

Hello/ Hesi

Dear Parents and Carers

How are you, I hope that you are well. Thank you for the responses so far to the **newsletter survey**, please [click here](#) if you would like to share your views.

We enjoyed seeing the children's **odd socks** on Monday to support **Anti Bullying Week**, for further information please [click here](#) on how you can support your child at home.

I hope that **Junior Parents** were able to read our letter concerning undesirable language used by *some* children towards others in school. It is important that we have a united front about the use of any language that makes others feel uncomfortable and together reinforce that it is not tolerated. Each week, I lead an assembly in the **Junior School** about our **7 Golden Rules** and how they are underpinned by the **5 British Values**. For further information on the British Values please [click here](#).

In **January** our **Sparky Start** in the **Infant School** is about **people who help us in the community**- such as nurses, doctors, paramedics, police officers, fire-fighters etc. We would really love to get some 'real life' visitors in to school to speak to the children about their role. If you are able to help with this or know someone who can we would be very grateful if you could email Mrs Shaw - Hshaw@hartfordinfantschool.org thank you.

As **Christmas** approaches, our children often want to send festive cards. In the **Infant School** there will be designated post boxes in each class for the children to pop their cards in [dates tbc]. Please ensure that the children's name is on the envelope and their class number. Unfortunately we cannot issue name lists due to GDPR. Over in the **Junior School** the children like to give them out at designated times in classrooms.

Our **Christmas Fetes** will run as previously in December, with every child invited to the school halls to participate in a wealth of festive activities. In the **Infant School** this includes seeing Santa's Lil Elf in the grotto. All we ask in return is a donation of £5 to cover the costs [ticket includes 1 trip to Elfridges, free entry to the colouring competition or Christmas Quiz for a prize, trip to the fete and a goody bag]. This will be organised through **Parent Pay** for the week beginning 20th November 2023.

We will be collecting gifts for **Elfridges** over the coming weeks for Christmas. Elfridges is an event all children enjoy, whereby gifts are donated to the school from home e.g. unused smellies/socks/jewellery but not toys etc. At allocated times in December children can go to Elfridges to purchase a gift to give a loved one at home. The gift will be wrapped here in school by our elves.

Coming up, week beginning **Monday 27th November** all children will be invited to become a **School Councillor**. Children might want to think about writing their manifestos to support their campaign in class over the next week.

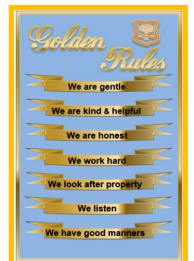
I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes/ Ndinokushuwira zvakanaka

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Desperately seeking **Food Bank Contributions**, please drop off in school or add to our **'Bring if you Can, Take if you Need'** cupboards.

Today we raised **£340** for Children in Need across both schools. A **HUGE** thank you for the generosity.



Preschool

This week, **preschool** thought about emotions exploring them through stories, games and sensory bottles. We named emotions and learnt how we can make others feel happy! We focused on finger gym activities to help strengthen the muscles and skills needed for writing. We had fun placing buttons along lines and threading hoops onto tall spaghetti! **Have a try at home!** We built rockets with construction blocks and practised our 'zoom, zoom, zoom going to the moon' song, counting back down from 5 to blast off. **Next week**, we will singing about numbers and see how numbers can change and represent numbers on our fingers.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, have explored materials, sorting objects and describing their properties in very simple terms. We made story maps to retell 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and enjoyed using new equipment at Forest School. **Next week**, we will think about which material might be best to use to make a shopping bag. We will plan and carry out a simple fair test. Thank you for sharing your autumn walks, art and observations on Tapestry. **Please continue to use Tapestry to share your child's home learning.** The children love sharing this with their friends in Reception!

Year 1

This week in **Class 3 and Class 4**, we enjoyed learning to subtract by counting back and breaking numbers apart. Through our enquiry lessons we have been designers and have been investigating the key features and purpose of bags. We have designed and made a mock-up of our bag ready for next week when we will begin to make it. **Next week**, in English we are looking forward to writing about our families - **please send in your family photos!**

Year 2

This week, in **Class 5 and 6**, we learnt about nouns and how to improve them with appropriate adjectives. We had fun using post it notes to label nouns from the story 'The Way Back Home'. We learnt that nouns are words that can name objects, animals, places and a person. The children solved addition and subtraction problems using the column method. The children have been persevering in design and technology lessons with their sewing skills. It's not easy threading and knotting a needle but they did it! It certainly helped having family volunteers on hand. **If you would like to come next Tuesday at 1:30pm please let us know.** Many thanks. **Next week**, we will focus on expanded noun phrases. E.g The speedy, red aeroplane. In maths we will identifying coins and notes and learn how to count them.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Classes**, we looked at the key features of a non-chronological report and we created a plan of our own! In maths, we explored 3-digit numbers focusing on place value, addition, and subtraction. **We have added work on to Seesaw to familiarise the children with the app.** In science we investigated different types of rocks including sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. In geography, we learnt why people live on mountains and how they have adapted to make living conditions manageable. We focused on the Alps in Switzerland and next **week** we will learn about living in the Andes.

Year 4

This week in **Holly and Willow Classes** we used adjectives to create expanded noun phrases. We enjoyed writing descriptive paragraphs about 'The Rocketeer'. In maths, we explored measures - length and capacity and used this understanding to solve problems. The children loved their music lesson, exploring the rhythm of samba and how different instruments are incorporated into one piece of music. In PE, we are coming to the end of our work on our Spy dance choreography. **We still need plastic bottles, thank you for sending more in.** **Next week**, we explore retelling a story from a different perspective and explore the properties of polygons.

Year 5

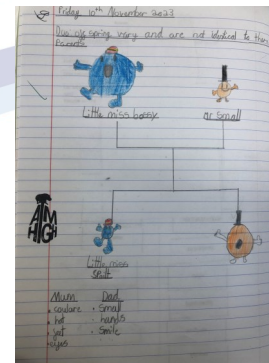
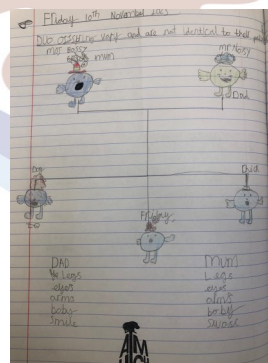
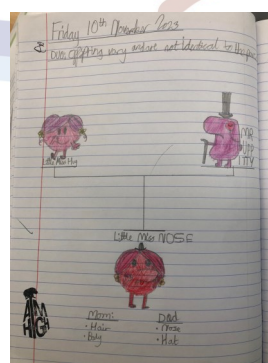
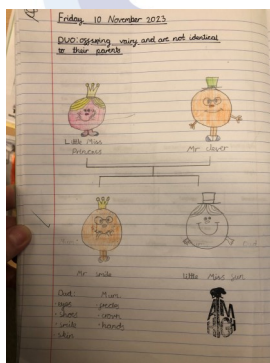
This week **Oak and Ash Classes** learnt about common factors, prime numbers and square numbers. We've been writing the second part of our suspense narrative and have tried really hard to use exciting vocabulary. In science, we refreshed our knowledge of the planets in our solar system and went outside to make a video about the distances of the planets from the sun. In geography, we focused on oceans and climate and how the currents impact the weather. We carried on our dribbling and ball control skills in PE.

Year 6

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes** we started to look at what a fraction is and how they can be represented. Some of us have looked at equivalent fractions, how to work them out and use them to compare and order fractions with different denominators. In English we have looked at our different word classes and identified them in text, we have also discovered more about the relationship between Mary and Colin in 'The Secret Garden'. Little Miss and Mr Men characters played a key part in our science lesson on adaptation as we continue to learn about evolution. **Next week**, in design technology we will be starting to build the playgrounds we have designed.

Dates for the Diary/Mazuva eDiary

Elfridges	All Schools	now	We are collecting for Elfridges across both schools. Any unwanted gifts are gratefully received. We will open up the shop later in December.
Maths Workshop	Infant School	Thursday 23 rd November	Doors to hall open at 8.50am for tea and coffee, prompt start in hall for presentation at 9.00am with Mrs Michelle Smith and then pop into classes to work with your child at 9.30am for 15 minutes.
Maths Workshops	Junior School	Wk beg Monday 27th November	Y6 and Y5: Monday 27th November 9.00am – 9.45am: Parent Workshop including a class visit Y3 and Y4: Wednesday 29th November 9.00am – 9.45am: Parent Workshop including a class visit
Parent Consultations	All Schools	Wk beg 4th December	Autumn Term Consultations with class teacher and a chance to look at core books in school. All meetings will be for 10 minutes in the school halls and will be need to be booked via School Cloud from Monday 20th November . Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th: Hartford Junior School [Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6] Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th : Hartford Infant School [YR, Y1 & Y2]
Christmas Fete	All Schools	Friday 15th December	Children will participate in a variety of Festive activities across both schools for £5.00 to be paid on Parent Pay [from Monday 20th November] There will be the grotto for infant children to visit across the school day . Y3 children can pop over after school until 4.00pm. All children will got to the fete and can enter into a colouring competition with a prize and have a goodie bag .
Nativity	Year 1	Tuesday 12th December	Parents are invited to our Year 1 Nativity Play at 9.15am , all preschool children/babies are welcome but <u>please</u> vacate the hall if they are finding it a challenge to be quiet.
Carols on the Playground	All Schools	Monday 18th December	Everyone invited to the front playground sing festive songs by torchlight. Our school choirs will sing solos for us. Bring torches and mittens and cash for hot chocolate. 4.00pm start.
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



Little Miss and Mr Men characters to support Year 6 understanding of evolution.

Hard Work/Basa Rakaoma

