



# 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!

Though we've had some pretty biblical downpours at various points this week, the sun has determinedly made its way between the grey clouds on occasion. I was struck one morning this week, on my way back down from unlocking the gates and catching sight of the chilly morning sun reflecting off a shallow puddle on the playground, by how beautiful our site can look at times, and how fortunate we are to have the open space that we do. Having worked at Hartsbourne for quite a few winters now, I can tell you that there is nothing quite like a snowfall on our site, when the KS2 playground and field look particularly Narnian. And at how many schools might children spot rabbits, foxes or deer in the undergrowth whilst waiting for their classroom doors to open?! I have always felt privileged to work at Hartsbourne and it is undoubtably a privilege to serve all of you, and your wonderful children, in my new role. It's fair to say that I have felt that sense of privilege even more than usual this week.

Whilst I'm unashamedly blowing our collective trumpet, I wonder how many of you spotted [this article](#) in the Watford Observer this week? Though I do genuinely believe that the education industry should be about collaboration and not competition, it was lovely to receive recognition from a national newspaper about how wonderful our school is. I'm going to have to try not to look too smug for my first cluster meeting with Bushey-based headteachers, but fortunately Mrs 'Pipped us by Two Points' Harte is keeping me grounded!

Finally, it was also a treat to take a stroll around Bushey Meads this week with Mr Turner, Mrs Tregear and Mrs Tomkins-Leach, popping into various Year 7 lessons and seeing one or two familiar faces, looking smart yet bashful in their blazers and ties, wondering why this looming relic of their recent past was bumbling around in their music lesson. It made me think of all of our other leavers, who hopefully by now have managed to navigate their new schools without a map, and who I am sure are doing Hartsbourne incredibly proud. Please always encourage your secondary-aged children to come back and visit us - it never fails to be a treat.

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all again on Monday!

Mr Harper 😊



# Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Welcome to Year 1 and Year 2 Meetings (Year 1 at 2.00pm, Year 2 at 2.30pm)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 swimming begins for first group
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Journalism Club Starts
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Welcome to Year 3 and Year 5 Meetings (Year 3 at 2.00pm, Year 5 at 2.30pm) *change of date/time*</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	How we Teach Phonics meeting for Reception Parents - 2.30pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Rosh Hashanah Assembly with Rabbi Yusef
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Welcome to Year 4 and Year 6 Meetings (Year 4 at 2.00pm, Year 6 at 2.30pm) *change of date/time*</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations (Reception - Year 6)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Carmel Jane - Individual School Photos
W/C Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival and Second Hand Uniform Sale
W/C Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	October Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	First Day of Term



## Arrangements for 'Welcome to' meetings

Now that the new school year has started, our teachers are really looking forward to seeing you all at our 'Welcome to' meetings.

The meetings will take place in your child's classroom and are an opportunity to learn what you can expect now that they're another year further along their school journey.

We completely understand that other commitments may prevent you from attending and so we will ensure that the slides are made available after the event.

When arriving for your meeting, please make your way through the main gate and around the school to your child's classroom door.

**Children will most likely be outside, including Reception, so please do help us to keep everyone safe by closing the gates behind you. This is especially important for the gate from the path to Reception's playground.**

Since the meetings are back to back we do need to stick to the planned timings. If you do have more questions after the meeting then don't forget you can always contact teachers with queries via the **parents@hartsbourne.org.uk** email address.

## Absences for Religious Observance

If your child is going to be absent from school due to Religious Observance, please let us know as soon as practicably possible via email.

This will of course be an authorised absence provided the day is exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which you belong, but please be aware it does still affect their attendance percentage.

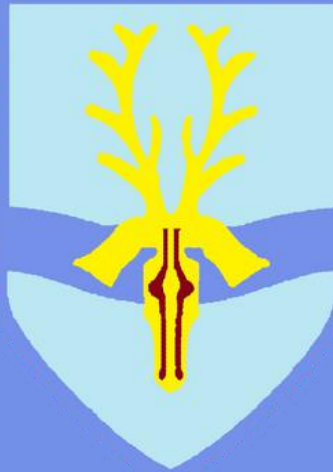
## **Meet your new house captains!**

Fallow - Lyla and Neev

Roe - Georgia and Chase

Sika - Sophia C and Taylor

Muntjac - Sophie and Alfie



## **Meet your new school councillors!**

Year 2 – Willow and Theodore

Year 3 – Ella and Teddy

Year 4 – Emily and Nathan

Year 5 – Charlotte and Casey

Year 6 – Mila and Leon



**Friday 12th September 2025 – Pearl: maintains focus, stays on task, ignores distractions and has good listening skills with peers and adults.**



Year 1 – Leo has demonstrated excellent focus and dedication when completing tasks. Margot has demonstrated outstanding concentration and listening skills during carpet time.

Year 2 – Ruby R always remains focussed, is motivated and a super role model. Rares has excellent listening skills and always ignores distractions.

Year 3 – Ella has shown good listening skills, great focus and is a fantastic role model to others. Teddy has tried really hard to stay on task, manage his distractions and focus on his work.

Year 4 – Leah has shown incredible focus and determination to stay on task and ignore distractions and Alex has shown exceptional focus with his learning.

Year 5 – Sanam is a respectful member of the class, listening to everyone around her and Casey is a great role model, always being the first to follow instructions with great focus.

Year 6 – Kamile has demonstrated a commendable ability to stay on task and ignore distractions and Blake has shown great listening skills to both adults and peers within a range of class tasks.

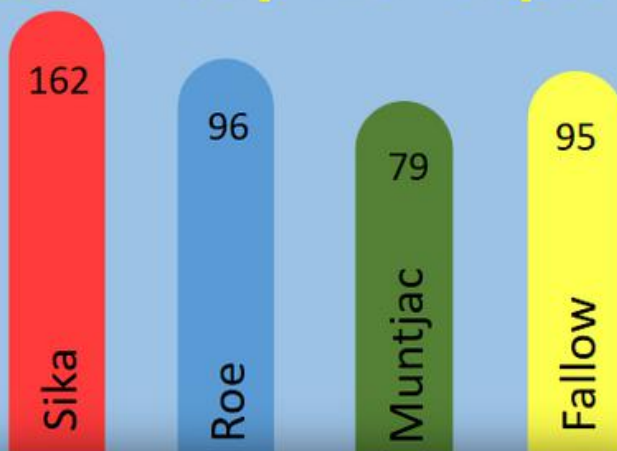
**This week Clive the Carrot is awarded to...**



**Year 6!**



## Housepoints – Friday 12th September 2025



**Sika wins!**



# Class Specific Messages



## **Year 6 - Consent to Travel Home**

Now that your child has reached Year 6 they have the option of making their own way home if you feel it's appropriate. The consent option is now available to you in Arbor and so please login to give your consent if your child will be making their own way home.

**All** children in Year 6 are expected to be responsible enough to leave their classroom at the end of the day and make their way to the school gates to meet you (or to a siblings classroom door if you would prefer to meet them there), and so they won't be held back in the classroom. Please reiterate to your children if you are not where you ask them to meet you they should return to the School Office so we can give you a call.

**The only children who are permitted to bring their phones to school are those who are travelling home independently, and these must be handed to and collected from Mr Willimott.**

## **Year 6 - Visit to Hertsmere BC Civic Offices for the Crucial Crew Child Safety event.**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, Year 6 will be taking part in the Crucial Crew Child Safety Event at Hertsmere BC, Civic Offices in Borehamwood.

Crucial Crew is a multi-agency safety event aimed at Year 6 children designed to provide children with life skills that will enable them to keep themselves and others safe. The aim of the event is to raise each participant's awareness of threats and dangers, in a fun and interactive way.

The children will be travelling to and from the venue by coach. They will be leaving the school at approximately midday and will arrive back in time for the end of the school day. Due to the timing of the children's departure, they will need to bring a packed lunch with them. Please remember to not include anything that may contain nuts and no fizzy drink cans. Any school meals that have been ordered for that day will need to be cancelled via the ordering website. Children should wear their school uniforms.



# Class Specific Messages



## **Year 6 - NHS Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire.**

Each year the School Nursing team run a series of checks across various year groups. in school. One of these checks is the Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire that they do with Year 6. Please read the official letter by clicking on the link, as this also contains the details of how to opt out if you so choose.

[Health Needs Assessment - Parent Letter](#)

## **Year 4 - Swimming Lessons.**

In Autumn Term, Year 4 will have swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons. The class is split into two groups with half having lessons before half term and the other half after half term. Girls are required to wear a one-piece swimming costume (i.e. not a bikini) 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. Once you log in to Arbor you'll also be able to view if your child is in group 1 or group 2.