



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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A Note from Mr Harper

Good afternoon!

The tragedy of recent events in Manchester has served a sobering reminder, for me, of how vital it is that we take care of each other as a school community.

It can be easy to feel a little bit snooty about the concept of school as a community, especially when the life of the parent is so incredibly busy. Just managing to bung them into their classroom before the register and scoop them up at the end of the day can often be tricky enough, and that's before we get into remembering reading book days, PE days, homework days, booking lunches and the myriad of other things we ask of you. On top of that, are we now asking even more of you, as part of the Hartsbourne community?

Absolutely not. In fact in some cases, we think you should be doing less.

Let me tell you something that I believe to be absolutely true: you are not responsible for the choices your children make when they are in school, nor should you feel guilty about them. We remind children consistently that making mistakes is part of learning, growing and developing, but these mistakes aren't confined to the classroom. Getting frustrated, getting emotional and falling out over things that seem so utterly irrelevant to us as adults is a perfectly normal part of growing up. I cannot tell you the number of times that I've seen soap-opera level arguments on the playground be resolved by the next day - and very often, by the same afternoon! We are prepared for this sort of thing, and set up to deal with it.

It is with that in mind that I'd like to discourage you from trying to resolve problems that occur in school between you - not because I don't think you can, but because I don't think you should have to. Your lives are busy, your time is short and the demands placed upon you seem to grow year on year. The relationships that are built between you, often based on nothing more than the fact that your children attend the same school, shouldn't have to suffer because of something that happened at school that was not your fault and that you are not responsible for resolving. If it happens on our watch, let us know, and we'll take care of it for you. All we would ask of you, especially at times like this, is to take care of each other.

Have a restful and relaxing weekend, and we will see you all next week.

Mr Harper 😊



Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 9 th October	Year 1 - Toy Workshop
Thursday 9 th October	Year 5 - Local Sports Competition
Monday 13 th October	Carmel Jane - Individual School Photos
W/C Monday 20 th October	Harvest Festival and Second Hand Uniform Sale
W/C Monday 27 th October	October Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th November	First Day of Term
Tuesday 4 th November	The Smeds and The Smoos
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Assembly
Tuesday 11 th November	No Candice Conway Musical Theatre
Tuesday 11 th November	No Journalism Club
Tuesday 11 th November	Early Parents' Evening (3.45 - 6.30)
Thursday 13 th November	No Forces' Club
Thursday 13 th November	Late Parents' Evening (5.00 - 7.45)

SPOT LIGHT ON ...

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL :

Help us to keep your children safe

Please note children are not permitted to use the playground equipment (including balls etc.) neither before nor after school. It is extremely tempting to play but it has been the cause of many accidents and fall outs sadly, and so we do kindly ask that you keep your children with you to prevent these from happening and to ensure everyone gets the best possible start to their day .

Before School

- In the morning please ensure **you stay with your child** until they are safely in the school building, and in the case of Breakfast Club, are signed in with a member of staff. **Year 6 children can wait by themselves in the morning, however if they are not acting responsibly then we will have to request that parents stay with them.**
- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Please let the class teacher or Breakfast Club staff know if there is a change to your usual pick up arrangements for that day. We do receive a high number of requests during the school day about changes to pick up which can easily lead to mistakes, delays and frustrations at the door for everyone. In order to make sure children can be handed to parents safely and quickly please ensure that on the day changes are in the case of an emergency only.
- In order to ensure the best possible start for your children, please remember to keep the classroom doorway clear. If you have something that you feel the teacher should be aware of please send a quick email to **parents@hartsbourne.org.uk** and the information will be passed on. This way they are able to focus on greeting, settling the children, and record any changes in pick up.

After School

- Nursery - Year 5 children must be collected from outside their classroom door. Please note we are unable to release children to anyone under the age of 16 which includes allowing children to walk to sibling's classrooms.
- Year 6 children are free to walk up to the school gates to meet their parents but should be told to come back to the school office if they can not find you. They are also able to make their own way home provided you have given consent. **Children who are travelling home independently are also allowed to bring a mobile phone into school, which must be handed to the class teacher in the morning.**
- If you wish to catch the class teacher at the end of the day then please bear with them whilst they ensure all other children are collected safely first.

We do understand that mornings can be hectic, but punctuality is extremely important. We talk to the children about how being late in secondary school can result in detentions, and how being regularly late for work will also have severe repercussions. Please let us know if you need any support in motivating your child in the mornings and we will be happy to speak to them.



School Photos!

Monday 13th October



This is just a quick reminder that Carmel Jane will be in school on Monday morning to take individual and sibling school photos.

All Parents are requested to pre-register to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Registration only takes a minute. Please visit

www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk

and enter the following code:

JRWRNZJYBJ

You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register name.

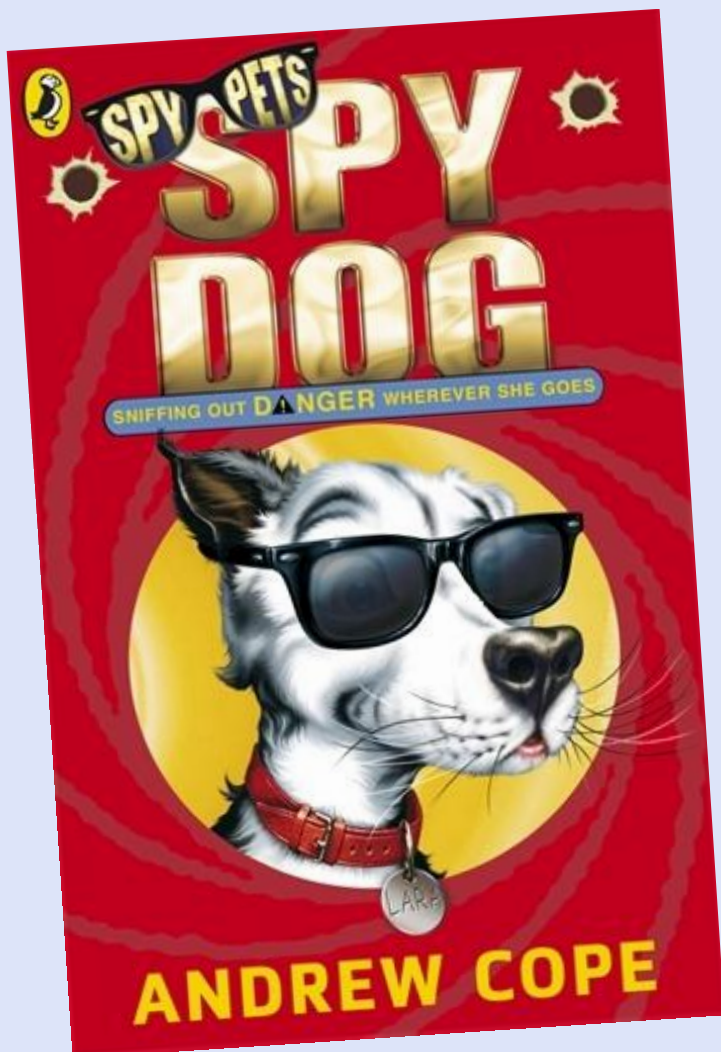
If your child has P.E on Monday, and you would like them to be photographed in their school uniform, then please feel free to send them in with their P.E kit in a separate bag so they can change into it for their lesson.

Spy Dogs/Pups and Spy Cats

We have been made aware of a safeguarding concern regarding the Spy Dogs/Spy Pups and Spy Cats series of books, written by Andrew Cope.

The books contain a link to a website which has recently been compromised and now redirects to a different site that is inappropriate for children to access.

Please be vigilant if you have copies of these books at home, and return any school copies borrowed from our library as soon as possible.



Friday 3rd October 2025: Ruby – supports other people with friendly smiles, gives praise and helps others to solve problems.



Year 1 – Kaliah is a kind and encouraging member of the class, always willing to help others and Ashton brings a warm and uplifting energy to the classroom.

Year 2 – Lottie is supportive, always gives praise and offers a friendly smile and Alfie A is always willing to help others solve their problems and offers encouragement.

Year 3 – Sophia is a supportive peer, always ready to help, and Harrison lifts everyone's spirits with a warm, friendly smile.

Year 4 – Lily is always supportive of those around her in class and Harry shows brilliant patience with others.

Year 5 – Evie always has a huge smile on her face, brightening up the classroom and Zain is such an encouraging peer, always willing to help those around him.

Year 6 – Darcie is always a positive child who supports her peers with praise and smiles and Taylor always lends a helpful hand to her friends in class offering them advice.

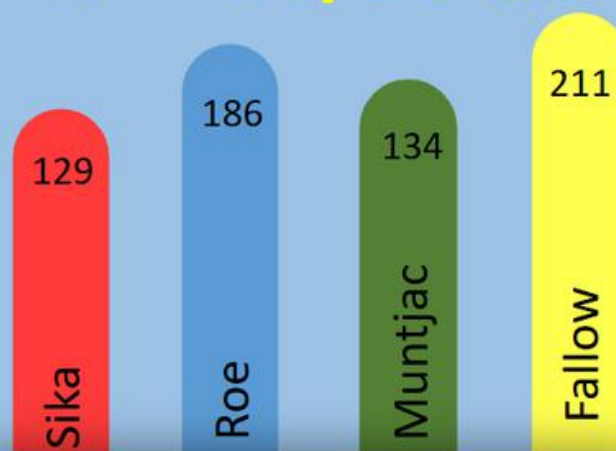
This week Clive the Carrot is awarded to...



Reception!



Housepoints – Friday 3rd October 2025



Fallow wins!



Class Specific Messages



Year 5 - Local Sports Competition

On the 9th October Year 5 will be taking part in a local sports competition at The Grange Academy. They will be travelling to and from the venue via minibus and will be back in school for their usual lunchtime arrangements.

The children will need to come in wearing their school P.E kits that day and should ensure they have a **named** water bottle with them.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - The Smeds and The Smoos

On the 4th November Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be travelling to the Radlett Centre to watch The Smeds and The Smoos. They should wear their usual school uniform and will need a packed lunch that day as they will be eating before they leave.

To cover the cost of this trip we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £20.06 which is payable either via Arbor, or by handing cash into the school office by the 17th October. We would love to have a few parent volunteers join us on this trip. If you would like to add your name to the list then please complete this form.

<https://forms.gle/b74stuCDHE9b732EA>

Names will be drawn out of the hat, with priority given to parents who have not yet been on a trip in the current school year.

Year 6 - Emotional Regulation during times of Change (NHS Sessions)

Laila from the NHS Mental Health team will be running three sessions with Year 6 on the topic of Emotional Regulation, with specific attention to managing change.

Please see below the link to their general information letter in case you would like to know more about the team or opt out of these sessions for your child.

[MHST-Opt-Out-Letter](#)

Nursery - Show and Tell

Dear Parents,

Starting from next Wednesday, your child may bring in an item of their choice to share with their friends for Show and Tell. This will be happening every Wednesday, and will give your child the opportunity to build their confidence and language skills. Please also feel free to email in pictures for Show and Tell instead of an item; this may be a recent holiday or experience that your child could talk about. Please refrain from bringing in items from home on any other day of the week.

Kind regards,

Miss Beirouti