

Hello/Kamusta Na

Dear Parents and Carers

The staff at the **Junior School** are immensely proud of **all** the children this week for their amazing empathy towards our **Year 6 children**. The rest of the school have been working quietly in the school to ensure that the **statutory assessment tests** [SATs] had no disruptions. The **Year 6's** have worked extremely hard and are commended by **Mrs Jo Smith** and **Mrs Ellie Shaw** for, 'helping each other in the build up to the tests, practicing at home, sensibly using their iPads to support their learning, working as a team, diligent reading practice, involvement in lessons and for immersing themselves in their learning'. **We are very proud of them all!**

Next week, **Mrs Anna Haupt** our **Sustainability Lead** is encouraging **all** children across all schools to walk to school as part of the **5 Day Walking Challenge**. We are hoping that everyone, can walk to school. Those that live further afield can park behind Mayfield Shops and walk in under the underpass. Children will be keeping a tally/tick chart of who has walked, so that they can compare class totals at the end of the week and the winning class will get a 15 minute extra play as a reward. Time for everyone to work like Team Work Tigers to strive for a class reward. **How exciting!**

As you know we take school **attendance** seriously. Ofsted will ask schools about their attendance figures and compare them nationally with other schools. We appreciate that sometimes the children are ill and encourage you to engage with [this link](#) to know if your child is too ill for school. Each week the **Junior School** children work as a team to raise the attendance of their class so that they can win the **Attendance Hedgehog**. We will be reintroducing this for the **Infant Children**. Obviously, they rely on you as parents/carers to attend school so will need your help in making sure the reward goes to their class. Attendance is important, please [click here](#) to read more from the **DfE** or [click here](#) for further information on why even missing one day is important to your child's education. **It's very interesting!**

We are collecting **bottles** for a tombola [wine, lotions etc] and **tombola jars** full of exciting children's gifts, **soft toys** and **raffle prizes** for our **Summer Fete** scheduled for **Friday 28th June** from **2.00pm**. **Thank you for your support!**

Best wishes / Pinakamahasay na mga kagustuhan

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Please can you ensure your child [this includes all Preschool children and current Hartford children or older siblings] does NOT use their bike or scooter on school grounds at anytime during the school day [8.15am - 3.45pm]. Thank you.

Preschool

This week **preschool** have been very busy, we learnt two new songs, '5 fat peas' and '5 little speckled frogs' using our fingers to represent the numbers as we sang. We will extend this using objects to see how number changes as we sing. We used our imaginations when constructing junk models. Any donations of boxes/pots etc are most welcome! We also played a game using cups to 'catch' the corresponding object to the initial sound of the word, the children were amazing at this! **Next week**, we will be planting beans into bags so we can observe the roots growing and continue exploring our new vocabulary: 'roots', 'stem' and 'leaves'.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2** have enjoyed adding details like ears and mouths to their bear masks. They can't wait to share them with you at our work share event next Thursday! We have enjoyed making music in our enquiry sessions, thinking about making long and short sounds with our voices and even got musical in our Forest School sessions, improvising with sticks, trees and tree stumps! We have been writing sentences in literacy and are beginning to learn about beginning a sentence with a capital letter and ending with a full stop. **Next week**, we will be sharing a range of stories with 'morals' or special hidden meanings and thinking about what we can learn from stories from different religions. We will be learning about Christian and Muslim weddings and will be re-enacting our very own Christian wedding complete with wedding guests!

Year 1

This week **Class 3 and Class 4** have been finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts in maths. In English we wrote a tourist information leaflet about Antarctica. In music we have started to learn about duration and pitch, and have played some tuned instruments. **Next week**, in RE we are looking forward to visiting a church and learning about special places.

Year 2

This week **Class 5 and 6** wrote a non-chronological report about Antarctica in their English lessons. In maths they explored the properties of three-dimensional shapes by making them and describing the faces, vertices and edges. **Next week**, in English, the children will have individual feedback about their reports. In maths they will learn how to read, interpret and construct block diagrams. In music lessons the children will learn to understand the duration of long and short sounds in a piece of music or musical note.

Year 3

This week **Beech and Chestnut Classes** have been using drama to act out parts of 'Nothing to See here Hotel'. At this part of the story a cheeky goblin runs onto the beach which nearly blows the hotel's secret cover. This acting helped us to 'witness' this event and our notes will be used in our newspaper reports next week. In maths, we have been securing our knowledge of unit fractions by using shapes, linear and 3d models. In science, we have learned that we eat many different parts of plants (leaves, seeds, fruits etc). In art we have assessed our sculptures and have displayed them for each other in a class art show. **Next week**, for our RE days, we will be exploring how we can make a difference in our world today and we will begin our work on non-unit fractions (see this week's homework for more unit fraction practise).

Year 4

This week **Holly and Willow Classes** have checked their investigation Science this We learnt that orange juice and coffee were the worst liquids for our teeth and we must our teeth well to care for them. In English we have learnt about persuasive fronted adverbials and then edited our letters to include this new learning. In Maths we have been adding fractions and mixed numbers. **Next week**, we look forward to our RE days.

Year 5

This week **Oak and Ash Classes** have been extending our knowledge to cover features of 3D shapes, coordinates and angles within shapes. In English, we have been using figurative language to write a description of a cave setting and in science we have been describing reversible and irreversible changes caused by heating and cooling. In geography, we learned about the uses of land in the Amazon and the sad truth about deforestation. **Next week**, we will be looking at translation and symmetry in maths and refining our tennis skills in PE.

Year 6

This week **Pine and Sycamore** classes have made their teachers proud! They have worked hard on their papers and have shown such resilience and determination. **Next week**, we will turn our focus to our play; we have loved learning some of the songs already and have started getting to grips with the story and characters. We will also be writing diary entries and working as a team to solve problems in maths.

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Dates for the Diary/Mga Petsa para sa Diary

Walk to School Week	All Schools	Wk Beg Monday 20th May	All schools will be encouraging children to Walk to School for the 5 days and support their class to win a prize
Work Share Outcome	Infant School	Tuesday 21st May - Thursday 23rd May	Parents are invited into classrooms from 2.45pm to look at your child's work on Antarctica Year 1 – Tuesday 21st May Year 2 – Wednesday 22nd May Reception – Thursday 23rd May
Mosque Trip	Year 2	Friday 24th May	Year 2 children will be visiting a mosque in Cambridge as part of their RE work.
Half Term	All Schools	Monday 27th May - Monday 3rd June	A week and 1 day for half term
Library Trips	Infant School	Wk beg Tuesday 4th June	Infant children walk into Town to visit Huntingdon Library for their Sparky Start on geography Class 1 [Mrs Eagle]: Tuesday 11th June 10am-11am & Class 2 [Miss Adams]: Thursday 13th June 10am-11am Class 3 [Mrs Shaw]: Tuesday 4th June 9.30am-10.30am & Class 4 [Mrs Turner]: Tuesday 4th June 10.45am-11.45am Class 5 [Mrs Smith]: Thursday 6th June 9.30am-10.30am & Class 6 [Mrs Beecher]: Thursday 6th June 10.45am-11.45am
St Peter's School Visit	Year 6	Tuesday 4th June	Beginning of Y7 transition programme with a whole day visit to the school
Y6 Swimming begins	Year 6	Wednesday 5th June	Year 6 top up swimming lessons
Empathy Day	Junior School	Thursday 6th June	A chance to celebrate and support children's ability to empathise with others.
Phonics Screening	Year 1 & Year 2	Wk beg: Monday 10th June	Year 1 and some Year 2 children will participate in the DfE Phonic Screening Check
Stay & Play [1]	Preschool children	Friday 14th June	All preschool children starting Reception in September 2024 are invited to Stay and Play on our front playground to meet their new teachers and make friends.
New Reception Parents Meeting	Preschool children	Monday 17th June	An opportunity to find out which Class your child will be in from September and more information to support them in their transition to school from 6.00pm. This is an adult only event.
New to Year 1 Parents Meeting	Preschool children	Thursday 20th June	Parents are invited to pop into the Year 1 classes with their Reception child
Stay & Play [2]	Preschool children	Friday 21st June	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground
New to Year 3 Parents Meeting	Y2 parents	Tuesday 25th June	Current Year 2 Parents are invited to pop into the Junior School at 6.00pm to find out more about KS2 life
Stay & Play [3]	Preschool children	Friday 28th June	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground
Summer Fete	All schools	Friday 28th June	Summer Fete from 2.00pm on the school field and playgrounds [weather permitting]
Change Over Day	All schools	Wednesday 3rd July	All year groups 'jump up' to their new classes and we welcome new 2024 Reception Starters for a taster in Classes 1 and 2.
Stay & Play [4]	Preschool children	Friday 5th July	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground.
Gulliver's Trip	Year 6	Friday 5th July	Year 6 Annual trip to Gulliver's in Milton Keynes
Y6 Performance	Year 6	Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July	Two Year 6 performances [9th] at 6.00pm and an afternoon [10th] at 1.45pm to come and see [2 tickets per family only]
Y2 Leavers Assembly	Year 2	Thursday 11th July	Our Annual Leavers Assembly, parents and carers of Year 2 children are invited to this assembly from 9.00am
Stay & Play [5]	Preschool children	Friday 12th July	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Year 6	Friday 12th July	Our annual Leavers Assembly, parents and carers of Year 6 children are invited to this assembly from 9.30am
Healthy Week	All Schools	Wk beg 15th July	A week of activities to support our minds and body including Sports Day on Wednesday 17th am for Infant and pm for Junior
Last day of Term	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Last day of Term
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Our After School Club will not be open on this day due to staff training.

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