

Hello / Labas

Dear Parents and Carers

What an energetic week we have had, thank you to everyone who helped to capture the run away puppy who enjoyed a jaunt around on site on Thursday.

Despite the weather the children in the **Infant School** have been to Forest School. Mrs Jo Eagle and Mrs Lisa Leech checked the site following the storms for any debris, we had to ask the County Council to cut back one fallen tree from Elsie's Way that was impacting on the **Year 1** garden. Elsewhere **Year 6** in the **Junior School** have been making Mrs Jo Smith run around in their hockey sessions and having an enjoyable time. To find out more about the types of PE the children are engaging with please refer to the **Learning Leaflets** that are on the **school websites** along with other resources to help your child at home:

[Year R \[Class 1 & 2\]](#)

[Year 1 \[Class 3 & 4\]](#)

[Year 2 \[Class 5 & 6\]](#)

[Lower Key Stage 1 \[Year 3 & 4\]](#)

[Upper Key Stage 2 \[Year 5 & Year 6\]](#)

Thank you to everyone who **parks safely on Mayfield Road** and doesn't use the Crecent or the green bridleways to park vehicles. Please continue to use the parking bays behind the shops and use the subway to cross Mayfield Road safely. It has been frightening to see parents dropping their children off on the corner of Mayfield Crescent on double yellow lines.

Next week, we are looking forward to seeing the parents of **Year 6 [Pine & Sycamore class]** children come to school on **Monday 29th January at 6.00pm** to find out more about the **Year 6** SATs. Older children are welcome to come along.

Our **Diversity Assemblies** in the **Junior School** have inspired more of the children to create their own posters about their identity and how unique they are. Staff have commented on how lovely it is to find out about the children's hobbies and other interesting facts. Each poster is mounted and displayed and the children have enjoyed reading them too. There is still plenty of space for more posters, please see the front lobby in the **Junior School** for card to use at home.

A huge thank you to the donations from families for our '**Bring if you can, Take if you Need**' cupboards. How lovely!

On **Friday 2nd February** the children across all schools will engage with in the the **NSPCC Number Day**. In the **Infant School** the children will have a whole day focussed on number. Mrs Michelle Smith has organised a variety of activities for everyone to engage with across Preschool to Year 2. Whereas in the **Junior School**, Mrs Claire Gerrard has organised a national maths challenge. Every junior child will take part, competing with other schools across the country to see which class can score the most points on TTRockstars or Numbots. If you would like to make a donation to support the good work that the NSPCC do please drop it into the school office and we will collate and send off. Thank you in advance.

Year 4 parents of children in **Holly** and **Willow Class** are invited into school to Mrs Gerrard's **Multiplication Tables Check Information Meeting** from **9.00am - 10.10am on Thursday 8th February**. We will be holding a maths workshop about what the check will involve and how you can support your child to prepare for it, as well as the opportunity to join your child in the classroom for Going for Gold lesson. Please look out for a letter with more information which will arrive in your inbox soon.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday, wrap up warm though it sounds like it will be a chilly week again.

Best wishes / Geriausi linkėjimai

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Preschool

This week, **preschool** children enjoyed making porridge just like in our story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We used our gross motor movements to mix and thought about how it changed when we added milk, we tasted our porridge with banana. We used small bears to recap size vocabulary and counted and represented the number on our fingers. In PE we moved like buzzy bees and did so well listening carefully to instructions to 'stop', 'go', 'change direction' or 'go to the hive'. Everyone tried hard to put their own shoes on afterwards. **Next week** we will join in 'Number day' on Friday by exploring our number story sacks and singing lots of number rhymes. If you wish you can make a donation to the NSPCC in support.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, have been busy singing and using a range of untuned percussion instruments. We have been learning about pitch and using the words 'high' and 'low' to describe the sounds we hear. We have also been thinking about how we can play our instruments 'loudly' or 'softly'. In maths we have been singing 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and thinking about the composition of 5. In Literacy we have been using our phonic knowledge to write labels and captions for a map of the story 'The Enormous Turnip'. Please look out for the 'phonics arm' reading game that is our homework challenge this week! **Next week**, we are looking forward to tasting a range of vegetables and choosing our favourites to add to our homemade turnip soup!

Year 1

This week **Class 3 and Class 4** have been learning dynamics and pitch in music by playing a variety of untuned instruments. We practiced a chant from 'Funnybones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and performed it all in class. In English we pretended to be Sunny the Meerkat visiting our school and practised saying our sentences out loud before writing them in a postcard. In science we explored our sight and hearing senses. **Next week**, in maths we will be comparing length and height.

Year 2

This week, **Class 5 and 6**, wrote a letter to Mrs Lee with excuses about why we were late for school! In maths we measured and ordered objects in cms and discussed how we measure larger items in metres. What fun we had in dance with our scattering, pouring, digging and stamping mirroring movements! **Next week**, we will collect information on the NHS from books, talk about what we found out and write sentences using the conjunctions, 'when', 'and', 'because', 'but' and 'if'. In maths we are recalling facts within 20. In DT we are making a healthy snack and designing and making packaging for our healthy snack to fit into.

Year 3

This week **Beech and Chestnut Classes**, created story openings with adjectives, verbs, adverbs, similes and onomatopoeias. In maths, we solved addition word problems. In history, we used sources and evidence to learn how the people of the Indus Valley lived. In PE, the children have been continuing developing their fitness skills including balance, stamina and endurance. Please remember that homework will be on Seesaw and that there will be a spelling test going forward every Monday.

Year 4

This week **Holly and Willow Classes** worked diligently to secure their understanding of the 12 times tables and square numbers in maths this week. We have played lots of different math games to develop our fluency of these facts and will use this next week to support our understanding of divisibility. In English we have developed our understanding of apostrophes and how to use them to show possession and contractions. Next week, we will be exploring speech marks and how to use them accurately to show dialogue in our writing. In geography we have been learning about coastal landforms so now we can describe a bay, beach, cliff and headland. **Next week**, in science we are going to conduct an investigation to find out more about sound waves.

Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash Classes** have worked on multiplying unit and non-unit fractions by integers and we have moved on to finding fractions of amounts which we will continue next week. In English we have studied and written Tanka poems. **Next week**, in history we will be learning more about King Alfred's battle with the Vikings for power in Wessex. Will he be able to fight them off?

Year 6

This week **Pine and Sycamore Classes** have developed their confidence to round, add, subtract and multiply decimals by integers. In English, we learnt how to condense sentences into short note form. They wrote a diary entry from the perspective of Jim from our class novel, 'Street Child'. They demonstrated a clear understanding of the key features of a first-person recount and produced some excellent work. In geography, we discussed migration – looking at a real-life story of a girl who emigrated from Turkey to Britain. In PE we practised hockey skills and jumping off the gymnastics equipment. Finally, we worked with Mrs Peart from St Peters in our PSHE lesson to discuss the challenge of transitioning to secondary school. She will be with us on a weekly basis moving forward as part of our continual preparation for September.

Dates for the Diary/Dienerascio dates

The CAM Trust Recruitment Roadshow	All Schools	Thursday 18th January - Tuesday 13th February	The Cam Academy Trust will promote current staff vacancies in our schools. This roadshow will take place at five venues over the course of a month. Click here for more information.
SATs Meeting	Year 6	Monday 29th January	Parents and Carers of children in Year 6 are invited to a meeting at 6.00pm in the school hall for a workshop about the end of year statutory Assessment Tests [SATs].
Sleep Workshop	All Schools	Tuesday 30th January	Everyone is invited to meet with Emma to talk through how to support your child if they have difficulties with sleep. Refreshments will be provided. In the infant school hall at 9.00am
DT Outcome Parent Event	Infant School	Wk Beg 29th January	Year 2: Thursday 1st February at 2.30pm [come see the children's healthy flapjacks and help make their box] Year R: Thursday 8th February at 2.30pm [to share story books] Year 1: Friday 9th February at 2.00pm [come help make the children's fruit kebabs]
NSPCC Number Day	Infant School	Friday 2nd February	A workshop for all children across the school day with a focus on maths. If you would like to contribute to the event as part of our fundraising please drop cash into the school offices.
Multiplication Tables Check meeting	Year 4	Thursday 8th February	For Year 4 Parents a chance to work with your child in class on their Going for Gold work to support their understanding of times tables for the multiplication check in June.
Safer Internet Day	All Schools	Wednesday 14th February	Across all schools we welcome OpenView Education (Training Through Theatre) to support the children in making good choices when using the internet.
PATHS Disco	All Schools	Thursday 15th February	Please pay £3.00 on Parent Pay by Sunday 11th February 2024 for a ticket
Half Term	All Schools	Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February	Have a relaxing break, school will reopen on Monday 26th February
World Book Day	All Schools	Thursday 7th March	More details to follow
Comic Relief/ Sports Aid	All Schools	Friday 15th March	More details to follow
Parents' Evening	All Schools	Monday 25th & Wednesday 27th March	These will be in person in the school halls
End of Spring Term	All Schools	Thursday 28th March	School will be closed on Friday 29th March and reopen on Tuesday 16th April

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Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Katie Smith

Will be delivering the
Sleep workshop

at Hartford Infant & Junior Primary School

On Tuesday 30th January 2023

The session will begin at 9.30am and last approximately 1 hour.

To book on to this face-to-face workshop, please speak to your school office.
If you are unable to attend and online would be easier, please follow the link below for
our Teams link to book.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4tCXXqv3PC>

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family life in a relaxed environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing.

For more information speak to your school office or contact me directly on:

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