

Hello/ਸਤਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ

Dear Parents and Carers

Hurrah some sunshine at last, we have been able to continue using the field this week. Please remind your child to bring in **sunhats** or **caps**, slap on plenty of **long wearing suncream** [do not send in suncream bottles and note staff are unable to top up suncream for the children] and ensure your child has **fresh cold water** in their bottles

It was wonderful to see so many parents come to **New To Year 1 Parent Meeting** and classroom visit in the **Infant School** on Thursday. Thank you for coming; the children were very excited. Look out for the **Summer Challenge Booklet** coming home soon, remember all children who complete the activities over the Summer Holiday not only support their learning but also will be entered in to a prize draw in September!

We have been starting to get to know our new families who have children starting in **Reception** in **Class 1** and **Class 2** next year. We welcome **Miss Kayleigh Reid** back into the **Reception Team**, she has extensive experience of working with children in the early years. **Miss Heather Adams** will be joining the **Year 1 Team** and will be able to further support the current Reception children in their new Year 1 classes with her experience of KS1 and the children. We say a fond farewell to our much loved KS1 teacher **Mrs Liz du Toit** who will be taking a break from teaching.

We say goodbye to **Mrs Emily Swann** from the **Junior School** who will be working at Thongsley Fields from the Autumn Term following her maternity leave for this year. We are currently recruiting for a new Year 5 teacher to join our team. **Mrs Claire Gerard** our Deputy Headteacher is on a further secondment with the Cambridgeshire Maths Hub but she will keep in touch with the school; especially with any maths learning. We congratulate **Mr Christopher Squires** on securing the Deputy Headship position in **Hartford Junior School** for 2024-2025. Another couple of changes to share; include the lovely **Mrs Sarah Everett** who will be working in **Year 4**; **Mrs Anna Haupt** who will teach in **Year 6** and lead the Upper Key Stage 2 classes and **Miss Gill Vierstraete** who will lead Lower Key Stage 2 classes from September. We have a few Support Staff leaving us at the end of this term too and I will let you know more in the next newsletter.

**Miss Gill Vierstraete** wants to remind all children who attend the **Junior School Cricket Club** that there will be no practice session next week due to the event that some children have been selected to play in and represent Hartford—we wish them all the best. Alongside **Miss Leah Culpin** they both send their heartfelt thanks for your support this season. If you have a **sports team kit**, please return it to **Willow Class** or the office at your earliest convenience.

Just a reminder that the next few weeks will whizz by with a lot of activities prepared for **transition to new classes**. Annual reports will be shared in July and we are anticipating the results from Phonics Screening Checks, Multiplication Tables Checks and Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests too. All very exciting!

**Have a wonderful weekend.**

Best wishes /ਸੁੱਭ ਕਾਮਨਾਵਾਂ

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

### Summer Fete

Wanted: **Tombola Jars** [it's a very popular stall], **bottles** for our Tombola Bottle Stall, **cakes** for the popular Cake Stall, **helpers** to set up stall from 1.00pm, **families** to come at 2.00pm with a **ticket/child...**

**THANK YOU**

### Preschool

This week **preschool** have enjoyed extending their learning of our core story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' using the story sacks to recall the order of the story and enjoying mark making linked to the story and they even decided to make their own caterpillars! We also linked our game of house sounds with our small world play on homes and small group board games where we had to build a house. **Next week**, we will continue our reception transition by looking at the Hartford Heroes as well as rhyming words.

### Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2** enjoyed a visit to the Year 1 classrooms and gardens and were so excited on their return! We learnt to use a Bee-Bot, giving simple commands by pressing buttons in a sequence. In maths we compared quantities using mathematical vocabulary such as 'more', 'greater', 'less', 'fewer' and 'equal'. Literacy linked to our focus story, 'The Three Little Pigs' and we said captions and sentences out loud, counting the number of words and then using our knowledge of phonics and common exception words to support us to write. **Next week**, we will learn about the British sculptor Antony Gormley and will be exploring clay, experimenting with rolling coils. **Reminder: We love checking Bug Club to see who has been reading at home so we can award 'numbers in boxes' to our top users!**

### Year 1

This week **Class 3 and 4** have used their knowledge of addition and subtraction facts within 10 to add and subtract within 20. In science we looked at a variety of objects, the material that they were made from, and we described the properties of different materials. We found out that materials can have more than one property. In art we learnt about Antony Gormley who is a British sculptor. We looked at his sculptures and described the similarities and differences between them. **Next week**, in English we will be joining sentences with the conjunction 'and'. In art we will be using clay to practice the techniques of rolling coils and pinching and designing a clay tile sculpture.

### Year 2

This week **Class 5 and 6** wrote an alternative story to 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain', we remembered to include interesting time words, adjectives, and conjunctions. In maths we investigated arrays. How to multiply using an array - BBC Bitesize. We used torches to see the effect adding light had when taking a digital photo. **Next week**, in English we will look at poems, learning to recite one by heart and generate new vocabulary, so we can write our own. We will also focus on multiplication and division.

### Year 3

This week **Beech and Chestnut** Classes started a new writing unit based on a video called, 'The Windmill Farmer'. The children wrote an informal letter, from the farmer's perspective. We completed the maths NFER tests which included an arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers. We are proud of all the children for their efforts and it's been lovely to see their progress. In PE, we started practising for the Sports Day events. Week. In DT, we planned castle designs focusing on the castle features learnt previously. **Next week**, we will make castles, please bring in junk modelling resources such as tubes, cereal boxes and any cardboard you might have.

### Year 4

This week **Holly and Willow** Classes have been securing their understanding of analogue and digital time. In English we have identified and experimented with DADWAVERS in our descriptive writing and are investigating the features of an adventure story. We loved investigating the pollution in our area in our science lesson and are beginning to think about ways we can reduce this. **Next week**, we will be writing adventure stories, in maths we will be exploring symmetry, and we can't wait to start sewing our wallets and purses in DT.

### Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash** Classes have been working on non-chronological reports about ancient Greek gods - they're starting to look really fabulous now! In maths we have added and subtracted decimals and looked at decimal sequences, whilst our focus in science this week was milestones in baby and child development. In geography we learnt about the supply and demand of soy beans in South America and in French we learnt how to answer the question 'Quel temps-fait il?'. **Next week**, we will pretend to forecast the weather in French and continue to make and stuff our soft toys in DT.

### Year 6

This week **Pine and Sycamore** Classes have been rehearsing for our show. In English, the children have been writing a sequence of dialogue that advances the action from a video called, 'Broken: Rock, Paper, Scissors' – why don't you get them to show it to you on YouTube this weekend, it's a tear jerker! In Maths, we have been costing up and designing our own theme parks, and next week will go on to designing a brochure to advertise them. All children should now have brought home their baked goods and packaging boxes from the previous project – we hope they shared a bite with you! We have loved welcoming back Mr Tom McLennan this week, a science teacher at St Peters, once more to talk transition with the children. He also answered all their many varied science related questions!

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### *Dates for the Diary/Mga Petsa para sa Diary*

New to Year 3 Parents Meeting	Y2 parents	Tuesday 25th June	Current <b>Year 2</b> Parents are invited to pop into the Junior School at 6.00pm to find out more about KS2 life.
Come & Play [A]	For new to Preschool	Thursday 27th June	All <b>new to preschool children</b> starting Preschool in September 2024 are invited to Come and Play on our front playground to meet their new teachers and make friends.
Stay & Play [3]	Preschool children	Friday 28th June	For Reception <b>New Starters</b> 2024 on our front playground
Summer Fete	All schools	Friday 28th June	Summer Fete <b>from 2.00pm</b> on the school field and playgrounds [weather permitting] Buy tickets on Parent Pay [£3/child]
Change Over Day	All schools	Wednesday 3rd July	All year groups 'jump up' to their new classes and we welcome new 2024 Reception Starters for a taster in Classes 1 and 2.
Come & Play [B]	For new to Preschool	Thursday 4th July	All <b>new to preschool children</b> starting Preschool in September 2024 are invited to Come and Play on our front playground to meet their new teachers and make friends.
Stay & Play [4]	Preschool children	Friday 5th July	For Reception <b>New Starters</b> 2024 on our front playground.
Gulliver's Trip	Year 6	Friday 5th July	<b>Year 6</b> Annual trip to Gulliver's in Milton Keynes
Y6 Performance	Year 6	Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July	Two <b>Year 6</b> performances [9th] at 6.00pm and an afternoon [10th] at 1.45pm to come and see [2 tickets per family only]
Come & Play [C]	For new to Preschool	Thursday 11th June	All <b>new to preschool children</b> starting Preschool in September 2024 are invited to Come and Play on our front playground to meet their new teachers and make friends.
Y2 Leavers Assembly	Year 2	Thursday 11th July	Our <b>Annual Leavers Assembly</b> , parents and carers of <b>Year 2</b> children are invited to this assembly from 9.00am
Stay & Play [5]	Preschool children	Friday 12th July	For Reception <b>New Starters</b> 2024 on our front playground
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Year 6	Friday 12th July	Our annual <b>Leavers Assembly</b> , parents and carers of <b>Year 6</b> children are invited to this assembly from 9.30am
Healthy Week	All Schools	Wk beg 15th July	A week of activities to support our minds and body including <b>Sports Day</b> on <b>Wednesday 17th am for Infant and pm for Junior</b>
Last day of Term	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Last day of Term
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Our <b>After School Club</b> will <b>not</b> be open on this day due to staff training.

### Sports Day

We have organised our **Sports Day** for **Wednesday 17th July** for both schools. We hope the weather will be on our side, however we will have no capacity to reschedule if we must cancel, due to prearranged visits and trips for all year groups to the **Olympic Gym**. Also, please be aware that **all** children participate in athletics type activities in the lead up to Sports Day. They will **all** be involved in running races and encouraged to participate in the heats for the actual Sports Day. Therefore we will **not** see **every** child race on Sports Day, however they will be involved in many athletics and multi skills activities for you to see. **Thank you for your understanding.**

**Junior School** Parents do not take your child after the last event, all children **must return into school** to collect their belongings and then be dismissed by their class teacher for safety. Please support us. Thank you.

Please remind your child that they **cannot play football** on the field at the start or the end of the school day we have no supervision for them. If your child is playing on the **trim trail, tyres, gazebo, small hut, outside classroom, or the fitness equipment** this must be done with **your supervision**. The children have been reminded. Please support us to keep everyone safe and happy.

