

Hello/Buna Ziua

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well.

A huge thank you to everyone who adheres to our **no wheels used in school**. Some of you have unfortunately reported near misses with children on bikes and scooters on the playground. Therefore, in school we continue to share our expectations with the children about wheeling their bikes, scooters and roller blades across the playgrounds and we know that at home this message is being reiterated.

Elsewhere it is good to see that less are cars using Mayfield Crescent from 8.30am through to 9.30am and 2.45pm through to 3.20pm. However, I appreciate that this has pushed the problem of parking onto Mayfield Road. I have not heard anything further from the District Council about a Crossing Patrol Person or a zebra crossing to support safer crossing.

This week we celebrated our **Young Carers** in the **Junior School** with a **Champion Day**. The children made healthy bagels and took home a little treat. Mrs Jen Crabb our Family Support Worker was proud of their behaviours.

Our **Year 6** children participated with the help of many adults across the school in mock SAT tests. The children were brilliant, demonstrating many of our Hartford Characteristics of Learning. They **persevered** despite some tough questions, they **aimed high** to complete the papers and **reflected** when time allowed by editing their responses. Thank you to the abundance of adults from current Governors to ex members of staff and staff who work in other roles across both the **Infant** and **Junior Schools** in other capacities, who volunteered in their own time to be prompters, readers and invigilators. **How lucky we are to have a great team.**

The **Infant School** is looking festive with the **Easter Colouring Competition entries** displayed in our school hall. If you would like one of the designs please seek them out in the foyers of **both** schools. **All** children can participate from any year group.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes / Cele mai bune urări

Easter in the Infant and Preschool

The **Reception children** will be showing off their talents in our **Easter Concert** on **Tuesday 26th March** at **9.15am** in the **Infant School** Hall. There is space for 2 adults per child but we cannot accommodate buggies and prams for health and safety reasons.

Don't forget in the **Infant School** we have our traditional **Easter Bonnet Parade** on the last day of term at **2.15pm**. All children are invited to create a bonnet at home and we will show them off at the end of the school day on **Thursday 28th March** on the front playground with a few Easter songs.

Spring Term Parent Consultations

Booking an appointment for the **Parents Consultations** on **School Cloud** is open but remember the actual consultation will be in person in school. They will be held across both schools on **Monday 25th** and **Wednesday 27th March**. We look forward to sharing with you the children's books and their next steps. **Parent Consultation Targets** will be coming out soon via email.

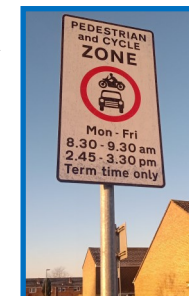
Easter Fete

The **PATHS Team's Easter Fete** takes place on the last week of term. A goody bag, exciting activities in each hall, an entry for the raffle, an Easter colouring competition with a prize per year group and an Easter egg are all part the **£5** to be paid on **ParentPay**. **Thank you for your support.**

Please ensure all wheels are walked when on school grounds.

Bikes, trikes, scooters [electric and manual], skateboards, skates, and any other form of vehicle with wheels that children use, must be wheeled in school from **8.00am until 4.00pm**

Thank you.



Preschool

This week **preschool** children have been busy using sensory trays to make marks with their fingers or brushes, we thought about marks that go 'up and down', 'zig zags' or around in 'spirals'. Some children tried to make the initial letter from their name in the tray. We also thought about naming our different body parts through songs such as 'Head, shoulders, Knees and Toes' and 'Simon says...'. **Next week**, we will have an exciting superhero mark making tray to explore! **Look out for 'The Three Little Pigs' story sack that will be coming home for a night with each child.**

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2** have been writing labels and captions to label pictures from our core book, 'Supertato'. In maths we have been exploring the concept of doubling and saying the related stem sentences e.g. 6 is made of 3 and 3, and 3 and 3 make 6. We have been sorting animals into groups and talking about their similarities and differences. The children are excited to be taking home a special 'Easter Concert Songbook' as we prepare for our concert at **9.15am on Tuesday 26th March**. **Next week**, we will begin to explore odd and even numbers using practical hands-on resources. In art we will be using our newly acquired skills to experiment with mark-making and infilling using drawing and coloured pencils.

Year 1

This week **Class 3 and Class 4** have been writing simple sentences about Gerald from our story 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. In maths we compared and measured capacity and weight. We identified and named a variety of animals including birds, mammals, and reptiles in science. **Next week**, in maths we are going to be working on our number bonds to ten. And in art we will be creating a portrait in the style of Picasso.

Year 2

This week **Class 5 and 6** enjoyed retelling the story of, 'The Pea and the Princess'. We made our own pea in a box and a mini book. In maths we continued to subtract with two-digits. We learnt about Wales in geography and how it has a capital city called Cardiff. **Next week**, in English, we will plan a sequel to 'The Pea and the Princess'. We will learn about halves in maths as we begin learning about fractions. In art we will practise infilling a shape with lines to create a pattern.

Year 3

This week **Beech** and **Chestnut** children wrote diary entries pretending they were a character from our novel, 'And Tango Makes Three'. In maths, we continued regrouping, focusing on the ten's column. In history, we learnt about the Greek god and goddesses. We were impressed with the teamwork skills we saw this week in PE. Cones were set up and the children had to use a map to navigate their way through the cones with their teams. **Next week**, we will be making our pneumatic toys, using painting, paper and a range of materials to complete their creations. **We will also make a video demonstrating how their toy works, so be on the lookout on Seesaw.**

Year 4

This week in **Holly** and **Willow**, children enjoyed writing about how Mr Wonka rescued the Oompa Loompas and invented fantastic vehicles to transport them away from the threats in Loompa Land. This linked beautifully with the vehicle bodies they have begun designing in DT as part of our unit on slingshot cars! In maths, we applied our multiplication and place value knowledge to divide 2-digit numbers. **Next week**, we look forward to translating polygons and learning about explanation texts. **If you have any old magazines and newspapers, please would you donate them to us as we have a collage project coming up?**

Year 5

This week **Oak** and **Ash** Classes have been looking at converting fractions into decimals. We have been planning and writing a reply letter to one of the characters, Michiya, from our novel, 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. In science we have been looking at the properties of paper and have completed some interesting experiments. We looked at the 2 megacities of Brazil: Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. The children continued their swimming lessons, with some children even trying sit down dives! **Next week**, the children will develop their writing skills and multiplication knowledge.

Year 6

This week **Pine** and **Sycamore** classes had two fabulous PE lessons, the first focussed on team building and the second on tennis. The children worked in groups to solve riddles and puzzles, and we discussed how we can be supportive of others even when we don't win. In tennis, the children played their first doubles matches, practising their forehand, backhand and their new skill of volleying. In RSE, we looked at healthy relationships and how communication is key to them. In history, we thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Norse myths that inspired some of the recent marvel films on Thor, God of Thunder. Finally, in geography we looked at the populous city of Sao Paulo and discussed the positive and negative aspects of immigration.

Dates for the Diary / Date per il diario

Reception Trip to Trinity Free Church	Reception Classes	Wednesday 20th March	The children in class 1 and 2 will visit the Trinity Free Church in Hartford as part of their RE work.
Burwell Parents Meeting	Year 4	Wednesday 20th March	We look forward to sharing key information about the Burwell Trip scheduled for after Easter at 6.00pm in the school Hall.
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 – PLEASE BOOK ONLINE VIA SCHOOLCLOUD
Reception Easter Concert	Infant School	Tuesday 26th March	All parents are invited to join in with Class 1 and Class 2's Easter Concert from 9.15am in the Infant School hall.
PATHS Easter Fete	Infant School	Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th March	The Infant School children will engage with the Easter Fete over the 2 mornings. For a ticket please pay £5 via ParentPay.
PATHS Easter Fete	Junior School	Thursday 28th March	The Junior School children will engage with the Easter Fete across the school day. For a ticket please pay £5 via ParentPay.
Easter Bonnet Parade	Infant School	Thursday 28th March	Our traditional Easter Bonnet Parade will take place at 2.15pm on the last day of term, we look forward to seeing the children's creations. Do come and join us on the front playground .
End of Spring Term	All Schools	Thursday 28th March	School will be closed on Friday 29th March and reopen on Tuesday 16th April
Burwell Trip	Year 4	Wednesday 24th April - Friday 26th April	The Year 4 children will be engaging with a wealth of exciting activities on this residential trip
Mosque Trip	Year 2	Friday 24th May	Year 2 children will be visiting a mosque in Cambridge as part of their RE work.
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Our After School Club will not be open on this day due to staff training.

