

Hartsbourne Newsletter - Spring Edition 1 - 21/01/22

What a fantastic start to the year we have had! Operation dream Job was a great opportunity for the children from Yr 1 - 6 to try out some different careers and be taught by other teachers. The children really enjoyed it and we are hoping to do more mixed year group events when our current Covid cases decrease. Coming up this term we have Numbers Day (further information later in the newsletter) and Mental Health Week. During this week the children will be learning how to keep mentally healthy. Reception and KS1 will be trying some yoga and KS2 will be taking part in an art installation project around body positivity.

We would like to say huge thank you to County Councillor Laurence Brass for awarding us £1500 from his Locality Budget Scheme towards our outdoor library. This will take us a big step closer to being able to complete it. Thank you also to Mrs Hill who made us aware of this scheme so that we could apply. We are able to provide our theme week opportunities for the children due to grants and project funds that we are constantly applying for to supplement our school budget. If you become aware of any that might be appropriate, please do forward them to us.

This week some of the children have been taking part in Road Safety initiatives with Hertfordshire county council. Over the course of the year we will also be having Bikeability training for Year 6 and Scooter training for Year 2. Please help us to teach the children about safety on the roads by driving responsibly at drop off and pick up time and not parking on the zig zag lines outside the school. It is everyone's responsibility to set a good example for all of the children.

We have been informed by HR that as the extra bank holiday falls within the half term, we need to put in a bank holiday for school staff. As we did not know about this when we set our term dates, we have decided to have it on Monday 6th June which is the Monday after May half term. We hope this gives you adequate time to arrange child care and will not cause too much inconvenience as it is tagged on to the end of half term.

As I am sure you are aware we have high cases of Covid and have had to 'zone' our reception class. Please help us to contain the spread of infection in all classes by testing your children when they have symptoms and keeping them at home if they are positive. We will not be closing classes due to Covid cases as long as we have enough staff to manage the class safely. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday. Mrs Harte and all the staff at Hartsbourne

Upcoming Dates

Friday 4th February - Number Day

W/B 7th February - Feeling Good Week

Monday 7th February - Yoga sessions EY and KS1

Monday 7th February - Art Workshop KS2 - Body Positivity

Wednesday 9th February - Wellbeing Wednesday

Friday 11th February - Friends Valentines Disco

Half Term - W/B 14th February

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

Wednesday 9th March - Yr 3 Natural History Museum

Monday 14th March - Reception

W/B 28th March - Year 6 to PGL

Yr 5 Puppets Performance Week

Friday 1st April - Last day of term

Don't forget to follow us on social media.

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Learning Gems & Housepoints

Pearl: maintains good focus, stays on task, ignores distractions and listens well to peers and adults.

Year 1 – Dominic has shown amazing concentration this week and contributed well to lessons, and Zainab has shown amazing listening skills in maths this week!

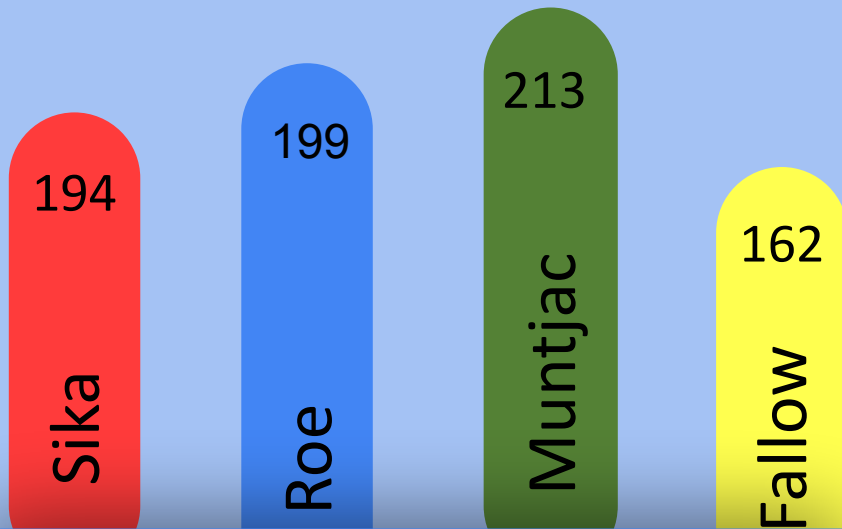
Year 2 – Johnny and maintained good focus and stayed on task this week and Lyla showed good listening skills when peers and adults offer feedback on her work!

Year 3 – Ayaan and Esme always maintain good focus and are able to stay on task whilst ignoring distractions!

Year 4 – Daniel listens and follows instructions beautifully in swimming lessons and Elwood maintains focus and ignores distractions in busy learning environments

Year 5 – Amelia has shown laser focus on her work, stayed on task all week, and Alec had excellent concentration when adding nuance and description to his writing!

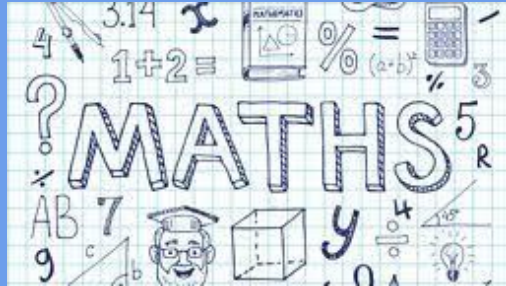
Year 6 – Khushal always maintains his focus and avoids distractions to stay on task when listening to feedback and Erin has ignored distractions, listened well to adults and implemented feedback effectively!



Muntjac wins!

Hartsbourne Number Day

Friday 4th February



As a school we will be taking part in the NSPCC national number day with a whole day dedicated to celebrating and recognising that maths is all around us in the world.

This will be a non-uniform day and the children are encouraged to wear any items of clothing that celebrate mathematics.

Children need to get excited about the following;

- Teachers vs children maths quiz hosted by Mr Willimott and Miss Picton-Block.
- Maths Bingo
- Maths costume competition.
- Much much more.

Number
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Reading Update

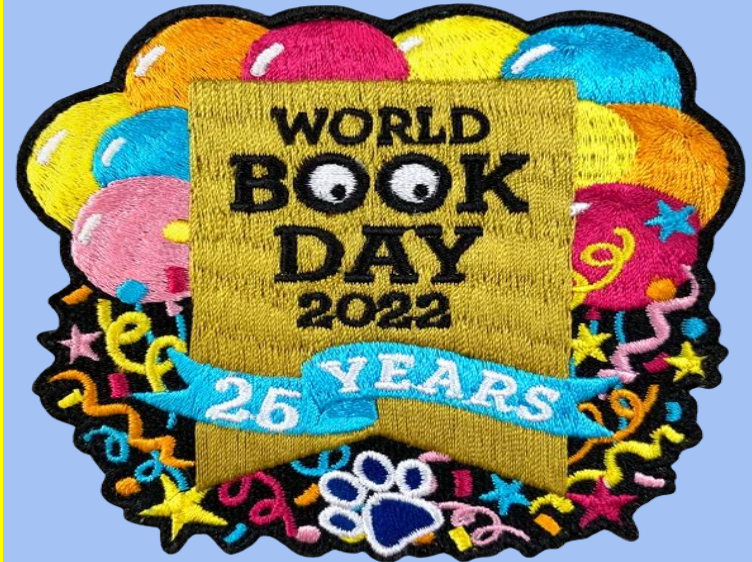
Thanks to all of your support with their Christmas events and the grant from County Councillor Laurence Brass, Friends of Hartsbourne are getting close to reaching their goal for the library. We are very excited about this and are inviting contractors in to look at the area with the hope of having it started over the Summer holidays. Watch this space!

Huge congratulations to Aurora in Reception for being the first child to complete her reading journey. She has been awarded with her first badge. We are very proud of you Aurora! Thanks to Friends of Hartsbourne we know have at least one copy of every book on our reading maps. Your children will be able to access and borrow these books during their visits to the school library. Thank you for your support with raising the profile of reading within our school.

“I really enjoyed reading The Snail and the Whale” Franklin Y1

“I like all the details in the pictures on the map” Casey Y1

“It’s nice to read the books and it’s also educational for the children” Nathan and Amelie Y3



World Book day is coming up on Thursday 3rd March. Keep an eye out for all of the exciting events we will be planning to celebrate 25 years of world book day.

Panto

Due to the rise in Omicron cases, the pantomime starring our very own Mr Harper has been postponed until Please see the poster below if you would like to book tickets to see him in action!



St James' Music & Drama Society Presents

Sleeping Beauty

The Pantomime

4 - 5 March 2022

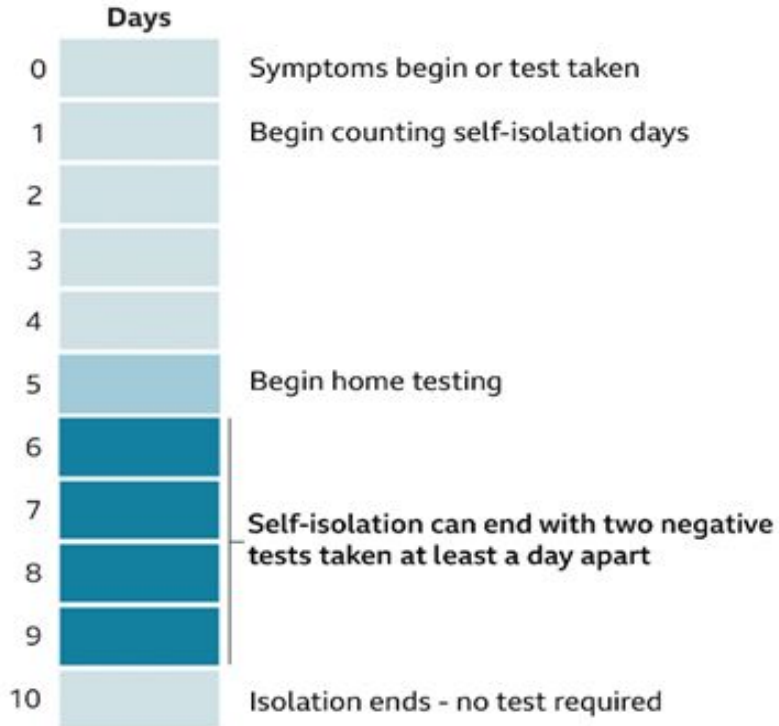
7.30pm nightly, with 2.30pm Saturday matinee
Bushey & Oxhey Methodist Church

Box Office: ticketsource.co.uk/stjamesmad | 07930185573
Tickets £10 adults and £7.50 concessions

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Covid - New Isolation Rules

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS



Isolation periods for people who test positive for COVID-19 have changed

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature. The day when you developed symptoms or tested positive is counted as day zero.

For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported at:

https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result?utm_source=18%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.