



## Amethyst



Hartsbourne Primary School  
Hartsbourne Road  
Bushey Heath WD23 1SJ

Edition 40 Summer Term,  
23rd July 2019

### **Amethyst Comfortable with mistakes; can learn from them and bounce back. Can keep calm even when upset.**

Rec: Etienne is always willing to have-a-go, Amelie stays calm even if upset.

Y1: Athena-Kae works hard and learns from mistakes, Freddie bounces back from mistakes.

Y2: Dillon H and Ollie calmly accepted second place in the class maths challenge.

Y3 Ava-Bella calmly learns from mistakes. Cooper always bounces back from mistakes.

Y4 Ethan has bounced back quickly from mistakes and Lauren kept calm even though upset.

Y5 Trent and Ava-Lily have kept calm this week, especially during the Athletics competition.

Y6 Aamir is always calm and happy at school, and Ali has no fear of mistakes when taking on a challenge.

#### **AWARDS**

CAETANO CUP FOR PERSEVERENCE

Adam (Year 2)

OMELIA CUP SPORTS

Mason (Year 1)

SERVICE FAMILY CUP

Chloe (Year 5)

TANNA CUP FOR MATHS

Ruben (Year 2)

WOOD TROPHY FOR EFFORT

John (Year 3)

WILLIAMS ARTS ACHIEVEMENT

Samuel (Reception)

ZEALANDER LITERACY AWARD

Charlie K (Year 4)

HART AWARD

Ehra (Year 5)

#### **CLASS WRITING AWARDS:**

Reception: Belle, Year 1: Elwood, Year 2: Megan, Year 3: Mackenzie, Year 4: Jack, Year 5: Summer, Year 6: Lana

#### **PARENTS' FORUM— Notes from the meeting are on Page 4.**

#### **FINAL NETBALL MATCH:**

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**RETURN SEPTEMBER 4TH 2019** The first three days of term will be spent on some fun activities, handwriting and presentation expectations, school rules, playground games and PSHE. They are incredibly important days for helping children to re-connect with their friends and learning to learn. We look forward to seeing all our pupils at 8.45am on Wednesday 4th September.

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please label **all** school uniform for September, including polo shirts, skirts, dresses, trousers, PE kit and water bottles. We throw away good stuff because it is un-named and children do not always know their own stuff (contrary to general belief)!

*Many thanks for all your cards, gifts and good wishes and wishing you all a lovely, relaxing holiday from Valerie Hudson (Head Teacher) and all the staff at Hartsbourne.*

# Diary Dates

* = Parents Invited	
<b>END OF TERM AT 2.00PM</b>	<b>23.7.19</b>
<b>INSET (MONDAY AND TUESDAY)</b>	<b>2/3.9.19</b>
<b>School returns Wednesday 8.45am</b>	<b>4.9.19</b>
Meet the teacher Y3/Y4	10.9.19
Meet the teacher Y1/Y2	12.9.19
Meet the teacher Y5/Y6	13.9.19
Phonics Workshop (new Rec. parents)	18.9.19
Friends' Welcome to all new parents 2.15pm in The Duck	27.9.29
Rosh Hashanna	30.9.19
Tours for New Rec parents (2020) pm	1.10.19
Art Workshop for Y3	2.10.19
Red White & Blue Day (Women in the Military)	4.10.19
Art workshop for Y4	7.10.19
Yom Kippur	9.10.19
Friends' Cake Sale 3.30pm—4.00pm	11.10.19
Outdoor Learning Week	14.10.19
Y5 Sky Studios trip	17.10.19
Harvest Assembly* 2.30pm	18.10.19
Parent Teacher Meeting	22.10.19
Parent Teacher Meeting	24.10.19
<b>HALF TERM 28.10.19—1.11.19</b>	
INSET (Conference at BSJT)	4.11.19
Remembrance Assembly 2.30pm	8.11.19
Positive Behaviour Week	11.11.19
New Rec parents (2020) tour pm	13.11.19
Open door 3.30—4.00pm	13.11.19
New Rec parents (2020) tour am	15.11.19
New Rec parents (2020) tour am	21.11.19
Diwali	27.11.19
Christmas Bazaar 3.40—5.00pm	4.12.19
<b>OCCASIONAL DAY—CLOSED</b>	<b>6.12.19</b>
Rec & KS1 Show pm	11.12.19
Rec & KS1 show am	12.12.19
KS2 show pm	16.12.19
KS2 show— 6.00pm	17.12.19
Christmas dinner & Jumper Day £1	18.12.19
Whole school Panto	19.12.19

# Friends of Hartsbourne

What	Where	When
Welcome to new parents	The Duck	27.9.19 at 2.15
Cake Sale	The Dining Room	11.10.19 3.30—4.00pm
Christmas Bazaar	Hall, Y5/6	4.12.19 3.40—5.00pm
Christmas Jumper £1	School	18.12.19
Disco and non uniform: 70's disco theme	Hall/dining room	30.1.20
Cake Sale	Hall	14.2.19 3.30—4.00pm
Easter Egg Hunt	Playground	27.3.20 3.30—4.00pm
Sponsored event	Hall	1.5.20
Movie Night (Y2-Y6)	Classrooms	20.5.20
Bring a bottle	School	26.6.20
Summer Fair	School	27.6.20
Family picnic and football event	Field and Duck	12.7.20
Crazy Hair	School	17.7.20

**PARENT VIEW:** Give us your feedback on the Ofsted website: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.  
It really helps us to know how you feel about things so we can continue to improve and respond to parents.



Sika

350

Roe

269

Muntjac

440

Fallow

365

## FINAL NETBALL MATCH No victory in our final gam



...but what a couple of years it has been!

There was to be no victorious conclusion to a fantastic couple of years of netball for this wonderful team, but I am still incredibly proud of what they have achieved and grateful for their energy and enthusiasm throughout.

Having decided to re-start the school netball team two years ago, I certainly did feel anxious about the prospect. I didn't really know the rules and felt pretty certain that the girls wouldn't either. And what if none of them turned up? How could I turn a group of beginners into a competitive side?

And yet that is exactly what has come to pass. In two short years these fantastic girls have gone from novices who needed reminding every week of which position could go where on the court, to looking like and playing like a proper netball team. Along the way I have had an awful lot of support: from the girls themselves, turning up every week on a Monday afternoon to train and practise; from the parents, ever in support and full of encouragement and praise; from Sarah, our newly-appointed coach, who has taken them to another level; even from simply playing other schools and working out what a primary school netball game actually looks like. I wanted a team where younger girls could look up to them, be excited at the thought of one day also representing their school on the netball court and have the ambition to do just that. Time will tell, of course, but I couldn't have asked any more of these girls.

Our last hurrah was supposed to be a four-school tournament but in the end, it was just us and Bushey Heath. Rather than play a standard match, we elected instead to split our large group into two teams and play a round-robin tournament of shorter games instead. The closest match was the opener, with one of our teams playing Bushey Heath. Grace, Jessie and Ruby worked really well together to keep the scoreboard ticking over and the scoring went back and forward throughout the first half. Emily, Megan and Evie tried their best to break up opposition attacks and Sofia, Sophie and Lila made some vital interceptions at the back. Ultimately as the second half wore on, our aggression in defence dipped a little and we finished up losing 5-7.

The next game saw both of our teams play one another, and thanks to some great scoring from Sophie and Chloe, as well as excellent defence from Lana, their team triumphed 5-0 to set up and final showdown with Bushey Heath. Despite making a slow start, we battled back into the game, with Ruby and Sophie continuing the link up play which has led to so many points over the last two years. In the centre Ella, Libbi, Jessica and Kizzy wrestled to control the match, whilst behind them Grace and Beyza were determined not to give the opposition attackers a sniff. Momentum shifted back and forth, but ultimately we were bested 6-10.

It's easy to speak this way after a defeat but really, the result of these matches didn't matter. It was simply a celebration of a brilliant group of girls, who I feel lucky to have worked with for these past two years, and who I sincerely hope will go on to represent their respective secondary schools at this sometimes maligned yet utterly superb sport. Good luck next year girls (including Maryam, who sadly couldn't take part in this game but has been a valuable member of the squad throughout) and thank you for being a fantastic Hartsbourne netball team.

Mr Harper, Team Manager

## OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE (ENRICHMENT):



Left: Year 6 watching the BMS Emerging Stars reduced Shakespeare production of Hamlet.

Right: Y6 Leavers' Show: Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies.



Superstars all of them!



## **PARENTS' FORUM MEETING ON FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**

### **Notes of the meeting and feedback from parents**

Governors introduced themselves and discussed their roles and visits made to school. The Executive Principal of the BSJT (Jeremy Turner) presented information on all the cross-collaboration work the teachers from all three schools had undertaken over the year.

The Head presented information on handwriting and presentation. The Chair of Governors led a Q & A post-it session.

The following questions/suggestions were raised by parents:

- ◆ For trips, could the letter encourage the use of re-useable lunchboxes/fabric bags and recyclable items in general. NOT plastic bags. This is an important teaching point for this generation!
- ◆ Two classes didn't do the trip that was advertised on the enrichment programme, could there be more consistency and communication about this?
- ◆ Parents would like to see when and how the Nature Reserve is being used. Could this be added to the Enrichment Programme?
- ◆ At the beginning of the year could teachers ask for a volunteer library helper for their class.
- ◆ More consistency with homework. ALL teachers to give optional holiday homework this should not be compulsory, or NO holiday homework.
- ◆ More feedback for homework would be useful.
- ◆ Could we have more homework?
- ◆ After school childcare until 6.00pm would be great but needs to be arranged long before September, with enough time for parents to decide who to use.
- ◆ Can we be more flexible with days as there is a clash with Netball and Dance (BMS).
- ◆ Could we have signs for outside the school reminding parents to switch off car engines and reduce pollution.
- ◆ Parents would like exemplars of handwriting for each year group, so they know how to help.
- ◆ Send out reminders around unknown parent view responses.
- ◆ ALL teachers to keep a record of achievement certificates to ensure ALL children are recognised throughout the year – everyone is good at something.
- ◆ A system for the school to track who has been given main parts in shows. This could be done yearly and passed up to the next teacher, so it isn't always the same children.
- ◆ Could Year 3 and Year 4 get air conditioning?
- ◆ Can we remove the bunting from sports day as it gets in the way?
- ◆ We loved the coloured Tee shirts for sports day.
- ◆ Shows should be more toddler friendly.
- ◆ Can we change the admissions policy sibling rule?
- ◆ Can Year 2 have an afternoon snack, they get hungry.
- ◆ Could we have a choir?

Some great suggestions, we will try and implement as many as we can! A few, like organizing childcare, will take a little longer. We have tried this twice before but did not have the numbers to sustain it. Air conditioning for Year 3 and 4 is in this year's budget but we may only have enough for 1 class.

We do try hard to avoid clashes but it is not always possible when running more than one club per night. The bunting is important for Health & Safety as we mark where visitors should stand to keep the activities clear and safe.

We choose to follow the Hertfordshire admissions policy and this cannot be changed.

I'm sure our new music teacher will be letting us know about extra curricular music which we hope will include a choir!

## HARTSBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### LEARNING TO LEARN GEMS



#### *Pearl*

Can maintain good focus, stay on-task, ignore distractions, good listening skills for peers and adults.

#### *Topaz*

**Brave enough to have-a-go, willing to take a chance on being wrong, kind and supportive if others are wrong.**

#### *Amethyst*

**Comfortable with mistakes; can learn from them and bounce back. Can keep calm even when upset.**

#### *Ruby*

**Can support others with friendliness, smiling and good listening, give praise appropriately and help others with a problem.**

#### *Sapphire*

**Can collaborate with others in group work, take turns, share ideas.**

**Listen to the ideas of others and accepts challenges/changes.**

#### *Emerald*

**Co-operate with different partners on a 1:1 basis and show good listening and talking skills. Take turns and co-operate to develop learning and ideas.**

#### *Diamond*

Being independent and responsible by solving own problems, using different learning strategies and building on previous knowledge. Can identify next steps in learning.

## BEFORE SCHOOL

Please can I remind you that children should wait quietly with their adult before school and not run around in the playgrounds, on banks, in the astro turf or using the play equipment. The morning playground is too busy with others for children to be able to play safely at this time. It is so much better if they enter the classroom calm and ready to learn.

Year 3 parents should wait at the bottom of the steps (on the KS2 playground) and Year 4 should wait near the emergency gates. This helps to keep the paths free for parents with prams and pushchairs.

PLEASE TELEPHONE ALL ABSENCE BEFORE 8.30AM, USING THE ANSWERING MACHINE ABSENCE LINE.

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