

Hello / Hola

Dear Parents and Carers

Sometimes time flies when you are having fun! This half term has certainly passed quickly. What a lovely six weeks it has been, starting with all children enjoying a **Coronation Tea Party** and receiving a home made badge to commemorate King Charles III. Mrs Orledge and the Treehouse Club children also created a **superb display** which was displayed at All Saint Saints Church, Hartford. The Junior children had a visit from a local community group called **GenR8** for an assembly. Earlier in the term, some of our children enjoyed the **Panathlon Event** organised by our PE Lead Mr Squires. All children in the Junior School have had the opportunity to participate in the **Artscapers Art Exhibition** which many of you popped in to see in the school hall. Mr Squires has organised another **VIP Writing Assembly** which you may be aware of if your child has been chosen to celebrate their fantastic efforts in writing. Our Year 5 children were invited to participate in a **mathematics competition** for the first time. Some of our children have also been invited to some **Master Classes at Kimbolton School**. This week we have had **Parent Work Share Events** in the Infant School, thank you to everyone who came to these events, the children love to have you in school. We also invited the lovely **Mrs Coffin**, the road patrol crossing lady who keeps us safe on the roads in to our preschool. Meanwhile Mr Squires led a **tennis tournament** in St Ives for children in Year 3 and 4, well done children for your excellent sporting ethos. Year 1 and Year R children have visited our **local churches** as part of their RE sessions. What super connections we are making in our community!

And of course the **Year 2** and **Year 6** children worked hard and despite the challenges displayed excellent **characteristics of learning** [AKA Hartford Heroes] in their SATs. We are proud of them all.

So everyone deserves a restful half term. If you need any help please don't hesitate to contact me on ree@hartfordinfantschool.org. I check emails regularly. Don't forget we are not in school until **Tuesday 6th June**.

Best wishes/Mis mejores deseos

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

P.s See overleaf for more information on events that are happening in June and July.

After half term, **Preschool children** will have visitors from the **Refuse Collection Team** coming to see the them! **Year 6** children will commence their top up **Swimming Sessions** on the first Tuesday back. All children in the **Infant School** will visit Huntingdon Library as part of their **Sparky Start** on Captain Cook. How exciting!

Year 2 Safety Message / Mensaje de Seguridad del Año 2

Today, children in **Year 2** will bring home their DT models, some of the drums [wooden cotton reels] are small, so please keep out of reach of small children.

Governance / Gobernancia

Today all schools hosted their first **Governor Learning Walk** this year. How exciting to show new members of our **Partnership Governing Body** the excellent behaviour and work that the children have produced so far this year. Please see last week's newsletter for details of how to contact our governance team.

Dates for the Diary / Fechas para el Diario

Half Term	All schools	Monday 29th May	Schools will be closed for the week
INSET Day	All schools	Monday 5th June	All school will be closed for the 5th INSET Day
Library Visits	Infant School	Wk beg 5th June	Class 1 [Mrs Eagle]: Thursday 8th June 9.45-10.30 Class 2 [Miss Adams]: Thursday 8th June 10.45-11.30 Class 3 [Mrs Shaw]: Tuesday 6th June 9.30-10.30 Class 4 [Mrs Booth]: Tuesday 6th June 10.45-11.45 Class 5 [Mrs Smith]: Tuesday 6th June 1.30-2.30 Class 6 [Mrs Beecher]: Wednesday 7th June 1.30-2.30
Cam Photographer	All schools	Friday 9th June	Every few years our school brochures are updated with pictures of the children. If you have changed your mind about your child featuring in one of these articles please click here . Otherwise we will oblige by your original permission for photographs on The Cam Trust Literature/website
Stay and Play	Infant School	Friday 9th June	Every Friday after half term, a 60 minute session on the front playground for children starting in Reception in September 2023
Phonics Screening	Infant School	Wk beg 12th June	All children in Year 1 and those Year 2 children that did not meet the threshold in 2022 will work with their class teacher demonstrating their knowledge of phonics. Please click here for further information.
Multiplication Tables Checks	Junior School	Wk beg 12th June	All children in Year 4 will demonstrate their sound recall of multiplication tables. Please click here for further information.
New Reception Parents Meeting	Infant School	Monday 19th June	A chance to meet the staff and visit the classrooms and find out more about life in Reception
New to Year 1 Parents Session	Infant School	Tuesday 20th June	A chance for YR children to visit the Year 1 classrooms with their parents and explore the resources before parents pop into the hall for refreshments and a session on how to support children in their next year of education in Key Stage 1
Summer Fete	All Schools	Friday 30th June	Fete from 2.00pm more details to follow
Healthy Week	All Schools	Wk beg 10th July	A festival of activities to support our children's minds and bodies, including Sports Day
Y6 Play	Junior School		Tickets will be available soon for 2 members only of each child's family to attend on one production [Thursday 13th at 6.00pm or Friday 14th at 2.00pm]
Leavers Assembly	Infant School	Tuesday 18th July	Y2 Leavers Assembly
Leavers Assembly	Junior School	Wednesday 19th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
End of Term	All schools	Wednesday 19th July	End of the Summer Term

Preschool

This week, **preschool children** had a visit from Mrs Coffin who told us all about road safety and how to look for the lollipop lady and cross the road safely. The children could tell us after her visit, 'stop the cars', 'look at the road to see if it's clear' 'look left and right' amazing recalling! We also enjoyed exploring shape through painting and created some wonderful pictures whilst learning some vocabulary – corner, pointed, curve, arc, straight and more! **After half term**, we are excited to welcome Miss Mulberry and Mr Stent from St Peter's School for 2 mornings a week when they will lead some physical activity sessions for us in the hall.

Reception

This week in **Class 1 and 2**, we have been using tuned and untuned percussion instruments to explore pitch and duration and have been looking back on our learning about Australia this half term. In maths we have been exploring the composition of numbers to 10 and 'chunking' numbers into '5 and a bit'. In literacy we wrote our own posters to try to find the missing bear that had left his footprints in our garden! **After half term**, we are looking forward to our library visits on Thursday 8th June. If you are able to support us by accompanying us on this trip, please check Tapestry for further information or email Mrs Eagle jeagle@hartfordinfantschool.org.

Year 1

This week, in **Class 3 and 4**, we have been editing and improving our writing from last week and beginning to tell the time. We have also been musicians in our enquiry lessons – learning what 'pitch' and 'duration' mean and playing tuned and untuned instruments (it IS as noisy as it sounds!) We also enjoyed our visit to All Saints Church in Hartford where we found out about what is inside a church and even listened to the bells ringing. **After half term**, we will be reading then retelling 'Jack and the Beanstalk', and in maths we will be learning to find halves and quarters.

Year 2

What a lovely week we have had in **Class 5 and 6**, in English we completed our non-chronological report about Australia. We remembered headings, questions, formal language and a contents page. In maths we discussed grams and kilograms, compared mass and solved weight problems. We made observations in Science by looking carefully at the Wormery and noticing what has changed. **After half term**, we will look at poems in English, answering questions about bar charts and pictograms in maths and observe seeds closely in Science.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, we looked at formal letters and what their key features are. In maths, we looked at comparing fractions with the same denominator, as well as comparing fractions with the same numerator. In science, we learned about roots and how they give plants water, minerals and stability. During our outdoor session, we enjoyed the sunshine and fabulous weather. We played some outdoor games and the children performed their summer songs to the tune of Baby Shark. **After half term**, we will be writing a complaint letter to the town council of Blusterville (where the windmill farmer lives, from our narrative writing piece).

Year 4

This week **Pine and Sycamore Classes** have been writing an explanation text on 'How to Train Your Dragon'. We have seen some fantastic work which we can't wait to share with you. In maths, we have been continuing with fractions. We are getting really secure at identifying unit fractions. We've also been working super hard on our times tables. In DT we have been designing the body of our car to put on the top of our chassis. We hope you all have a restful half term – and **please don't forget the times tables practise!!**

Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, the children have been learning about what cohesion is and how personal and relative pro-nouns can be used to avoid repetition. They have practised replacing nouns with suitable pro-nouns and had a go at writing their own paragraphs embedding relative clauses. They have also continued to read more of 'Who Let The Gods Out?' focusing on retrieval opportunities and inference to support character knowledge. They have focused primarily on one character and explored how the character's behaviour changes within one chapter. In Maths the children have continued to work on symmetry, reflection and translation. The children have enjoyed investigating these mathematical concepts.

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, we have started to edit some of our previous pieces of writing and adding in more complex punctuation. We have also started a new narrative on Whitby Abbey, by watching a video we have made notes on the detail and we will recreate the tense atmosphere in our description. In science some of our steady hand games are finished; we created the circuit so each time the wires connect a buzzer sounds – the aim was to get to the end without sounding the buzzer! Our maths lessons are using all the skills we have learnt to solve problems, we have used negative numbers and the four operations and then we will move onto fractions, decimals and percentages. In PE we have been learning the skills needed for tennis.



