

Hello/Buna Ziua

Dear Parents and Carers/ Stimați Părinți și Ingrijitori

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. I hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you are enjoying the sunshine at long last! It has been lovely to catch up with the children about their half term break from school.

It has been a busy week:

Across the week, the '**Sparky Start**' for children in the **Infant School** has been their trips to the local **library**. All children walked beautifully in to town [**thank you to everyone who walked with us**] and then they enjoyed a book session with some information shared about **Captain James Cook** who is the focus for this half term's Great Explorers work in all classes. How exciting!

Elsewhere the **Preschool children** had their first **PE session** with our super **St Peter's School PE specialist teachers [Miss Kirsty Mulberry and Mr Harry Stent]**. It was wonderful to see them engaged in the activities and responding to new voices. They even developed their independence with taking off their shoes and socks, such an important skill.

Whist in the **Junior School**, the **Young Carers Group** enjoyed their sweet and savoury kebab making session and children who attend **Artscapers** took in the surroundings and produced some beautiful landscape art .

We had our first **Stay and Play** session today, it was wonderful to meet so many of our new families who will be joining us in September.

Best wishes/Cele Mai Bune Gânduri

Rae Lee
[Headteacher]

How fabulous does our Coronation Display look in All Saints Church Hartford. Well done Treehouse children and **Mrs Sue Orledge!**



Romanian/Romana

This month we are learning to greet each other in **Romanian** in the Infant and Preschool, which is organised by **Mrs Sarah Turner** [if you have anything we could borrow for our display do let us know]. Did you also know that all children learn **French** in the Junior School with **Mrs Anna Haupt**.

Quad Kids Athletics Tournament / Turneu de atletism cu patru copii

This week, **Mr Chris Squires** our Assistant Headteacher in the Junior School had the enormous pleasure of taking eight **Year 5** pupils to the **Quad Kids Athletics Tournament** at the St Ives outdoor centre. They competed in 4 events: 600m, 75m sprint, Vortex throw and a standing long jump. The children who attended represented the school brilliantly and demonstrated excellent determination and competitive spirit. Two children came 1st place in their 600m races and one child was noticed by the organisers for outstanding team work. We are very proud of them!

Dates for the Diary/ Fechas para el Diario

Stay and Play	Infant School	Friday 9th June	Every Friday, 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 [9.00am-10.00am]
Summer Fete	All Schools	Friday 30th June	Fete from 2.30pm We desperately need the following: Tombola jars, soft toys, raffle prizes, cakes and most importantly VOLUNTEERS to run the stalls. Please can you come and help for a few hours after school, staff will be able to take over after 3.30pm.
Change Over Day	Junior School	Wednesday 5th July	All children 'jump up' to their new year group and spend the morning in their new classrooms
New to Year 3 Parents Session	Junior School	Wednesday 5th July	A chance for Y2 Parents to pop into the junior school to meet the new staff and see the classrooms.
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	Thursday 13th July at 6.00pm or Friday 14th July at 2.00pm	Tickets will be available soon for 2 members only of each child's family to attend on one production
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** have welcomed Miss Mulberry and Mr Stent, joining us for some PE sessions. We played a great game of sharks and fishes and did some wonderful balancing, we worked hard developing our physical skills but also our listening and attention skills. Children had to take off their own socks and shoes and find them again to put back on afterwards, what fantastic self care skills and great practice ahead of starting Reception in September, do practice this at home! We explored our core book 'Superworm'! **Next week**, we will be thinking about Father's Day and link this to the lovely baby photos we have and we will think about how we have grown and changed!

Reception

This week in **Class 1 and 2**, we loved our trip to Huntingdon Library! We explored the books and many borrowed one to read at home. Thank you to the kind parents who accompanied us. We began learning about Captain James Cook and found out about his voyage to Australia. The children enjoyed using the props on our story shelves to retell the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs' and in maths we have used a range of hands-on resources to explore the composition of numbers to 10. **Next week**, we will think about our lives and what our 'personal timeline' might look like, and play games to develop our knowledge of pairs of numbers that make a total of 10.

Year 1

This week, **Class 3 and 4**, had a fantastic time at Huntingdon Library. We listened to stories and explored the books. In English we read 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and thought about the structure of stories using story bags. In maths we have begun to find halves and quarters of shapes and amounts. **Next week**, we will be adding prefixes and suffixes to root words and solving problems about halves and quarters and begin to count to 100 in tens and ones. Next Thursday we say goodbye to Miss Henson who has completed her teaching practice in Class 3. She has done a wonderful job and we will all miss her. Good luck in your new school!

Year 2

This week, in **Class 5 and 6**, we looked at the poem 'Fox in Socks' by Dr. Seuss. What fun we had reciting the poem aloud! In maths we constructed and interpreted tally charts. It was great to get outside and use chalks to make a tally. Following the library trip we found out historical facts about Captain Cook and made a timeline with significant events from the past. **Next week**, we will focus on a non-rhyming poem called 'In the Giant's Rucksack' and create our own silly vocabulary about objects we could put into a rucksack.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Class**, we wrote a formal letter, applying everything learnt about letter writing and the key features. In maths, we added and subtracted fractions that have the same denominator. In computing, we started our animation unit, which the kids are already enjoying. We finished our pneumatic toys, which we designed ourselves. The children were extremely creative and came up with great pneumatic toys such as monsters, dishwashers and jack-in-the-boxes. We finished our humanities units and **next week**, we will move on to volcanoes, Ancient Greece and Joseph, Moses and the Exodus.

Year 4

This week **Pine and Sycamore Classes** have been working hard on their times tables practise. We saw enjoyment, enthusiasm, and determination. In English, we have been planning a persuasive letter linked to our 'Krindlekrax' book. We started our new science topic; flowers and plants, and we saw some great diagrams and labels of the functions and parts of plants. In PE, we have started cricket. **Next week**, the children will be doing maths and multiplication assessments in the mornings, and humanities in the afternoons. Apart from on Wednesday when they will be planting and observing seeds!

Year 5

This week in **Oak and Ash Class**, the children have continued to develop their writing skills based on their class reading book, 'Who Let the God's Out'. The children were challenged to write a descriptive passage to demonstrate their use of expanded noun phrases, their use of prepositional phrases and adjectives. **Next week**, the children will continue reading the text and look at how the author used cohesion techniques to engage the reader. The children will then attempt to develop their cohesion skills in writing by using fronted adverbials, relative clauses and connectives. Ask your child about these grammar techniques and how they support them to make their writing flow.

Year 6

This week in **Willow and Holly Classes**, we were researching a scientist to make a fact file on them and their achievements, for example Michael Faraday who discovered how to make an electric motor! In English we were refining our editing skills to create our best work, we were also combining it with geography to create a leaflet on a destination of our choice. Also, we looked at light and shade in art and the impact it can have when using colour to create a collaborative piece.

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