

Dear Parents and Carers

Hello / Cześć

We have just completed our 4th week in school and for the first time had a full assembly with our new **Reception children** to celebrate our **Hartford Heroes**. They were such marvellous listeners, keeping the **Golden Rules** and sitting sensibly whilst they celebrated their new friends successes in our Celebration Assembly. If you would like to know more about our **Hartford Heroes** [aka 'Hartford Characteristics' in the Junior School], please [click here](#).

It was super to see some parents come and support our **PATHS** [Parents and Teachers of the Hartford Schools] **AGM** [Annual General Meeting] on Thursday afternoon. We are grateful to the staff members who volunteered to take important positions on the committee. A warm welcome to **Mr Gavin Macartney** and **Mrs Freya Davis** who are the leading the team as joint **Chairperson** and **Mrs Betsy Hammond** for stepping up to be the new **Secretary** and Mrs **Gemma Jarmaine** who has transferred to the role of **Treasurer**. We are very grateful to last year's team who led the PTA and raised **£10,665.33** for the children. The committee will be spending some of the money to purchase a robust canopy to support the much needed shaded area on the field next to the junior school. The Team are already organising the **Autumn disco** scheduled for **Thursday 18th October**. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT, all tickets must be purchased via **Parent Pay**, please [click here](#). Please see the separate PATHS Newsletter from Summer 2023 created by **Mrs Selina Eastwood**. If you are interested in joining our team please get in touch, any donation of your time is greatly appreciated. Contact via the school or the PATHS WhatsApp Group. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/K4jn1uk1N5IKRpQ1nSxsZi>

Please do come to our **Phonics and Reading Workshops** scheduled for next week [see overleaf for dates and times], we are hoping to get at least 50% of parents to attend. **How exciting!**

A **HUGE** thank you for the generous items donated for our impending **Harvest Festival**. We are extremely excited to have our first guest speaker leading the assemblies in school. We welcome **Reverend Geoff Boucher** from **All Saints Church Hartford** who will be talking to the children about the true meaning of Harvest. We welcome further donations to our new truck, look out for it on the school playground. **Thank you for your continued support.**

Last week we celebrated the children from **Year 5** who partook in our annual **Bikeability Training**. The staff were very impressed with all the children's skills as they used the local roads to demonstrate safe turning and other manoeuvres. So it was sad to hear that one of our children who was practising their new skills at the end of the school day and abiding the **Highway Code** was chastised by one of our parents. I know that this was an upsetting for the child. Please support our children to develop their confidence in their newly acquired skills. For further information about the Highway Code card and cyclists [click here](#). **Thank you.**

This month we are celebrating **Polish** as our '**Language of the Month**' which is heard and spoken in **35%** of our children's homes. If you have any resources we would love to add them to our display in the **Infant and Preschool**.

We are also supporting **Black History Month** with assemblies in **both** schools, we have been purchasing more books to reflect the diverse cultures within our classrooms. If you have any ideas on how to support us further please contact the school offices. **Thank you in advance.**

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes/ Najlepsze życzenia

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Easyfundraising/Latwe pozyskiwanie funduszy

An easy way to support us is to sign up for **Easyfundraising** so that every time you purchase something linked to specific brands the school receives a percentage of the sales. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-parent-and-teachers-of-hartford-schools/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-n2

Preschool

This week, **preschool** made patterns, linked to the 'Dear Zoo' story. They had an animal hunt, listened carefully to instructions, strengthened their hand muscles by stretching bands onto boards and made toast for snack. We used our stop and go signs by introducing 'amber' for 'wait' or 'get ready', it is lovely to see the children using these independently in their play. We also learnt our Harvest Song (see Tapestry) to explore 'Harvest' and we will extend our exploration through fruit and vegetables over the next two weeks before half term, any donations especially of slightly unusual fruit or vegetables would be welcome!

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, loved growing cress from seeds, carefully looking after their seedlings! They will bring their cress home today to care for and hopefully harvest early next week! We have been thinking about careful and accurate counting strategies in maths and comparing quantities and we have been busy creating a story map for 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. **Next week** we will be learning about the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh and having a go at painting a self-portrait.

Year 1

This week in **Class 3 and Class 4**, we have been learning to write an addition number sentence in maths and we have been developing our art skills inspired by Van Gogh's paintings in art. In science we have been identifying and describing the different parts of flowers and trees and completing our sunflower diary. **Next week**, in English we will be writing some common exception words and in maths we will learn to write a number sentence to match a part-whole model.

Year 2

This week, in **Class 5 and 6**, we wrote a character description. In maths we learnt about the pattern of odd and even numbers when counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We solved problems using our 2, 5 and 10 knowledge. The children were great, but we would appreciate more practise when counting from 0 in fives as they found this the trickiest one. **Next week**, we will write the story 'Journey' and apply good spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will assess our knowledge so far in maths. This includes knowing how many tens and ones are in a 2-digit number, solving problems in 2s, 5s and 10s and using inequality symbols $>$ $=$ $<$ to compare numbers. Please complete homework as we will award children with a certificate for **all** homework completed. Have you logged onto your Tapestry account? We would love you to tap the like icon beside the photos of your child's learning this half term.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Classes**, we have thought about interesting ways to start sentences using description, location and estimations of time. We tried the sweet treat 'Turkish Delight' and thought how Edmund would have felt when tasting it. In maths we strengthened our knowledge of bridging 100 by adding and subtracting in multiples of 10. In history, we explored ancient Egyptian beliefs about death, afterlife and symbolism. In science we learnt how bodies move and **next week** we will investigate how far we can jump. We are sorry for delays with Seesaw and how we can communicate homework. There will be information coming next week.

Year 4

This week in **Holly and Willow Classes** we have been dusting off our figurative language skills and the walls have resounded with similes, metaphors and personifications to describe different settings in our 'Boy Overboard'. In maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value and different ways of saying thousands values: 1 thousand = 10 hundreds. We are getting great at this too! We have made links between history and geography as we developed our understanding of Europe and how it has changed since the Roman Empire.


Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash Classes** have been reading more of the 'Nowhere Emporium' and looking at how to correctly punctuate direct speech and indirect speech. In art we created some beautiful printing using tiles to create abstract art which were based on observational drawing of Anglesey Abbey. **Next week**, in maths we will be looking at rounding numbers up to 1,000,000 and in science we are continuing to look at life cycles, but this time focusing on birds.

Year 6

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, we continued our investigation into light, looking at shadows and how the light movement affects them. English is getting exciting as we have been looking at a chase sequence video called 'The Ruin', we are currently creating a comic strip that will help us to include tension and suspense in our writing. We have been working with numbers up to 1,000,000 and have had to do some tricky exchanges. We started a discussion on internet safety and social media this week in PHSE and computing, we will be continuing this theme next week and in art we are continuing to express ourselves, last week using Mayan art (symbolic imagery) and moving on to Chiaroscuro **next week**. Finally, all the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the style of disco dance in PE. Ask them to show you their moves over the weekend!

Dates for the Diary/Daty do Pamietnika

Individual Photographs	All Schools	Monday 9th October	All children will have a photograph. Don't forget school colours if your child is scheduled PE today.
Recruitment Show	St Peter's School	Tuesday 10th October	The Cam Academy Trust will be hosting a Recruitment Roadshow to promote current staff vacancies in our schools. For more information on the benefits for working in The Cam Trust click here . 
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] 9.20am 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
Van Gogh Exhibitions	Infant School	18th – 20th October	Starting with YR on Wednesday, Y1 on Thursday and Y2 on Friday from 2.30pm , come and see the children's Van Gogh art work in the Infant School hall [children can go home early on their exhibition day]
Disco	All Schools	Thursday 19th October	Our PATHS [Parents and Teachers of the Hartford Schools] are organising a disco in the school hall. PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE A TICKETED EVENT. Pay on PARENTPAY.
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.
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 organised via School Cloud.
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

Please ensure that on **PE days** children are **wearing school colours**. We have a lot of green, red and animal print in school and these are not our school colours. **Thank you for your continued support.**

Don't forget to **order your child's school lunch before 7.00am** on the day they need a meal. Lots of children are upset by the options available when a parent has not completed this task. Link here for [ParentPay](#).

Hard work/Ciezka Praca

