

Dear Parents and Carers/ Stimați Părinți și Ingrijitori

Hello/Buna Ziua

The weeks are flying by and we are nearing the end of a successful year in both Hartford Schools. This week many of the children participated in end of year assessments to support their teacher judgements. We also had a Local Authority Moderation visit for our Year 6 writing judgements today. Staff are busy writing reports and these will be sent out to you in July.

We had our **New Reception Parents Meeting** on Monday and it was lovely to meet new families and to catch up with parents who have had siblings with us previously. Our **New to Year 1 Parent Workshop** on Tuesday had a good turnout too. On **Thursday 6th July** we will hold our **New to Year 3 Parent Meeting** at **6.00pm** in the Junior School hall. I hope that you find all these events useful to support your child's next steps.

Next week, on Friday 30th June, we will have our **Summer Fete**. I hope that the weather is on our side and that we have enough volunteers to run the various stalls. Today, you should have received a **cake plate** that we hope that you can fill with delicious treats for the cake stall for the children. We have had quite a few **Tombola Jam Jars** but not nearly enough for all children to receive one. **Please can you help out in any way?** We have another exciting prize for the raffle, kindly donated to us by a parent; an **Hotel Chocolate Podster Coffee System**. So now we have an abundance of prizes for the raffle with **bottles of wine, £50 Cineworld Family voucher** and a **£20 Garden Voucher**. **Please purchase your child's ticket on Parent Pay for £5**. Thank you for all your support.

Best wishes/Cele Mai Bune Gânduri

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

During **Healthy Week** we have **ProKick** as one of our events. Last year the children enjoyed raising money for this charitable event. Please look out for sponsorship forms coming home soon after the children have met the ProKick footballers in assembly.



New Classes for 2023-2024 / Cursuri noi pentru 2023-2024

I know that some of you are anxious about the **new classroom arrangements** for next year. **Ms Shurlock** will continue to manage the **Preschool**. I can confirm that **Mrs Jo Eagle** with **Mrs Heather Wiltshire** and **Miss Heather Adams** will be teaching in **Reception**. In **Year 1**, **Mrs Liz du Toit** will continue working with **Mrs Hayley Shaw** and **Mrs Sara Turner** will be teaching the adjacent class. **Mrs Claire Booth** will work across both YR and Y1. **Mrs Michelle Smith** and **Mrs Natalie Beecher** will continue their double act in **Year 2**. **Mrs Cheryl Esaw** and **Mrs Sarah Everett** will be in **Year 3**. We welcome **Mrs Gillian Vierstraete** to our team to work in **Year 4** with **Mrs Emily Swann**. Whilst **Mrs Anna Haupt** will be continue teaching French across the school and in a **Year 5 class** with some teaching on a Monday and Friday by **Miss Charlotte Deaves**. **Miss Emily Gatford** will teach in the neighbouring **Year 5** class. Finally in **Year 6**, **Mrs Jo Smith** will teach our oldest children with **Mrs Ellie Shaw**.

In the background **Mrs Claire Gerrard** and **Mr Christopher Squires** will support in the Junior School whilst **Mrs Rachael Hyem** supports in the **Infant School** in their roles as Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher. **Miss Deaves** will still continue her **SENDCo role** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and **Mrs Vicky McGregor** will still be the Infant **SENDCo** on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the mixing of classes for next year and understands the benefits of creating new opportunities for children to learn and play with a wider variety of peers, enabling greater social interaction between children as they move through the school. Mixing the children also ensures that each of the classes remains balanced in response to pupil development. Please trust that we dedicate time and compassion when creating the new classes. As you are aware the children have had the opportunity to select 3 people they would learn well with next year. We will use our best endeavours to accommodate these requests. We will not be changing the classes once they have been created this year but hope that you will allow the children to settle in their classrooms and develop their resilience when faced with change.

Dates for the Diary/ Fechas para el Diario

Yar 3/4 Mixed Cricket competition	Junior School	Tuesday 28th June 12.45pm-3.15pm	A team of Year 3 an Year 4 children are participating in a cricket competition with other primary school at Ramsey Cricket Club.
Summer Fete	All Schools	Friday 30th June	Fete from 2.30pm We desperately need the following: Tombola jars, soft toys, raffle prizes, cakes and most importantly VOLUNTEERS to run the stalls. Please can you come and help for a few hours after school staff will be able to take over after 3.30pm
Strike Days	All schools	Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th June	We will be able to share further information on which classes will have restricted access next week.
Change Over Day	All schools	Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July	All YR and Y1 children 'jump up' to their new year group on Wednesday and spend the morning in their new classroom. Whilst Y2 children through to Year 6 will do the same on Thursday due to strikes.
New to Year 3 Parents Session	Junior School	Thursday 6th July	A chance for current Y2 Parents to pop into the Junior School to meet the new staff, find out about school life and see the classrooms 6.00pm –7.00pm.
Healthy Week	All Schools	Wk beg 10th July	A festival of activities to support our children's minds and bodies, including Sports Day [all parents invited, with the Infant school from 9.30am and Preschool from 11.00am during the morning session and Junior School children from 1.30pm] on Wednesday 12th July
Year 6 Play	Junior School	Thursday 13th July at 6.00pm or Friday 14th July at 2.00pm	Tickets will be available soon for 2 members only of each child's family to attend on one production
Leavers Assembly	Infant School	Tuesday 18th July	Y2 Leavers Assembly from 9.15am 2 seats per child
Leavers Assembly	Junior School	Wednesday 19th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly from 9.15am 2 seats per 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



Preschool

This week, **preschool children** were lucky to have a visit from Huntingdonshire's refuse collection team, following our children's interest in dustbin lorries! The children asked lots of questions 'does the lorry go at night?' and 'do you get my bin?' Hearing about a competition to design an image to go onto a refuse lorry led to some wonderful mark making, we also had some 'rubbish' items that we sorted into the correct bins! Alongside this we have been thinking about rhyming words, 'words that sound the same'. **Next week**, we are expecting a visit from a Police Officer to talk all about his role, if any parents have an occupation or skill you think the children in Preschool would like to hear about we would love to welcome you!

Reception

This week in **Class 1 and 2**, the children enjoyed a visit to the Year 1 environment. We have been using an iPad to make an audio recording and have enjoyed using a program called 2Go to create a pathway. In maths we ordered numbers on a number track, developed our reasoning skills for and played linear track games. Literacy has been 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 explore clay, by experimenting with rolling coils. **Reminder:** We love checking Bug Club to see who has been reading lots at home so we can award numbers in boxes to our top users!

Year 1

This week in **Class 3 and 4**, we have been planning our own version of Jack and the Beanstalk in English and partitioning numbers to 100 in tens and ones in maths. In computing we have been programming a Beebot, learning about sequencing instructions and debugging when there is a problem. **Next week**, in English, we will be writing our new Jack and the Beanstalk stories and in maths we will be ordering and comparing numbers.

Year 2

This week, in **Class 5 and 6**, we learnt how to retell 'The Runaway Chapatti' using actions and Makaton. In maths we had fun at the disco with mini dance mats when we were learning about position and direction. The children loved returning to music lessons in Enquiry. They explored the duration of long and short notes. **Next week**, in English we will plan our own ideas for a story like 'The Runaway Chapatti'. Maybe we will have the runaway bread roll or ice cream? In maths we will learn how to tell analogue time including minutes past and to. In computing we will learn about computer programs and making predictions about what will happen to a Beebot when programmed to travel up or down an incline.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, we have been working together to solve problems in maths. In English, we watched an animation film and developed individual stories. In computing, we progressed with our animation skills using a combination of photos (frames) to create a moving picture and we are beginning to edit our work. In DT we have started a new topic 'structures' and will be focussing on castles. We will be needing lots of tubes and boxes in the coming weeks but will update you next week after the children begin their designs. In science, we have been observing our plants and have started to see which conditions are best for life and growth.

Year 4

This week **Pine and Sycamore Classes** enjoyed finishing off our persuasive letters, written as Ruskin in 'Krindlekrax', to Mr Lace to persuade him to let us be the hero in the school play. We used persuasive language and good arguments for why he should change his mind. In science, we learnt how plants absorb and transport water and nutrients via the roots. In computing, we practised our coding skills to create algorithms to make a character continue an action for a set number of repeats. **Next week**, we will be learning more about the Arabian armies and the success of Islam across the nations as well as how the message of Jesus spread to the gentiles.

Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash Class**, worked hard on their assessments. We found time to practice our finding of equivalent fractions in order to add and subtract mixed numbers with different denominators. In RE, we started looking at our new unit on Islam. In history, we heard the final part of the story of the prophet Muhammed's war with the tribe he was born into. This linked well to our English lessons, where we focussed on direct and reported speech. We analysed a text full of mistakes and added in all the correct speech punctuation. **Next week**, we will write our own passage of dialogue. In PSHE we discussed personal boundaries and how to set firm and clear touch boundaries for our own bodies. Finally in science, we looked at the developmental milestones of babies and children – we discussed the children's personal health records (or red books!) and challenged the children to go home and look at their own!

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, we have encouraged the children to use their maths knowledge from across the year to solve a variety of problems; some with more than 1 step. Meanwhile, in English the children have developed their skills at creating dialogue, remembering that each person's speech needs to start on a new line. **Next week**, the children are looking forward to practising their play, 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean'. It has been a pleasure hearing them singing in unison in our classrooms as they learn the words off by heart.

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