

Dear Parents and Carers

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Gosh that was a hot one! Thank you to everyone who has labelled their children's sunhats and slapped on the sun cream [it has smelt deliciously Summery in school] and provided their child with fresh water.

Congratulations to all the children who attended the **Junior School Cricket Club** both **Miss Gill Vierstraete** and **Miss Leah Culpin** were over the moon with the children's success on Tuesday– they came 2nd out of 11 teams– in the Dynamo Cricket Competition in St Neots. It was lovely to receive positive feedback about the children's comradery from parents who attended. Go Hartford! . If you have a **sports team kit**, please return it to **Willow Class** or the office at your earliest convenience.

It was wonderful to see current **Year 2 Parents** and children visit the **Junior School** on Tuesday to find out more about **Key Stage 2** [KS2] life.

It is with great sadness that I share the news of the passing of one of our most treasured members of staff. **Mrs Nicola Clancy** who worked in the **Infant School** behind the scenes as a cleaner, lost her battle with cancer at the start of this week. Nicola had been part of the Hartford Schools since the early 2000s, originally working as both a cleaner and mid day supervisor in the Junior School. She will be sorely missed by all staff and those children that were in After School Clubs who would have encountered her kind and caring attitude to everyone.

**Year 6 pupils** who have a hoodie designed by parents are welcome to wear their celebratory sweatshirt on the following days; the end of term Leavers Assembly on **Friday 12th July** and the last day of term **Friday 19th July**. Thank you for your support.

A HUGE thank you to **Mr Gavin McCartney**, **Mrs Freya Davies** and **Miss Gemma Jarmaine** and the other members of staff who organised today's **Summer Fete**. There has been a lot of toing and froing with cakes and tombola jars across both schools. Many thanks for your support in raising funds for the school, I believe we surpassed our total from last year for jars! If you would like to be a part of **PATHS** [Parents and Teachers of the Hartford Schools], do let us know as we currently only have Staff on board.

This week we had a visit from **Huntingdon Library** in the **Infant School** to promote the **Summer Reading Challenge**. The children were very excited especially after their recent visit to the library this term. Each year Hartford do well in the local school leader board with the amount of children who participate. Its quite simple, they need to register at the library *from* **Saturday 13th July**, then read or listen to 6 books over the Summer Holidays, and lastly pop into the library to receive the stickers to indicate the number of books they have read on their poster. You can also participate in the Junior School [there is a visit planned to promote it next week]. See ethe last page of the newsletter for further information. **How exciting!**

On **Tuesday 2nd July**, your child will find out their new class. Over the past few weeks we have been asking the children to think about good learning partners to support them in class, they have chosen 5 friends who they would like to be with who would fulfil this. We have factored this into our decisions when creating the new cohorts. We consider very carefully the following criteria to ensure classes are well balanced; children receiving support through an EHCP, those that are in receipt of Pupil Premium, the term of birth of the children, the languages children speak and hear at home and our own knowledge of good pairings. We know that we will not always meet everyone's full expectations. All children will be with at least one friend they have chosen. **Thank you for your support.**

Best wishes / ਸੁੱਤ ਕਾਮਨਾਵਾਂ

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

*Preschool*

This week **preschool** have begun exploring books about starting school and taking home our 'transition book bag' to support the move onto Reception in September! Please see Tapestry for details. We also learnt that some of our children have been watching football, so we used this interest to encourage some mark making with fantastic results and decided to make flags, everyone loved waving them. **Next week**, we will be using bee bots (robotic bees) to programme some very simple instructions.

*Reception*

This week **Class 1 and 2** we have been learning about the British sculptor Antony Gormley, looking at examples of his work and thinking about what he uses to create his pieces. The children have loved exploring clay and having a go at the coiling technique. In literacy we have been writing speech bubbles for the big bad wolf and the three little pigs and the children have come up with some brilliant sentences! Maths learning has focused on exploring the composition of numbers e.g. how numbers 6-9 can be partitioned into '5 and a bit'. **Next week**, the Reception gardens will have a shock visit from the big bad wolf! (Shhh!) The children will be challenged to investigate the scene and will be 'reporting officers', composing and writing a police report! **Also a polite request that families waiting in the Preschool garden in the afternoon to collect Reception children leave the garden tidy as found, many thanks for your support.**

*Year 1*

This week **Class 3 and 4** have been reading and spelling words with suffixes and writing sentences using the conjunction 'and' in English. In maths the children have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s - please keep practising this at home! In art we have enjoyed rolling coils with clay. **Next week**, the children will be writing a series of sentences using careful punctuation and solving money problems in maths.

*Year 2*

This week **Class 5 and 6** enjoyed performing a tongue twister poem, 'Fox in Socks' by Dr. Seuss. In maths we used a bar model to help solve division equations. What a lovely computing lesson we had, taking photographs, and evaluating them afterwards. **Next week**, in English we are writing a silly poem based on In the Giant's Rucksack. In maths we will learn how to read the time in five-minute intervals. We will be rehearsing for our **Leavers Assembly**. We hope you can make it on **Thursday 11th July at 9:00am.**

*Year 3*

This week **Beech and Chestnut** Classes looked at the features of informal and formal letters. The children imagined that they are residents of the fictional town of Blusterville and are preparing to write a letter to the council to complain about wind turbines being built (don't worry we have discussed the benefits too). In maths we secured our knowledge of non-unit fractions and quantities of fractions by using fraction walls and bar models to help solve fraction problems. In DT we started castle building and included many of the castle features in their models. We will next assess designs and finish decoration details. Next week in PSHCE, we will be talking about separation and loss. The children may come home with comments and questions about this. **If you have any concerns, please email the school office or speak with class teachers.**

*Year 4*

This week **Holly and Willow** Classes have enjoyed planning and writing their adventure stories. The classrooms have been bursting with creativity. In maths, we have been exploring symmetry and using mirrors to find lines of symmetry in patterns and shapes. We loved DT because we started sewing our wallets and purses and can't wait to finish them. **Next week**, we explore division with remainders and how to express emotions in our writing.

*Year 5*

This week **Oak and Ash** Classes have started their new topic in maths, converting measurements. In English, they've completed their non-chronological reports on Ancient Greek Gods. In PE, they've continued to learn how to play cricket. **Next week**, they'll continue to read the class novel, and continue learning about environmental impacts in the Amazon.

*Year 6*

This week **Pine and Sycamore** Classes have worked hard on the play to perfect our acting and singing skills ready for our performances. We are also preparing for our Leavers Assembly – bring your tissues! We have enjoyed our swimming lessons and learnt to throw a discus and shotput in PE. We have also practiced our running skills ready for sports day. **Next week**, we are very excited about our transition days at secondary school and our trip to Gulliver's.

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### *Dates for the Diary/Mga Petsa para sa Diary*

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.
Come & Play [B]	For new to Preschool	Thursday 4th July	All new to preschool children starting Preschool in September 2024 are invited to Come and Play on our front playground to meet their new teachers and make friends.
Stay & Play [4]	Preschool children	Friday 5th July	For Reception <b>New Starters</b> 2024 on our front playground.
Gulliver's Trip	Year 6	Friday 5th July	<b>Year 6</b> Annual trip to Gulliver's in Milton Keynes
Y6 Performance	Year 6	Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July	Two <b>Year 6</b> performances [9th] at 6.00pm and an afternoon [10th] at 1.45pm to come and see [2 tickets per family only]
Come & Play [C]	For new to Preschool	Thursday 11h June	All new to preschool children starting Preschool in September 2024 are invited to Come and Play on our front playground to meet their new teachers and make friends.
Y2 Leavers Assembly	Year 2	Thursday 11th July	Our <b>Annual Leavers Assembly</b> , parents and carers of <b>Year 2</b> children are invited to this assembly from 9.00am
Stay & Play [5]	Preschool children	Friday 12th July	For Reception <b>New Starters</b> 2024 on our front playground
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Year 6	Friday 12th July	Our annual <b>Leavers Assembly</b> , parents and carers of <b>Year 6</b> 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 <b>Sports Day</b> on <b>Wednesday 17th am for Infant</b> and <b>pm for Junior</b>
Last day of Term	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Last day of Term
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Our <b>After School Club</b> will <b>not</b> be open on this day due to staff training.
Autumn Term begins	All schools	Wednesday 4th September	All Year 1, 2 3, 4, 5 and Y6 pupils are expected to be in school from 8.40am [HJS] and 8.45am [HIPS]
Meet the Teacher	All Schools	Wednesday 11th September	Book an appointment on <b>Schoolcloud</b> [from 4.9.2024] for a <b>5 minute chat</b> with the new class teacher to share any top tips [questions will be shared in the new term before the meeting for ease]. You will be able to see the class your child will be in.

### **Sports Day**

We have organised our **Sports Day** for **Wednesday 17th July** for both schools. We hope the weather will be on our side, however we will have no capacity to reschedule if we must cancel, due to prearranged visits and trips for all year groups to the **Olympic Gym**. Also, please be aware that **all** children participate in athletics type activities in the lead up to Sports Day. They will **all** be involved in running races and encouraged to participate in the heats for the actual Sports Day. Therefore we will **not** see every child race on Sports Day, however they will be involved in many athletics and multi skills activities for you to see. **Thank you for your understanding.**

**Junior School** Parents do not take your child after the last event, all children **must return into school** to collect their belongings and then be dismissed by their class teacher for safety. Please support us. Thank you.

### **SEND Coffee Morning**

Following on our successful coffee morning in May, **Mrs Vicky McGregor** and **Mrs Charlotte Deaves** invite you in to the Infant School Hall for a **PINs Coffee Morning** next **Thursday 4th July** at **9.00am**. Refreshments will be provided, we look forward to seeing you.



Discover and enjoy the amazing books in your local library.

Become a marvellous maker by joining in with our fabulous activities.

Complete the Summer Reading Challenge and receive your very own Marvellous Makers medal and certificate.

Start collecting your special Marvellous Makers stickers from Saturday 20th July.



# Huntingdon Library

## What's on at Huntingdon Library for families this summer!

Future Stars Matilda Theatre Workshop	Monday 22nd July	10:00am - 1:00pm	4+ years	Booking required Free
Dynamic Dioramas	Monday 22nd July	2:00pm - 3:30pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Making Playdough	Wednesday 31st July	2:00pm - 3:30pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Crafty Monkeys: Decorate a Mug	Monday 5th August	10:00am - 11:30am	5+ years	Booking required £
Puppet Sewing	Saturday 10th August	10:30am - 12:00pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Pencil Case Decorating	Friday 16th August	10:30am - 12:00pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Junk Modelling	Tuesday 20th August	2:00pm - 3:30pm	4+ years	Booking required £
Imagination Jars	Wednesday 28th August	10:30am - 12:00pm	4+ years	Booking required £

For more information or to book your place on an event, please ask a member of staff at Huntingdon Library, call 0345 045 5225 or email: [huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

