

Hello/ Habari

Dear Parents and Carers,

...and just like that the Spring term is over!

We have thoroughly enjoyed having two uninterrupted terms of teaching the children and had a lot of fun. We started of the term with our **evacuee day** with an Anderson Shelter in the hall and everyone dressing up in 1940's clothing, we have learnt about **Pablo Picasso's portraits**, found out about the **United Kingdom** and the different **sports** linked to the 4 countries and met 9 little **chicks**.

We would really appreciate it if you could give us some feedback on how we are doing. Please engage with our **survey**, so that we can continue to improve: <https://forms.office.com/r/MNQdB6373Z>. We appreciate that **Year R** [Class 1 and 2] have not had their **Parent Consultations** yet so some of the questions on our survey won't be relevant. The meetings are rescheduled for after the Easter holidays on **Tuesday 19th** and **Thursday 21st April**. Thank you for your continued support.

Next term, we start our '**Great Explorers**' whole school theme with a **Carnival** linked to **Brazil** on **Wednesday 20th April**. Please send the children in **bright coloured clothing** [hopefully we will be in a warmer spell], we have a range of exciting activities for the children to engage with to start our new learning.

Have a wonderful Easter break, I do hope the weather is warmer and that no one suffers with covid. This term has been a challenge with staff and children's absences, thank you for all your support and lovely messages, it really does help.

Although we are closed I am contactable via email over the Easter period, so please let me know if you need any help: ree@hartfordinfantschool.org

Best wishes, Mrs Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Swahili / Kiswahili



This month we will be learning to speak in **Swahili**. We have several families that speak this language at home. Any resources are welcome for our display.

Pre School/Shule ya Awali

Preschool have been learning the words 'stop' and 'go' and had a special visit from the Crossing Patrol Officer Mrs Coffin. They had an Easter egg hunt this morning, listening well to verbal instructions and decoding some positional language to follow clues. They were all very proud to find their chick!

Easter Bonnets/
Boneti za Pasaka!

Thank you for making the **Easter Bonnets** for our parade, we started off the day with an assembly where we showed off our creations and sang some Easter songs. We hope you enjoyed the parade this afternoon.

Year R/Mwaka R

This week the children in **Class 1** and **2** have enjoyed performing our **Easter Concert!** We have been writing captions in **Literacy** to tell part of our 'Supertato' story, remembering to say what we would like to write aloud before using our phonic knowledge to segment words to spell and write. In **maths** we have been exploring different ways to make 5 and 10 by adding two numbers (sometimes known as 'number bonds') and have been using Numicon and a part whole model to support us with this challenge.

After half term we will be kicking off our new enquiry learning with a special 'Carnival Day' and will be getting to know our new literacy focus book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. **There is no forest school or PE in the first few days of the new term.**

Year 1/Mwaka 1

Class 3 and Class 4 have aimed high with their **writing**, using everything they have learnt to write a character description of 'Gerald the giraffe'. In **maths** we were problem solving snakes, solving length and height problems. In our **geography** we have reflected on all we have learnt about the UK, look out for the videos on Tapestry! After the Easter break we will be discussing the book, 'The Day The Crayons Came Home' and Brazil will be our focus for **geography**. What a great Spring Term we have all had and we look forward to welcoming the children back for their last term in Year One, after the break. **There is no forest school or PE in the first few days of the new term.**

Year 2 / Mwaka 2

This week **Class 5 and 6** have enjoyed writing a character description about the pea in **English**. They have been working hard with subtracting two 2-digit numbers from one another in **maths**. They completed a **geography** quiz all about the United Kingdom and its four countries. What fun we had in **computing** by making the bee-bots follow an algorithm and debugging it when it didn't go in the right direction. **After half term**, we are looking forward to starting a new enquiry topic 'Great Explorers' and finding out what makes Brazil different to the United Kingdom. **There is no forest school or PE in the first few days of the new term**. Don't forget to wear bright clothes on your first day back so you can join in with our Carnival Day!

Easter Competitions / Concerto di Pasqua Mashindano ya Pasaka

Congratulations to Skyler, Seth Mc, Amina, Harry R, Freya and Jason who won the **Easter Colouring Competition**. The **Easter Tombola** was a huge success and we raised £277. The **Easter Raffle** was won by Phoebe's family [I might pop round for a cuppa with their new **Hotel Chocolat Velvetiser**]. A **HUGE** thank you to Lorenzo and Sofia's family for donating the Velvetiser, we raised £120. All profits are ploughed back into school for Sparky Start Days and other resources.

Dates for Diary / Tarehe za Diary

Wednesday 20th April	Summer Term begins with our Sparky Start Carnival Day [bright colours to be worn on the Wednesday]
Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st April	Spring Term Parent Consultations for Year R parents [Class 1 and 2]
Friday 6th May	Stay & Play for New 2022 Reception children [9:15am on the front playground]
Friday 27th May	Jubilee Celebrations in school
Monday 31st May-Friday 3rd June	Half Term

School Uniform / Sare ya Shule

After the Easter Holiday, we will expect **all** the children to wear their **Hartford Infant and Preschool uniform EVERYDAY** [except the **Carnival Day on Wednesday 20th April**]. Children need to bring in their **named** PE kits [white t-shirt and blue or black leggings/shorts and suitable footwear] on PE days. On Forest School days, they must wear their uniform albeit with long sleeves and have their legs covered with tights or trousers [it is shady in Forest School with brambles and insects]. If Forest School is wet the children will wear the **school's waterproof suits** and their wellies over their school uniform. If you need any support with school uniform, please let us know. Our **School Uniform Policy** is on the school website. Please can all clothing be clearly named and checked regularly for fading. Thank you.

