

Hello/ Hesi

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well. We have sent out our **Learning Leaflets** for **both** schools this week. This will support you when working with your child at home. We believe a strong partnership between school and home enables us to **'bring out the best'** in your child.

A reminder that we will be inviting you in for **Parent Consultation Evenings** at the end of this half term. Please look out for an email on **Monday the 20th of November** inviting you to book a consultation via [School Cloud](#) for a meeting with your class teacher **in the school halls**. **Junior School** meetings are scheduled for **Monday 4th December** and **Wednesday 6th December** and meetings for **Infant Children** on **Tuesday 5th December** and **Thursday 7th December**.

Please remember that children in the **Junior School** should be bringing in **fruit only for snacks**. We now provide the children with **free fruit every day**, and with the **daily bagels** at registration we hope that the children have full stomachs for the start of the school day. However, if you would prefer your child to bring fruit/vegetables from home we welcome this too. **Please know we no longer allow the children to eat snack bars and crisps on any day at break times**. Thank you for your support.

We hope you will sign up to the **Maths Workshop scheduled for late November**, see overleaf for more details, so you can see some of the maths models and language we use in school and can work in partnership with us. If you are attending the Infant School maths workshops please [click here](#).

Next week, on **Friday 17th November** the staff and children are invited to support [Children in Need](#). This year we will be wearing brightly coloured clothing. All donations are warmly received.

I enjoy writing the newsletter each week, but I'm often told, 'no one reads it, why waste your time'. If you do read the newsletters and find them worthwhile please could you engage with the [survey here](#). **Thank you in advance for your time.**

I hope that you have a lovely weekend. The **infant** and **preschool** children have created poppies for **Remembrance Sunday** and will bring them home today.

Best wishes/ Ndinokushuwira zvakanaka

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

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, at allocated times children 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.
*gifts: unused smellies/socks/jewellery etc]

We have **vacancies** for a variety of roles across the two schools. We are recruiting for a **Teacher and Teaching Assistants, please** can you sign post anyone to these by [clicking here](#). We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff to share this commitment.

This week our newly formed **PATHS Team** met to discuss Christmas. This year we will do our usual Festive fetes within school time but wanted to know if anyone would like to **run a stall** for a separate after school fete on **Monday 18th December** to coincide with our **Carols on the Playground** event. **Please let the office know by Friday 17th November.**

Hopefully you will have seen our latest fundraising effort for [Godmanchester Foodbank](#) **Christmas Appeal** this year they would love donations of **Christmas** themed **biscuits, mince pies** and **cakes**, please drop them off in the school offices.
Thank you for all your support.

Preschool

This week, **preschool** have enjoyed sharing their experiences of Bonfire night and fireworks. We explored making marks using a salad spinner to create some firework inspired artwork! This enabled us to model firework related vocabulary. We also met Zog our Phonics Puppet. He had been shopping this week and the children tried to remember the order of the items that he bought as well as the adults modelling the initial sound of the words, such as 'a,a,a,apple!' **Next week**, Zog will play 'Silly Soup' to support recognising rhyming words. We will also concentrate on some fine motor activities to develop the muscles needed for later writing skills such as threading.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2**, have been thinking about clothes we wear now and comparing them with clothes worn as babies and toddlers. In maths we have been subitising quantities 1- 4, representing a given number on fingers without looking and comparing 2 sets of objects saying which is 'more than'. In literacy we have thought about characters and settings in our focus story, 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and retold it with Makaton signs. **Next week**, we will be exploring, naming and sorting and sorting everyday objects by the material they are made from and creating a story map.

Year 1

This week in **Class 3 and Class 4**, we enjoyed sorting objects based on the material they were made of in science. We were surprised that the same object can be made from different materials such as a wooden spoon, metal spoon and plastic spoon. Can you find an object at home and say what it is made from? In maths we have been solving subtraction problems through stories. **Next week**, in enquiry we will be developing our DT ideas to design a bag.

Year 2

This week, in **Class 5 and 6**, we used subordinate conjunctions 'when', 'because' and 'if' when writing about, 'The Way Back Home' and asked the children to reply to questions such as, 'Why did you go to the moon?' They replied, 'I went to the moon because I wanted to go on an adventure'. In maths we learnt how to add efficiently. i.e., not counting in ones. $7 + 5$ can be solved by knowing that $7 + 3$ equals ten so 2 more is 12. We used a number line and 'part – part – part whole' model to record this. **Next week** in DT we will be sewing. We would love some help! If you are available on **Tuesday 14th November 1:45pm – 2:30pm** we would be very grateful. We are practising a running and over stitch. Some extra pairs of hands would be wonderful.

Year 3

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Classes**, we focused on editing and proofreading our writing in English. In maths, we compared centimetres to millimetres. The children made worms from playdough and estimated and then measured them, some good guesses! In science, we learnt about fossils and the ultimate fossil finder Mary Anning. In PE, we had gymnastic and really enjoyed it. Don't forget that our **Introduction to Seesaw** session is scheduled for **Monday 13th November** afterschool.

Year 4

This week in **Holly and Willow Classes** we used our senses to describe a setting. We produced wonderfully descriptive paragraphs demonstrating an understanding and application of adjectives. Subtraction has been our focus in maths this week, and we learnt to use a number line and count on to find the difference. We discussed population density and migration in geography. We studied Julius Caesar and Augustus in history. In DT we evaluated torches, ready for the planning of our own torches. Thank you for the recycled material, you have been fabulous. We are still looking for plastic bottles, so please save any that you have over the weekend for us.

Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash Classes** looked at multiplication and division, specifically common multiples and factors. This tested our times table knowledge, please practise [Times Table Rock Stars](#) at home as this is a great help. In English, we have wrote our own chapters for 'The Nowhere Emporium', using suspenseful language and creating tension. Next week, we will incorporate our knowledge of modal verbs. In geography, we have been learning more about the oceans, and in history we studied reasons why the Anglo Saxons invaded Britain. Science was all about Earth and Space, so we began by learning interesting facts about the planets. **Next week**, we will compare models of the planets to show their relative size and distance from the sun.

Year 6

This week children in **Pine and Sycamore Classes**, looked at a new stimulus video in English called 'An Alchemist's Letter'. They wrote fantastic descriptions of the machine. In maths, we looked at area and perimeter, learning the formulas needed to calculate the area of triangles and rectilinear shapes. We needed strong times table knowledge for this – please keep up the TTRS at home! In science, we studied studying variation in genealogy by making 'Mr Men' family trees. In DT we planned playground structures – thank you to those who have sent in recycling and junk modelling materials for this – more are welcome!

Dates for the Diary/Mazuva eDiary

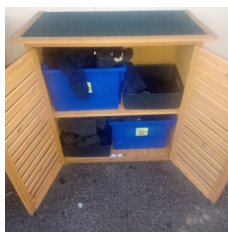
Introduction to SeeSaw	Year 3	Monday 13th November	Please bring devices to school at 3.15pm and whilst the children are occupied in Chestnut Class, Mrs Esaw will whizz through how to use Seesaw successfully at home in Beech Class.
Anti Bullying Week	All Schools	Wk Beg Monday 13th November	All children are invited to wear Odd Socks as part of our campaign to eradicate bullying in school.
Heights & Weights	Year 6	Monday 13th November	Year 6 children will participate in the NHS Heights and Weight measurement survey
Children in Need	All Schools	Friday 17th November	Staff and children are invited to wear bright clothes and donate to this worthwhile charity.
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 organised via School Cloud . Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th: Hartford Junior School [Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6] Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th : Hartford Infant School [YR, Y1 & Y2]
Nativity	Year 1	Tuesday 12th December 9.15am	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. Time tbc.
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

Bring if you can take if you need!

We welcome any non perishable **food** items [rice, pasta, tins, packet etc] for our cupboard, **anyone** is welcome to donate and to take.

We also have a **pre loved uniform** cupboard [shoes, logo jumpers and fleeces etc] again please donate and take what you need.

No cost.



Hard Work/Basa Rakaoma

