

HARTSBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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A Note from Mrs Harte

Welcome Back

We have had a fantastic first week! It has been wonderful to see all of the children return from their holidays looking so much taller and full of stories to tell us. We have definitely 'Bounced Back into Learning!'. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Reception parents, it has been lovely to see our first groups of new children settle so well this week. As always at Hartsbourne, we have some exciting things planned over the next few terms so please keep an eye on our newsletters and Facebook page to see what your children are getting up to.

Attendance

All parents should be aware of the school attendance policy which is available on our website. We are not allowed to authorise absence unless it is for exceptional circumstances. If you take your child on a term time holiday, it will be recorded as 'G' denoting an unauthorised term time leave. The local authority monitor unauthorised absences and may choose to issue a fine.

RAAC

I am sure you have seen recent media coverage regarding the Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and it's use in educational settings. We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our building and have not been informed by the DFE to close any areas. The Bushey St James Trust have made the decision to commission an independent specialist to survey all 3 schools so that we can be confident that all buildings will not be affected by this ongoing issue.

Coffee Morning - School Anxiety

We have recently commissioned the South West Herts Partnership to work alongside us at Hartsbourne. South West Herts Partnership is a family focussed/needs-led partnership working alongside children and their families to ensure access to a wide range of early support with a non-judgemental friendly approach. One of the first things that they will be doing will be running a coffee morning based around the subject of school anxiety on Wednesday 20th September at 9am. This will include what causes school anxiety and suggested strategies to try at home. If you would like to attend, please click on the link <https://forms.gle/Yq7DJb3h3AS7sNpA9> so that we can make sure we have enough resources and biscuits!

Reading Maps

Your child should be coming home with their new year group reading map. Please encourage them to complete this and earn their badge. We will be continuing to promote different reading events throughout the year.

Have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Harte and the team at Hartsbourne

PE & Forest School Days

Class	PE Days	Forest School
Reception	Tuesday	Monday
Year 1	Monday & Friday	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday & Thursday	Tuesday
Year 3	Monday & Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday (swimming) & Thursday	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday & Thursday	Wednesday
Year 6	Monday & Wednesday	Tuesday

We Are Very Proud Of.....

Darcey in Year 6 who achieved a distinction in her Grade 2 LAMDA exam.

Edie and Daniel in Year 6 for being invested into Scouts.

Belle & Edie for achieving merits in their Ballet exam.



Parking

You may have noticed our new signs to remind parents and carers about not parking on the zig zag lines. A big thank you to Mr Hanbury at <https://theprintteamgg.com/> for providing them. Towards the end of last year we were noticing increasingly dangerous parking and driving at drop off and pick. No parent or child should have to walk in the road and already this week this has happened. Please drive and park responsibly to help us to keep the children safe.



Autumn Term Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 11th September	Rosh Hashanah Assembly – Rabbi Nick
Monday 11th September	Year 1 Rosh Hashanah Workshop
Tuesday 12th September	Year 4 Swimming Starts
Wednesday 20th September	School Anxiety Coffee Morning
Wednesday 20th September	Year 1 Meet The Teacher 2–2:30pm
Wednesday 20th September	Year 2 Meet The Teacher 2:30–3:00pm
Thursday 21st September	Year 3 Meet The Teachers 2 – 2:30pm
Thursday 21st September	Year 4 Meet The Teacher – 2:30–3:00pm
Friday 22nd September	Year 5 Meet The Teacher 2–2:30pm
Friday 22nd September	Year 6 Meet The Teacher 2:30–3:00pm
Tuesday 26th September	Sukkot Assembly – Rabbi Nick
Friday 29th September	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 2nd October	Year 1 Toy Workshop
Tuesday 3rd October	Watford Schools Trust – Yr 1
Tuesday 3rd October	Watford Schools Trust Harvest Assembly
Thursday 5th October	Year 4 Moat Mount Trip
Monday 9th October	Individual & Sibling School Photographs
Wednesday 18th October	School Council Civic Offices Visit
Friday 20th October	Friends of Hartsbourne Cake Sale
Friday 20th October	End of Half Term
Monday 30th October	INSET Day
Tuesday 31st October	Term Starts
Tuesday 7th November	Whole School Parents Evening
Thursday 9th November	Whole School Parents Evening
Wednesday 15th November	Year 3 Trip – Natural History Museum

Learning Gems

Friday 8th September 2023 – Pearl: maintains focus, stays on task, ignores distractions has good listening skills with peers and adults.



Year 1 – Pippa W is an excellent role model she always listens to others and remains focused and Oliver has used his super listening skills when working with others to complete tasks.

Year 2 – Emily has started the school year with a positive attitude to learning and is an excellent role-model student. Josh has shown that he is a hard-working student that manages his distractions well to maintain focus in class.

Year 3 – Ria has shown determination to complete tasks to a high standard and with great focus. Ta'Ziyah has been a super role model to his peers by ignoring distractions and staying on task.

Year 4 – Taylor has shown brilliant focus and enthusiasm throughout the week and Chase showed outstanding determination in his Maths work.

Year 5 – Amelie and Ollie have both shown great listening skills when working with their peers as well as really focusing on their descriptive writing in English.

Year 6 – Rafi has shown excellent focus throughout the week. Elwood has good listening skills to both adults and children which has helped produce some great work.