

# HARTSBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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14th February 2025

## **Parking on Hartsbourne Road**

We would again like to remind all parents and guardians about the importance of safe parking during school drop-off and pick-up times. We have had a couple of incidents where children's safety has been put at risk by parents letting their children out onto the road or reversing into the school entrance to turn around. Additionally, we have received numerous complaints from local residents regarding parents parking on the pavement, which obstructs pedestrian access. This not only poses a risk to our children but also prevents emergency vehicles from passing through in case of an emergency. We appreciate that drop off and pick up are busy times but there are plenty of safe spaces a little bit further down the road. We urge everyone to park responsibly and prioritise the safety of our children and the community.

## **Friends of Hartsbourne**

I am sad to write that unless they receive more volunteers, the Friends of Hartsbourne will be closing at the end of the spring term. The current number of volunteers is insufficient to sustain the planned activities and support for the school. If you are interested in contributing your time and skills to help them to continue, please reach out to the Friends of Hartsbourne team through your class rep. The children have been so lucky to benefit from the funds raised by the Friends of Hartsbourne and it would be great if we could find a way to ensure the events continue.

## **Military Competition**

This week we welcomed Councillor Terry Douris and Commanding Officer Neil Towers to Hartsbourne for a very special assembly. For the second year in a row, one of our children won the Hertfordshire Heroes Christmas Art competition. This is truly impressive as we were told that they had over 1000 entries from schools all around Hertfordshire, so a huge well done to Jessie in Year 3 for creating the winning entry. Jessie's card has been sent to serving military personnel all around the world! We are very proud of you Jessie and are looking forward to hearing all about the experience day that you have won!

## **Looking Forward World Book Day**

As we come to the end of another busy half term, we are looking forward to all of the exciting things coming up in Spring 2. We have lots of school trips going on, Year 6 will be off to PGL and we have my favourite day of the year, World Book Day! We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March to avoid clashing with our parents evening. We will be sending out more details after half term but for those of you who like to plan ahead, the dress code will be book characters or pyjama's. Please do encourage your child to complete their fabric square, we are so excited to see what they look like when we (Mrs Bain!) sews them all together.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th February.

Mrs Harte and the Team at Hartsbourne

## **We Are Very Proud Of.....**

Millie in Year 3 who chose to use some of her Christmas money to sponsor a child through a charity. Well done Millie!

Ivy-Rose in Year 3 for her wonderful achievements in trampolining and Gymnastics.

All of the children that bring their belts, badges, certificates and medals to share in assembly every week. We love to see them and celebrate your achievements so please keep bringing them in! If any parents have something that they would like us to share in the newsletter then please do email in to [parents@hartsbourne.org.uk](mailto:parents@hartsbourne.org.uk)

## **Reading Maps**

The following children have completed their reading maps. A huge well done to them.

Year 1 - Ariella and Mirissa

Year 4 - Sanam

Keep going KS2, you have some catching up to do!



# School Notices

Welcome to this week's School Notices. As a school we try to support the busy lives of our families by consolidating communication to one weekly newsletter, and these are posted to the school website each Friday as an easy point of reference.

In addition to this don't forget about our FAQ page on the school website. Our aim is to provide the answers to your questions when you think of them, as opposed to you being restricted by school hours, so please let us know if you there's anything you would find helpful so we can add it in 😊.

<https://hartsbourne.org.uk/parent-hub/>

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# Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
W/C Monday 17th February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	Reception - School Nursing Team (Sight and Hearing checks)
Friday 28th February	Year 5 and Year 6 - K'Nex Challenge
Tuesday 4th March	Hartsbourne FC V The Grove
Tuesday 4th March	Parents' Evening (5.00pm - 7.40pm) - No Journalism Club
Wednesday 5th March	Reception - Bushey Library
Thursday 6th March	Parents' Evening (3.45pm - 6.25pm) - No Candice Conway Hip Hop
Friday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 13th March	Nursery - Andrew's Fruit and Veg Shop
Wednesday 19th March	Year 2 - Bushey United Synagogue
Thursday 27th March	Passover School Tour
w/c Monday 31st March	Year 6 - PGL
Thursday 3rd April	Easter Assemblies with Father Burton
Friday 4th April	End of Term - School Finishes at 2.00pm
7th - 9th and 14th - 16th April	Easter Booster Sessions for Year 6



# Spring Term Parent Teacher Consultations

## Nursery to Year 6

### Spring Parents' Evening - Online Appointment Booking

Parent consultation evenings for this term will be face to face appointments on **Tuesday 4th March from 5.00pm – 7.40pm, and Thursday 6th March from 3.45pm - 6.25pm**. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, in confidence, with the class teacher.

**Appointments can be made from 7pm Monday 10th February and will close on Monday 24th February at 12pm.**

Bookings are made via **Arbor** and full instructions can be found [here](#)



## Dates of the Easter Booster Sessions for Year 6

In the Easter holidays, Mr Willimott will be running a few booster sessions for any Year 6 children who would like to do some extra preparation for their SATs. All of the sessions will take place in the morning, and children will be able to attend some, all, or none.

Full details and booking information will be sent out nearer the time, but for your information the planned dates are as follows:

Monday 7th April  
Tuesday 8th April  
Wednesday 9th April  
Monday 14th April  
Tuesday 15th April  
Wednesday 16th April



# WORLD BOOK DAY CHALLENGE

## What do I have to do?

Decorate the piece of fabric you will be given next week with your favourite book cover or character. Be as creative as you like! You can sew, use pens, paint, collage or anything else that you can think of!

## Anything Else?

It would be great if you could write a short review of your book – what it's about, main characters and events.



## When should I return my design?

Please return your completed fabric design to your class teacher in the week after half term. We will be attempting to stitch them all together to create a Hartsbourne celebration of reading!

**Friday 14th February 2025 – Emerald: works well on a 1:1 basis with a range of different partners.**



Year 1 – Alfie M and Ruby H are excellent learning partners they are supportive, helpful and hard-working.

Year 2 – Emilia and Florence are both wonderful learning partners, who are always supportive and work well with a range of different partners.

Year 3 – Rachel and Emily are great learning partners and will always be supportive, regardless of who they work with.

Year 4 – Maliha and Charlotte are both engaging and motivated learning partners, always on task in partner work and having interesting discussions.

Year 5 – Jessica is a wonderful learning partner, helping her peers make edits to their work and Toby has been working positively with a range of different learning partners.

Year 6 – Haneen worked extremely well in her art project with a number of partners throughout the week and Yashil always works well 1:1 with his partners offering good advice.

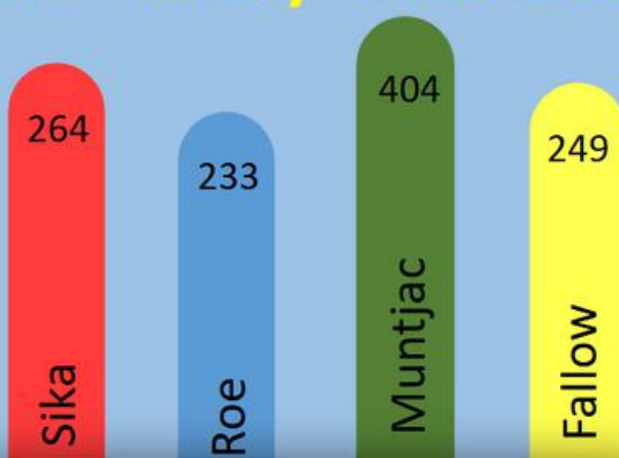
**This week Clive the Carrot is awarded to...**



**Year 2!**



**Housepoints – Friday 14th February 2025**



**Muntjac wins!**





# Class Specific Messages



## **Year 2 & 4 Managing Emotions Project**

We have been lucky enough to be selected to participate in the NHS pilot project for supporting mental health in schools. Our qualified Emotional and Mental Health practitioner (EMHP) has been working in our school weekly, running a variety of individual, small group and whole class sessions to support our children.

We have selected Year 2 & Year 4 to receive one of the workshops, you can find more information here. The workshops will be weekly and will start after half term and last for 6 weeks. These will be run by the EMHP and the class teacher. If you do not wish your child to participate in these workshops then please complete the opt out slip and return it to us by Friday 28th February. We hope this will be an excellent opportunity to further enhance the support we are able to give all children at school.

**[Opt Out Letter](#)**

**[PUPI Leaflet](#)**

**[Managing My Emotions](#)**

## **Reception - Bushey Library**

On Wednesday 5th March, Reception will be visiting Bushey Library as part of their literacy work and Understanding the World topic. They will be travelling there and back in the school minibus, and as it's just an afternoon visit, they will be having their usual school meals.

## **Nursery - Andrew's Fruit and Veg Shop**

On Thursday 13th March, Nursery will be visiting Andrew's Fruit and Veg Shop as part of their work on the book Handa's Surprise. They will be walking there and back and would therefore be extremely grateful for a few parent volunteers to help. They are planning to be out for the morning and expect to be back by 11.00.

If you are able to help then please could you complete this form by **Monday 24th February**.

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## **Year 2 - Bushey United Synagogue**

On Wednesday 19th March, Year 2 will be visiting **Bushey United Synagogue** as part of their R.E topic. They will be walking there and back and would therefore be extremely grateful for a few parent volunteers to help. They are planning to be out for the morning and expect to be back by 12.00.

If you are able to help then please could you complete this form by **Monday 24th February**.

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