

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Hello/Bonjour*

I hope that you have enjoyed your week, we certainly have in school although some children are starting to tire. One more week to go until they can have a rest! We will all be Perseverance Parrots!

The children looked lovely for their photographs on Monday and despite a bit of coaxing with the preschool children to smile at the camera, we managed to get a picture of every child. We look forward to seeing the prints come through. There is no obligation to purchase but the school is awarded a small percentage of the profits and as we know 'every little helps' in these times.

On that note, a HUGE thank you to everyone for donating **Harvest Festival** items. We had 2 assemblies across the schools and have divided up the contributions between The Salvation Army and Godmanchester Food Bank. We will be continuing to collect items across both school for a 'donate if you can, take if you need scheme' this is quite new and is a way of supporting each other in times of need. So if you are out and about and pick up an extra packet of toilet rolls or some shampoo please pop to the office and donate the items. We will place them in our boxes around the school for anyone to take from when needed. What a lovely idea from Mrs Wright!

Congratulations to **Mrs Jenny Crab** who is the new the Junior School's new **Family and Inclusion Worker**, replacing Mrs Karen Brooks, who left us this term to work in another establishment (we wish here well). Mrs Crabb will be contactable after half term on [jcrabb@hartfordjuniorschool.org](mailto:jcrabb@hartfordjuniorschool.org) if you need any pastoral support with your child.

Meilleurs vœux, Rae Lee [Headteacher]

*Art Exhibition/Exposition d'art*

Don't forget to come to our **Art Exhibitions** next week from 2.30pm in the **Infant School Hall**, if you can make a contribution to the art materials we would be extremely grateful.

**Year R** Wednesday 19th October \* **Year 2** Thursday 20th October \* **Year 1** Friday 21st October

*Fundraising/Collecte de Fonds*

We are holding an **AGM** [Annual General Meeting] for our **PTA** aptly called **PATHS** [Parents and Teachers of the Hartford Schools]. The meeting is scheduled for **9.00am** in the **Infant School Staff Room** on **Tuesday 1st November** for **EVERYONE** to attend. We are looking for a chair, a secretary and a treasurer and anyone who can lend a hand at fundraising events. There will be refreshments at this gathering and a chance to share ideas on how to support all three schools [Preschool, Infant and Junior].

*DISCO/Discotheque*

Next week, we are opening the junior hall doors, cranking up the music and inviting the children to come along to dance! For **Preschool** [including those who don't attend our setting] and **infant** children, doors open at **4.00pm** and tickets cost £3.00 each for entrance and refreshments. We need a parent to stay with their children and if junior children come in at this time, they **must** sit and observe so that the little ones have the floor to themselves. Afterwards, we will invite all **KS2 children** to come in from **5.15pm**, once all the little ones have left to 'throw some shapes'. Again **tickets are £3.00** for entrance and refreshments, they don't need an adult to stay *but* will need collecting at 6.15pm by an known adult. Please pop into the office to pay in advance and get your child's name on the list.

*Sparky Start/Debut Petillant*

After half term on **Monday 31st October** the **Infant School children** will be engaging in our **Sparky Start Day** for our new enquiry work with a focus on 'toys from the past'. We would love each infant child to bring in a toy from home [not too precious, fragile or expensive in case of accidents though!]. We will be using our skills to observe toys from the loan boxes we have from a local museum and would love to see any grandparents who can pop in at **2.30pm** to share toys they played with from the past. How exciting!

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### *Preschool*

This week, Preschool children have been busy! Thank you to all of the parents who have sent pumpkins in, we have loved exploring them and learning new vocabulary such as 'stalk' and 'squash'. They have provided us with lots of mathematical opportunities, talking about size, shape and weight. This was coupled with the children being able to connect their learning with their experiences in the world, e.g. "I got it at Tesco!". We are looking forward to carving and scooping them next week, exploring what we see inside! We also celebrated a birthday with a 'fruit cake', which was made with watermelon and other fruits and the children absolutely loved tasting them. On Friday, we made sandwiches for snack and will continue this next week.

### *Year 1*

This week, we have been developing our art skills inspired by Van Gogh's paintings of 'Sunflowers' and listening to poems in reading lessons. In PE, we have also been rolling, kicking, and controlling balls with our feet. Next week, we will be learning to add by counting on and are excited for you to come into school so we can show off our artwork on Friday.

### *Year 3*

This week in Year 3 the children created their own stories using a story map. In Maths, we looked at number lines and plotting 3-digit numbers on them. In History, we looked at what ancient Egyptians believed about death and the afterlife. The children really enjoyed the lesson and can tell you all about embalming. The children got the opportunity to learn about Seesaw and interact with the app. They look forward to using it a lot in the upcoming year.

### *Year 5*

This week in maths we have been continuing to look at place value up to 1 million and will extend this to compare, order and round numbers next week. In English our focus has been character descriptions and we have been working towards writing a character description of Daniel or Mr Silver from our class novel, 'The Nowhere Emporium'. We had great fun in science learning about the life cycle of birds and took this as an opportunity to look closely at eggs and find the germinal disk, membrane and much more. In geography we learned about the Suez Canal in Africa and in history we looked at life in Roman civilizations.

### *Reception*

This week, we have enjoyed being artists and experimenting with colour mixing powder paints. The children have painted a self-portrait and have learned about the famous artist, Vincent Van Gogh. Next week, we will be using an art app on the iPads and finding out how we can stay safe online.

### *Year 2*

This week, we have aimed high in English by writing a story with a character, setting, problem, resolution and ending. In maths we learnt about the composition of odd and even numbers. Following our observations we completed the final part of our bean diary in Science. Next week, in Religious Education we will learn about family, Christian and Muslim traditions. We are looking forward to showcasing our Van Gogh art work and explaining how we mixed paints to create different tones.

### *Year 4*

This week, we have been looking at how to partition 4-digit numbers in different ways using our practical resources and a part-whole model. In science, we have used all of our knowledge about electricity to create a Scribblebot, which could then 'draw' some pictures. In English, we have been continuing reading 'Boy Overboard' and thinking about the literal and metaphorical meaning of the word 'overboard'. Next week, we will be learning more about the life of refugees and how it is different to our own, as well as creating our own prints using different materials.

### *Year 6*

This week, the children have completed their playgrounds in DT and have also demonstrated their knowledge of light in the double page spreads. We are looking forward to Kingswood next week and exciting activities for those still at school.

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