	Junior School	Tuesday 25th April	We are very excited to welcome 'Niche Books' into the school on at 3.15pm, to run a 'pop-up book shop'. This exciting opportunity allows us to promote reading in general but more specifically encouraging our children to enjoy 'reading for pleasure'. We would love to see as many of you as possible supporting this event. Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading.
Strike Day	All Schools	Thursday 27th April	Please check emails to know which classes will be affected by the latest strikes.
May Day	All schools	Monday 1 st May	All schools closed for this Bank Holiday
Strike Day	All Schools	Tuesday 2nd May	Please check emails to know which classes will be affected by the latest strikes.
King's Coronation Celebrations	All schools	Friday 5th May	The children will participate in a range of celebrations
King's Coronation	All schools	Monday 8th May	King's Coronation Bank Holiday—all schools are closed
KS2 SATS week	Junior School	Wk beg Tuesday 9th May	Year 6 Statutory Assessment Week
KS1 SATS week	Infant School	Wk beg Tuesday 9th May	Year 2 Statutory Assessment Week
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
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
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

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Preschool

This week, **preschool children** have enjoyed being outside, lots of exploring of natural material at the mud kitchen, using mud, leaves and flowers to make tea and soup! We have also began to explore our new book, 'The Gruffalo'. We have already heard the children joining in with repeated refrains, playing a small turn taking game with Gruffalo domino cards and building homes for the Gruffalo with the foam bricks. **Next week**, we will continue to explore the story and have some sensory play based around Gruffalo crumble as well as exploring the upcoming King's Coronation.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, the children have been inspired by our art day. The children worked collaboratively. In English we have clarified some terms related to reading skills (clarify, summarise, visualise etc) and have discussed the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts. In maths we have been comparing fractions and learning the important rule that 'the larger the denominator (number of parts that make the whole), the smaller the part'. Next week, we will hope to go outside so please ensure that children bring a coat, even if it looks sunny (to keep chill off).

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, enjoyed making flags, decorating and testing boomerangs, playing cricket, making tasty lamington cakes as well as learning about Australian musical instruments and creating Aboriginal dot paintings of animals found in Australia. The children thought about what they would like to find out about Australia and we have started to think about some of the similarities and differences between England and Australia. Our new book is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and the children have loved using our story shelves and props to retell this story this week. **Next week**, we will be learning about what it is like to live in Australia and looking at the animals that live there. In maths we will be practising counting on from a given number and practising strategies for counting larger amounts that cannot be moved.

Year 4

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, most of the children are at Burwell! The lucky children who have stayed behind have been creating animals with clay, planning, designing and building their own theme park and doing more Art! **Next week**, Year 4 will start their fractions unit in maths, their new English book, 'Krindlekrax', and the new humanities topics; Earthquakes in geography, the message of Jesus in RE and Arabia and Islam in history. They will also have their second swimming session, which by the looks of them after their first session they'll love!

Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we had lots of fun learning about Australia. We still managed to do lots of learning especially in maths where we compared and measured weight (using non-standard units) before moving onto thinking about capacity. In English we listened to the story, 'The Day the Crayons Came Home' by Oliver Jeffers. We are looking forward to studying the book more over the next few weeks. Next week, we will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s in maths and in English we will begin to use question marks to punctuate sentences.

Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, the children have started reading the new novel 'Who Let the Gods Out?'. Before beginning, the children observed the front cover, asked questions about what we could see and predicted what we think might happen in the book. They also learnt some vocabulary from the first chapter. This helped them support their understanding of the text and helped reinforce their understanding of the definition of these words. For grammar this week, the children have also consolidated their understanding of 'commas' by exploring the use of them in lists, for fronted adverbials, subordinate clauses and parenthesis. In maths, we have been looking at decimals, dividing them by 10 and 100 in particular. The children worked hard on this and have completed some brilliant work. Finally, we enjoyed looking at solutions in science, conducting an experiment where we tried to dissolve different solids in water.

Year 2

This week in **Class 5 and 6**, we enjoyed playing Pirate Bunnies World Adventures in our geography lesson. In English we started to read 'The Story Machine' by Tom Mclaughlin and wrote carefully about the setting. In maths we learnt how to subtract by bridging through ten. **Next week**, we are learning to sequence and retell 'The Story Machine'. In Maths we will practice some past SAT questions and in geography we will identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and North and South poles. **Don't forget to bring in any shoe boxes you have in preparation for your child to use in our DT lessons in a couple of weeks.**

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, we started 'The Hobbit' by JRR Tolkien as our new novel this term, we started to learn about the author this week and found out he was friends with CS Lewis! We made simple circuits in science learning how a break in the circuit stops the electrical current flowing, drawing the circuits we made by using the correct symbols and then investigating what happened when we added more components. Additionally we started our new topics of Tourism in geography, looking at the coastal town of Llandudno, and Christianity in 3 Empires for history.