

Dear Parents and Carers

Hello!



Another jam packed week with children in **Year 5** having a good time developing their confidence at riding bikes on the main roads in Hartford. How lovely that they can now bike to school independently. They were commended for their behaviour outside of school by the Bikeability Team.

In school all the teaching and support staff across the **Preschool** and **Infant** and **Junior Schools** began their **First Aid Training** on Monday evening, this will conclude in a few weeks time and all staff will be fully trained to continue to administer First Aid confidently. We had a focus on **asthma** because more children have been prescribed with inhalers lately. If your child has an asthma pump at home then they will need to bring in a spare for school in case of emergencies. We have a comprehensive **medical form** for parent/carers to complete for any medication so that we can ensure the right dosage is given to children.

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited a new **Infant Mid Day Supervisor** to our Team, **Mrs Laura Cronk** and will soon be welcoming a new Teaching Assistant into **Year R**. There are still **vacancies** across both schools, including the Preschool for apprenticeships and we welcome people to apply. Do know that we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. See below for information on **The Cam Trust Recruitment Fair**.

Overleaf on our **Diary Dates Page** we are excited to inform you of some **parent workshops** that are scheduled for *both* schools in October. We hope that you can save the date in your diaries so that you can pop into school, work with your child and find out more about how we teach and how you can work in partnership with us to 'bring out the best' in your child.

Please remember to come to our **PATHS AGM** on **Thursday 5th October** at **2.00pm** in the **Infant School Staff Room**. We really need people to come so that we can be quorate. We welcome you all and promise not to pressure you into **any** roles, it would just be lovely to hear peoples ideas and know that you support the schools in fundraising for the little extras that we purchase to make school more enjoyable for all. Refreshments will be provided.

As stated above, the schools take **safeguarding** seriously, we have policy to support our procedures in school that can be found on both **Schools websites**. If however you were worried about a child or a family, you are able to make a referral yourself to the **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership board**, obviously if you thought a child or an adult are in immediate danger, phone 999.

I am hoping that the weather stays warm as I do love the warmth and I'm not quite ready to change into my winter wardrobe yet!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

The Cam Academy Trust will be hosting a **Recruitment Roadshow** the week of Monday 9th until Thursday 12th October 2023 to promote current staff vacancies in our schools. This roadshow will take place at four venues over the course of the week. This event is being advertised on LinkedIn, X, Indeed, Eventbrite, Facebook and the **Trust website**. For more information on the benefits for working in The Cam Trust **click here**.

Preschool

This week, **preschool** children enjoyed their 'Dear Zoo' story and participated in a listening game, on animal sounds, naming them and linking back to the story. We also introduced a 'listening sounds' visual and we have been practising our listening ears whilst on the carpet. There was an interest in making footprints so we made some footprint paintings using animal figures from 'Dear Zoo', some wonderful artwork was made! **Next week**, we hope to make some toast and for our phonics activity, we will be using our 'stop', 'wait' and 'go 'signs' and learning a Harvest song! Please send us (via tapestry) a family photograph, the children are enjoying looking at our families!

Year 3

This week in **Beech** and **Chestnut Classes**, we wrote our own poems about Narnia, using similes and metaphors. The children wrote beautiful pieces for our display. In maths, we looked at adding two-digit numbers to make a hundred. The children have been really enjoying our PE lessons and we have been working on fundamental skills including balancing, jumping, teamwork, support, and perseverance. **Next week**, we will be looking at synonyms in English, using dictionaries and thesauruses to help. In PE, we will start our dance and movement unit. **A polite reminder that reading books need to go home and come back each day. Thank you.**

Reception

This week in **Class 1 and 2**, we enjoyed using toys and props from our story shelves to retell 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and played games to support us to learn our new phonemes i, p and n. In maths we have been using Numicon and five frames to support our understanding of number. In our computing learning, we enjoyed using an iPad to create a simple picture. We have explored our school grounds, comparing the plants, flowers and trees and beginning to think about what plants might need to grow. **Next week**, we will be planting some cress seeds and watching them grow!

Year 4

This week in **Holly** and **Willow Classes** we had great fun sharing our riddle poems with each other and have enjoyed reading the next chapter of 'Boy Overboard'. In maths, we have developed our understanding of column subtraction and are learning to exchange with greater accuracy when necessary. Circuits captured our inquisitiveness as we tested components to identify whether they were insulators or conductors and what happened when we add more than one component to a circuit.

Year 1

This week in **Class 3 and Class 4**, we have applied the phonemes we know to break up the sounds in a word and write captions describing an item of George's clothing from our story, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. In geography we created a simple picture map of our walk to Riverside Park and in maths we have been making our own number lines and putting the numbers in the correct order. **Next week**, the children will be exploring water colour painting and primary and secondary colours in art.

Year 5

This week **Oak** and **Ash Classes** have had a slightly different week due to **Bikeability** taking place. Some children had the opportunity to improve their cycling skills and have become more confident with other skills. Their efforts have been praised by the Bikeability instructors. In addition, all children have enjoyed writing a description of an imagined room inside the 'Nowhere Emporium', incorporating expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and direct speech. **Next week**, we will continue to look at place value in maths and look forward to learning more about animal habitats in science.

Year 2

This week, in **Class 5 and 6**, we have learnt how to use the conjunctions 'and', 'but' and 'or' to coordinate sentences. In maths we used coins to understand the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number. We loved using the compass in geography and remembering the mnemonic, 'Naughty Elephants Squirt Water' for North, East, South and West. We discovered a fun game to help us navigate <http://www.mathsisfun.com/games/direction-nsew.html>. **Next week**, in English we will sequence events from the story 'Journey' and in maths we will learn to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and apply this knowledge to solving problems. In science we will begin to plan a plant investigation by thinking about what happens to plants when we take away light, water or change the temperature.

Year 6

This week in **Pine** and **Sycamore Classes**, we have written character descriptions, focussing on adverbs to describe the actions of a character. **Next week**, we will write flashbacks on our protagonist's past! In maths, we have been using precise definitions for factors, multiples and prime numbers. We can recognise prime numbers up to 100 and find common factors and multiples. Continued practise of TTRS at home will help with this. In science, we conducted a shadow experiment, looking at how the size of a shadow changes the closer/further the object is from the light source. We enjoyed using our periscopes, to see over and around objects on the playground. The children showed their results using a scatter graph. **Next week**, we will investigate outdoors, as we explore how shadows caused by the sun change over the course of a day.

Dates for the Diary!



PATHS AGM	All Schools	Thursday 5th October	Everyone is invited to attend our AGM to support both schools with those 'little extras' raised by events such as discos and fetes. Do come along as we need to be quorate. It doesn't mean you will be 'roped' into any roles, although we are happy to have a self nomination for roles on the committee. We would love your ideas for future events. There will be refreshments at this event held in the Infant School Staffroom from 2.00pm. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
Phonics Workshop	Year R	Tuesday 10th October	A chance to come and see how we teach phonics in school, come for a 9.00am start in classrooms and then a mini workshop in the hall led by Mrs Eagle or Mrs Hyem on how to support your child at home. Prize Draw for those that attend both sessions
Phonics Workshop	Year 1 & 2	Wednesday 11th October	
Reading Workshop	Junior School	Thursday 12th October	Children in Key Stage 2 welcome their parents into their classrooms Year 3 [Beech and Chestnut and Year 5 [Oak and Ash] 9.00am Year 4 [Willow and Holly] and Year 6 [Pine and Sycamore] 9.30am Come and see how we teach reading and also find out how to support your child in a mini workshop with Mr Squires Prize Draw for those that attend both sessions
Harvest Festival	All Schools	Wk beg Monday 9th October	We invite all families to contribute to our Harvest Festival. All donations will be split between Godmanchester Foodbank and The Salvation Army
Individual Photographs	All Schools	Monday 9th October	All children will have a photograph and the opportunity for family photographs with siblings.
Disco	All Schools	Thursday 19th October	Our PATHS [Parents and teachers of the Hartford Schools] will organise a disco in the school hall. PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE A TICKETED EVENT.
Half Term	All Schools	Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October	All children have earned a break from school, we only ask that you keep up the reading with them.
Kingswood	Year 6	Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November	Our Year 6 [Pine and Sycamore Classes] will be off to Kingswood in Norfolk for the week. Please look out for more information about Parent Meetings and forms to complete.
End of Term	All schools	Thursday 21st December	End of the Autumn Term from 3.15pm.
Spring Term	All schools	Friday 5th January	All children in Year R through to Year 6 start at 8.45am

Pinpoint have released their **annual survey** a earlier this year to try to gather some **feedback** about what parent carers might like the Local Authority [LA] to know prior to the peer review in November 2023. Please [click here](#) to find out more or to access the form.



Hard work!



The children that feature in our newsletter have permissions for their photographs to be on Social Media - if your child is allowed, school can use their picture contact the school office to update permissions. There were some lovely photos from **Year 4** this week but school was unable to use many of them.