



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



Welcome back!

Has it really been six weeks?! From a staffing point of view the answer to that question is “it can’t have been, surely!” whereas from a parental point of view I suspect that the answer may well be “yes it absolutely has, have them back!”

This is the beginning of my 20th year here at Hartsbourne, and whilst during that time a great many things have changed, some have definitely stayed the same. One of those is the emotional journey that accompanies those last few days of August and first few days of September. It starts with trepidation and anxiety, because, as I tend to say on an annual basis, thinking about an academic year at the beginning is a bit like standing at the bottom of a mountain and looking at the top - overwhelming! But just as mountain climbers embark on their ascents a little bit at a time (Mrs Patel was kind enough to confirm this fact after her Kilimanjaro adventure last year!), we in school quickly realise that we don’t have to worry about what’s happening next term, or next month, or even next week; we just need to focus on the class in front of us, stay in the moment, and enjoy getting to know them. Once that realisation occurs, the anxiety of a new term quickly gives way to relief, smiles and a palpable sense of optimism that this is going to be a fantastic academic year. Don’t get me wrong, these first three days have been quite the gear change after six weeks of summer holiday, but seeing the joy on the faces of the children as they bound through the gate in the morning is an annual reminder of how fortunate we are to work here.

Every school year brings winds of change and it’s been lovely to induct our three new teachers this week: Mrs Pillay, Miss Baheer and Miss Boden. Mrs Pillay has brought her wealth of experience as an Early Years teacher into our Nursery classroom, and together with Mr Michaelson, Miss Burns and Mr Burton has set about evolving and improving the learning environment to make it the best it can be. Miss Baheer has worked hard with Mrs Williams to agree the vision and approach for Year 3 this year, and whilst it will take them a few weeks to iron out the details, the early signs are very promising. Finally, Miss Boden must have spent more of her summer holiday in school than she did at home, and has been relentless in preparing her classroom and sculpting things the way she would like them. I’m sure you’ll all enjoy meeting teachers next week, and confident that we have assembled a fantastic team.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all next week!

Mr Harper 



Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 7 th September	Art Club Starts
Monday 7 th September	Premier Education Football Club Starts
Tuesday 8 th September	Welcome to Year 1 - 2.00pm in the Hall
Tuesday 8 th September	Welcome to Year 2 - 2.30pm in the Hall
Tuesday 8 th September	Candice Conway Musical Theatre Starts
Tuesday 8 th September	Choir Starts
Wednesday 9 th September	Welcome to Year 3 - 2.00pm in the Hall
Wednesday 9 th September	Welcome to Year 4 - 2.30pm in the Hall
Wednesday 9 th September	Starmaker Ballet / Tap Starts
Thursday 10 th September	Welcome to Year 5 - 2.00pm in the Hall
Thursday 10 th September	Welcome to Year 6 - 2.30pm in the Hall
Thursday 10 th September	Candice Conway Commercial Street Dance Starts
Thursday 10 th September	Forces Club Starts
Wednesday 16 th September	Reception Parents - Phonics Workshop

Relax and Recharge After School Club

This term has seen the launch of our very own after school club! Those who have been here for a while know this is something we've tried to do before but were eternally scuppered by external companies needing more children than we could provide initially.

Mr Burton and I were given the go ahead by Mr Harper to get something up and running for this year, inspired by the Field of Dreams quote 'if we build it they will come'. So far we've had a really positive response and are excited about what we'll all be able to do tog.

As we go through this year there will undoubtedly be changes as we get to better understand what suits you best as parents, and what the children would most like to do.

FAQs

Where do I go to pick up my child?

At the moment we're based in the library on Mondays and Tuesdays (the building next to the Nursery. Access is via the car park) and in the Dining Room Wednesday to Friday. Please collect from the library building on Mondays and Tuesdays, and via the main school entrance the rest of the week.

Can I pay by childcare vouchers?

Yes! Please pop an email to the school office on the usual **parents@hartsbourne.org.uk** address letting us know which vouchers you'll be using and we will pass that information onto the Finance Team.

What will the children be doing?

We follow a daily format of sitting together to talk about our days whilst we have our snacks, then we have one or two activities, and then aim to finish with a story and colouring/drawing. The activities can range from arts and crafts to various outdoor adventures including gardening. We are going to attempt to grow something which will be a first for both me and Mr Burton.

What time can I collect my child?

You can book a half session which runs until 4.00pm, or a full session which runs until 5.00pm. If you are early though then you can collect your child, we are looking at getting a doorbell for when we're outside so we know you're there.

See next page for booking information

Autumn Term Clubs

What's on and How to Book

Breakfast Club and Relax and Recharge After School Club are available **Monday to Friday for all years** and is bookable via Arbor. Please contact the school office if you would like to pay by childcare vouchers so we can change your account settings.

Mondays

Art Club	3.15 - 4.20	Year 2 - Year 6	Click here for booking details
Premier Education Football	3.15 - 4.20	Rec - Year 2	Click here for booking details

Tuesdays

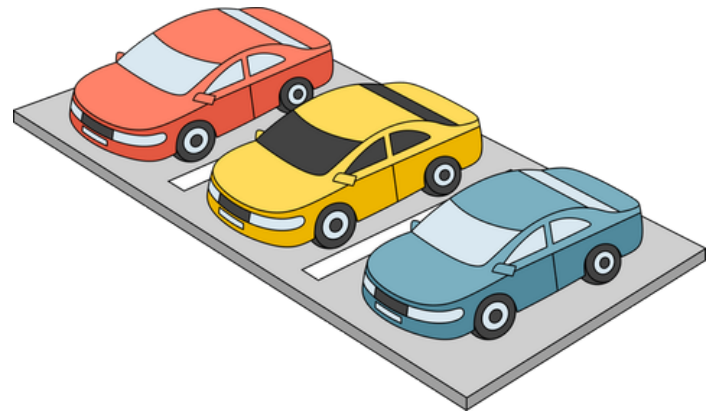
Musical Theatre	3.15 - 5.00	Rec - Year 6	Click here for booking details
Skill7 Football	3.15 - 5.00	Year 2 - Year 6	Booking information tbc
Choir	3.15 - 4.30	Year 3 - Year 6	Book via Arbor

Wednesdays

Ballet / Tap	3.15 - 4.20	Rec - Year 3	Click here for booking details
Hartsbourne F.C.	3.15 - 4.30	Year 5 - Year 6	Book via Arbor

Thursdays

French	Lunchtime	Year 1 - Year 6	Booking information tbc
Commercial Street Dance	3.15 - 4.15	Rec - Year 6	Click here for booking details
Forces Club	3.15 - 4.30	Children of Forces Families	Book via Arbor



Do you have any toy cars you could donate?

Key Stage 1 have really enjoyed playing with toy cars on the playground (Small World, Playmobile etc) so if you have any at home that are still in decent condition but no longer used, kindly drop them into Mrs Hutchinson in Year 1 by the end of the half-term in October.

Google Classroom

Teachers will often post homework as a back up for any forgotten folders, share whole class photos as this is a closed secure space, and will share their timetables / P.E. days here.

If you wish to contact your child's class teacher directly though please send an email to parents@hartsbourne.org.uk marked for their attention. Please note that all communication sent via the school office is treated as confidential, and is the most efficient way of getting messages to school staff.

Email address: This can be found once you log into your Arbor account and will end @hartsbourne.org.uk

Password: changeme

Go to: www.classroom.google.com

Sign into Google with your child's email account (see below)

Click 'I'm a student'.

You should already find you are in the correct Google Classroom.



Class Specific Messages



Year 6 - Permission to Walk Home

As you may already be aware, in Year 6 parents have the option to give consent for their child to walk/travel home by themselves at the end of the school day. We do ask that parents let us know that this is ok by consenting via Arbor. If you do not wish to give consent yet (some parents prefer to wait until the Spring or Summer Term) then please feel free to just leave the request as pending until you would like to.

Just a reminder that if your child is travelling to and/or from school independently, then they are able to bring in a basic mobile phone (preferably not a smart phone) which they should hand to Miss Richards each morning to be returned to them at the end of the school day.

Year 4 - Swimming

This term Year 4 will be travelling to Bushey Grove Leisure Centre for their swimming lessons. The class will be driven there and back in the school minibus, and lessons take place on Tuesday afternoons. The class will go in two groups, and you will receive an email letting you know which group your child is in next week.

The first group will start lessons on Tuesday 15th September.

Girls are required to wear a one-piece swimming costume and boys are required to wear swimming trunks rather than long swimming shorts. Girls with long hair must wear this tied back and jewellery must not be worn in the pool.

In order to cover costs for the minibus we do have to ask for a £5 voluntary contribution which is payable via Arbor.

Reception - Equipment

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely getting to know those children who have started Reception this week, and those who have visited the class. Please can I ask that you remember to send children with the following:

- at least one change of underwear, in a small named bag (to be kept in school)
- their Hartsbourne school book bag (every day)
- a named water bottle (every day)

Unfortunately we do not have the space in our cloakroom to accommodate backpacks or larger bags.

Please also let us know if your children are being picked up by other adults at the end of the day, so that we can make sure we send them home with the right people!

Kind regards,
Mrs Durrant-Patel

Year 1&2 - Book Bags

In a similar vein to above, children in Years 1 and 2 should only be bringing book bags to school, unless they have changes of clothes for clubs or shared custody arrangements. Unfortunately our cloakrooms don't have room for every child to bring rucksacks and classrooms already provide the equipment children require for school.