

Hello/Buna Ziua

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a very short term. There have been some changes to staffing across both schools and the children have displayed a lot of resilience. We have welcomed **Mrs Kayleigh Reid** into Class 4 and **Mrs Claire Booth** has taught in both Reception and Year 4. We have new Support Staff [**Mr Ben Wilcox, Mrs Laura Cronk, Miss Tayla Popham, Mrs Loredana Hulea and Miss Leah Culpin**] in both schools to help children with their learning. How exciting!

It has been lovely to see the children blossom in their year groups this term. Over the past 2 weeks, we have had individual year group **Data Days** where we have talked through each child's reading, writing and maths progress across the Spring Term and tracked progress and attainment. There have been some super learning stories, demonstrating how the partnership between home and school has helped to bring out the best in children. Daily reading, regular work through Seesaw and Tapestry, homework challenges and the use of Numbots and Accelerated Reader have made a positive impact. Although we don't set holiday homework over Easter, we would encourage daily reading, keeping a diary and practising key facts including the multiplications to 12 x 12. **Thank you for your continued support.**

However, **Mrs Sarah Everett** our **Junior School Art Lead** has organised an art competition for over the Easter break for the **Junior School** children. They have been set a challenge to create an outdoor landscape picture using whichever media they choose. The deadline to return artwork to school is **Tuesday 16th April**. The artwork will be judged on Wednesday 17th April. There will be winners in each class awarded a small prize. This is an optional task. How exciting!

Please can I remind everyone that the **disabled parking bay by the front gate** should only be used for those families that hold a blue disabled badge. We have some families that use this space regularly at drop off and pick up times throughout the school day. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to all our unsung heroes who work behind the scenes at Hartford, **Mrs Lisa Leach** who takes care of our schools, she often gets up at 4.00am to sort out the spiders setting off the alarms. Our cleaners, **Mrs Nicola Clancy, Mr Eliot Stenning White, Mrs Lisa Marie Coleman, Miss Emily McPherson and Mrs Natalie Wright** who clean across the schools. Our school wouldn't function without them.

Sadly we say goodbye to another member of Support Staff although not employed by us she is a favourite in the hall at lunch time with the children. **Mrs Hannah Lillie** who has always ensures lunch times are smooth. She knows all the children's names and always makes those reasonable adjustments for a better dining experience. We wish her well in her next adventure.

We also say farewell to **Mrs Charlotte McIntyre** who has taught in Year 4 Holly Class this term. We wish her well in St John's Primary School.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday, I hope that the weather supports us to use our gardens and visit outdoor activities. I look forward to catching up with you in the local parks. If you are in need of anything do email me: rlee@hartfordinfantschool.org. I will regularly check my account and will hopefully be able to signpost you to someone who can help.

Best wishes / Cele mai bune urări
Rae Lee [Headteacher]



A huge thank you to the landlords of **The Lord Protector Pub** who donated the Easter eggs for the children this year across **ALL** schools. We are delighted with their generosity.

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Dates for the Diary / Date per il diario

Summer Term	All Schools	Tuesday 16th April	School will reopen.
Sparky Start Day	Infant School	Thursday 25th April	To start our Antarctica enquiry work we have Antarctica Dome experience in the school hall
Burwell Trip	Year 4	Wednesday 24th April - Friday 26th April	The Year 4 children will be engaging with a wealth of exciting activities on this residential trip
May Day	All Schools	Monday 6th May	All schools closed for May Day
Mosque Trip	Year 2	Friday 24th May	Year 2 children will be visiting a mosque in Cambridge as part of their RE work.
SAT Week	Year 6	Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May	Our Year 6 children will be invited to Breakfast Club in the Junior School and supported to persevere through the statutory Year 6 end of KS2 Tests
Half Term	All Schools	Monday 27th May - Monday 3rd June	A week and 1 day for half term
Library Trips	Infant School	Wk beg Tuesday 4th June	Infant children walk into Town to visit Huntingdon Library for their Sparky Start on geography
Empathy Day	Junior School	Thursday 6th June	A chance to celebrate and support children's ability to empathise with all.
Phonics Screening	Year 1 & Year 2	Wk beg: Monday 10th June	Year 1 and some Year 2 children will participate in the DfE Phonic Screening Check
Stay & Play [1]	Preschool children	Friday 14th June	All preschool children starting Reception in September 2024 are invited to Stay and Play on our front playground to meet their new teachers and make friends.
New Reception Parents Meeting	Preschool parents	Monday 17th June	An opportunity to find out which Class your child will be in from September and more information to support them in their transition to school. This is an adult only event.
New to Year 1 Parents Meeting	Reception Parents	Thursday 20th June	Parents are invited to pop into the Year 1 classes with their Reception child
Stay & Play [2]	Preschool children	Friday 21st June	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground
Stay & Play [3]	Preschool children	Friday 28th June	All For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground.
Summer Fete	All schools	Friday 28th June	Summer Fete from 2.00pm on the school field and playgrounds [weather permitting]
Stay & Play [4]	Preschool children	Friday 5th July	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground.
Stay & Play [5]	Preschool children	Friday 12th July	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground
Last day of Term	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Last day of Term
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Our After School Club will not be open on this day due to staff training.

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