

Hello / Ciao

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has flown, it was super to see so many of you in the **Infant School** to share the outcomes from our Design Technology [DT] work across the school. How healthy our children are by making fruit kebabs, turnip soup and fruit flapjacks! Meanwhile, it was good to see those parents that could make Mrs Gerrard's **Year 4 Multiplication Workshops** in the **Junior School**. I hope that you found this workshop useful.

In **both schools** we have continued our focus on **Diversity**. This week in the **Junior School** we discussed **racism** and how it is not acceptable to use derogatory words or make reference to someone's skin in an unkind way. Please talk to your children about how important it is that even when they are upset with one another, how they must regulate and use the taught strategies of **taking deep breaths, walking away** or **asking for help from an adult** to ensure they don't resort to using unkind words and becoming physical. Unfortunately this week there has been a few undesirable behaviours seen in some children's play and this is not making any of us feel happy and safe. This [NSPCC page](#) is a useful place to support you when talking about racism. It has been lovely to see more **Diversity posters** on display in school, there is still time to add to this worthwhile project because the children have enjoyed finding out about how we are **all** unique but also how they have similar hobbies, interests and ambitions. **Thank you for your continued support.**

On **Wednesday 14th February Hartford Infant and Preschool** and **Hartford Junior School** will recognise **National Safer Internet Day**, with a variety of sessions using [Project Evolve](#) objectives to teach the children how to be safe when they are online. This will be supported by [Openview Education](#), who deliver training through theatre and are an associate member of the **Anti-bullying Alliance**. They will be coming in to both schools to deliver assemblies and workshops to all children.

Next week, it is our PATH's **disco** events on **Thursday 15th February [4.00pm - 5.00pm]** for the **Infant and Preschool children**. Please remember 1 adult per 3 children at least **and 5.10pm - 6.10pm for Junior School children**. Please remember no adults needed for this **Junior School** event but **all** children to be collected by an adult at the end of the event]. Please ensure that you have purchased a ticket on [ParentPay](#) in advance. The last date is on **Sunday 11th February**. We cannot allow any children to attend either event without a pre paid ticket for health and safety reasons.

Thank you to everyone who is helping out with **parking** outside. However, it is sad to see the same parents parking on **double yellow lines**. Please use the car park behind the Mayfield Shops so that everyone is safe when crossing Mayfield Road whilst we await the Local Authority to recruit a Crossing Patrol Officer.

We have one week left until the half term break. We hope that despite the awful weather your child has enjoyed their time with us. We are nearing the end of our Spring Term 1 work, which was shared with you via email in our **Learning Leaflets**. Staff are now collating the information you will need to support your child after half term in the next set. Please see our **websites** for further resources that can be used to help your child with their learning. We enjoy working in partnership with you to 'bring out the best in everyone'.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes / Auguri
Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Preschool

This week, **preschool** children enjoyed exploring the story of 'Shark in the Park' learning new vocabulary such as 'telescope'. We thought lots about mark making using whiteboards and pens and explored sensory trays filled with grains using our fingers and hands to make large 'round' shapes or lines 'up and down'. **Next week**, we will be making pancakes to link to Shrove Tuesday and the world around us as well as thinking about people in our lives and people we love to link to Valentines day.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, have made their very own 'Enormous Turnip' zig-zag books, using their phonic knowledge to support them to write labels and captions independently. In maths we have been comparing sets of objects using the mathematical language of 'more' and 'fewer'. The children enjoyed our book share event on Thursday - a huge thank you to everyone who joined us! Next week there will be no Forest School, but P.E will continue as normal - on Wednesday for Class 2 and on Thursday for Class 1. We are looking forward to our 'Internet Safety Day' on Wednesday and our R.E learning centred on 'belonging'!

Year 1

This week **Class 3 and Class 4** have enjoyed designing and making their fruit kebabs when their parents came in. In maths we have been learning to tell the time to the hour and to the half. It would be great if you can practice telling the time at home! We used our sense of taste in science and described if the food tasted sour, sweet, bitter, or salty. **Next week**, we have our RE lessons learning about Christianity.

Year 2

This week, **Class 5 and 6**, wrote an explanation text to include information on the NHS including how it has changed over time. Well done to the children for writing paragraphs! In maths we investigated addition and subtraction fact families for numbers within 20. We learnt about dynamics and pitch in our music lessons through the story of 'Funny Bones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Next week, in English we will edit and improve our explanation texts. In maths we will add 2 two-digit numbers together. In RE we will discuss what is special to the children and Muslims, the five pillars of Islam, what happens inside a Mosque and how Muslims, Christians and Hindus may go on a special journey called a pilgrimage. Don't forget to remind your child to do the last piece of homework (5) for this half term, so that your child can receive a Homework Hedgehog certificate.

Year 3

This week **Beech and Chestnut Classes**, planned their narrative writing based on our class novel 'The Iron Man'. In maths, we learned a new strategy to add two-digit numbers together called 'redistribution'. In PE we began a hockey unit and the children displayed great team work skills and following the Golden Rules. In science, we learned about protecting our eyes from the sun and explored what materials would make good sunglasses. **Next week**, we will have an Safer Internet Day on Wednesday and RE Theme days on Thursday and Friday. **Can Chestnut class please wear their PE kits on Monday instead of Friday next week, due to a change in schedule.**

Year 4

This week **Holly and Willow Classes** have secured their understanding of the use of speech marks to indicate direct speech. They edited their work, to improve their punctuation of dialogue. In maths, we multiplied and divided by 10 using different methods. In geography we investigated coastal habitats and we loved looking at coral reefs. In art we sketched flowers in the style of Georgia O'Keefe. **Next week**, in English we use our dialogue knowledge in a diary entry that includes a conversation. In maths, we will be exploring multiples of 100 and have our RE Theme Day. **No PE next week.**

Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash Classes** have begun to look at methods of multiplication. We will continue this next week. In English we have continued to read our class novel, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and have learnt more about Kensuke's life. In geography we have been looking at the effects of migration on communities which we will be continuing with next Monday. **Next week**, in PSHE we will be looking at respecting the differences between us and we have our Safer Internet Day and RE Theme Day.

Year 6

This week Pine and Sycamore Classes worked on understanding percentages we can identify fraction and decimal equivalents to percentages. In English, we looked at cohesive devices and their importance. In geography, we learnt about the contributing factors for people migrating from rural to urban areas and vice versa. Finally, in PSHE we discussed our dream jobs and what skillset is needed to get that job. We have some future astrophysicists, interior designers, and engineers amongst us! **Next week**, we will work on finding a percentage of an amount in maths and some of our arithmetic groups will be doing another practice paper – make sure you're practicing on maths.co.uk and mathsbot.com. We will publish our diary entries, while continuing to read of Jim Hawkin's escapades in 'Street Child'. We are looking forward to our Safer Internet workshops and the RE Theme Days.

Dates for the Diary / Date per il diario

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.
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
PATHS Meeting	All schools	Thursday 26th February	All parents and friends of Hartford School are invited at 3.30pm to discuss the Easter Fundraising Festivities
VIP Writing Assembly	Selected KS2 children	Thursday 26th February	Look out for an invite as your child may have been selected to receive this award and you would be cordially invited. These celebrations happen on half termly basis.
Next Page books	All Schools	Wednesday 6th March	To support our World Book Day festivities we will have a Next Page Books stall in each school hall, for you to browse and purchase books.
World Book Day	All Schools	Thursday 7th March	We will be dressing up in PJs and bringing our favourite books, look out for more information about events in both schools
Comic Relief/ Sports Aid	All Schools	Friday 15th March	Our School Councils are collecting the thoughts of the children across the schools on how to raise money
GenR8 Assembly	Junior School	Tuesday 26th March	The KS2 children welcome back GenR8 into school to celebrate Easter
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

