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!

Writing this having just returned from unlocking the gates on a drizzly Friday morning it seems that we're well into the Autumnal weather patterns now! September always seems to be fairly generous weather-wise and that's meant that we've been able to utilise the school field at lunchtime for much of this year, but clearly conditions are taking a turn for the wetter and muddier. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back with 'Autumn Week' immediately after the half-term holiday but I would appeal to all of you to send wellies (or at least old trainers) into school if you haven't done already - we want to get the children outside as much as possible during that week but also don't want to send them home wearing school shoes caked with mud!

This week we welcomed Sam Russell, the chair of the Bushey St James Trust, for a walk around Hartsbourne and a chat with myself and Mrs Tregear about how the term was going thus far. Hosting visitors is always a heartening experience as they unfailingly tell me how pleasant and calm the atmosphere around our school is! School staff will regularly cast our eyes towards the areas we're not satisfied with or want to improve and these can become so consuming that we forget all of the good things that we do on a daily basis. Sam's feedback about the learning going on in classrooms and how polite and eloquent your children were when he spoke to them as a valuable reminder of all the great things that make up Hartsbourne.

We're looking forward to the end of next week, not (just!) because it signals the half-term holiday, but also because it's our Harvest Festival. No Autumn half-term is truly complete without hearing the familiar strains of 'Big Red Combine Harvester' echoing around the corridors! As mentioned further on, we will be continuing to support the Red Trust Foodbank with donations this year, and are welcoming a visitor from the Red Trust to speak as part of our assembly, so thank you in advance if you're able to donate.

Finally, another appeal to please complete the OFSTED Parent View survey by clicking the link below - our govenors would like as much data as possible ahead of their committee meeting next week, so please do complete it if you haven't already. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all next week!

Mr Harper

Ofsted Parent View

CLICK HERE

Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 20th October	Year 4 Swimming Finishes - First Group
Wednesday 21st October	Nursery - Pyjamas and Story Day
Friday 23rd October	Harvest Assembly (Year 3 and Year 4)
w/c Monday 26th October	Half Term Holiday
Monday 2nd November	School Closed - INSET
Tuesday 3rd November	First day of Term
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 4 Swimming Starts - Second Group
Monday 9th November	Year 6 - Sports Partnership Athletics Festival
Tuesday 10th November	Parents' Evening (Early) - 3:45 – 6:25pm
Tuesday 10th November	No Choir
Thursday 12th November	Parent's Evening (Late) - 5:00 – 7:40pm
Thursday 12th November	No Forces Club
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Monday 16th November	Year 6 - Crucial Crew Trip
Tuesday 17th November	Year 6 - NCMP Heights and Weights
Friday 20th November	Flu Vaccinations - Second Visit (Year 5 and 6)

Autumn Term Parent Teacher Consultations

Nursery to Year 6

Autumn Parents' Evening - Appointment Booking

Parent consultation evenings for this term will be face to face appointments on **Tuesday 10th November from 3.45pm – 6.25pm, and Thursday 12th November from 5.00pm - 7.40pm.** This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, in confidence, with the class teacher.

Appointments can be made from 7pm Monday 12th October and will close on Monday 2nd November at 12pm.

Bookings are made via **Arbor** and full instructions can be found here

School Photos are now live

If you have pre-registered you should now have an email with your unique access link. If not please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link: https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/
and enter the code: JR6BGCXTFD
then please enter the school name as: Hartsbourne Primary School

All photographs will be sent straight to home address with time limited discounts available for the first 10 days from when you log in.
info@carmeljane.co.uk
Tel: 01277 822674 (9am-4pm)

Autumn *Week*

Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th November

On the first week back after the half-term holiday, we will be having a whole-school themed week called 'Autumn Week'.

During this week, children will have lots of opportunities for outdoor learning, including outdoor assemblies, and be completing a variety of Autumn-themed activities. There will also be opportunies for autumnal art activities during lunchtimes and for those of you (like some of us!) who remember singing 'Come and Praise' songs in primary school, we'll be learning 'Autumn Days' as a whole school!

If you haven't already done so, please make sure your children have either a pair of wellies in school, or at the very least, a pair of old trainers they can change into, as we're confident that autumnal weather will bring with it muddy conditions!

Fundraising, Fun & Charity Events

The following are events planned in over the course of the school year to either raise funds for our school/charities or just for fun!

Friday 23rd October - Harvest Festival
Friday 13th November - Children In Need
Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
Thursday 17th December - Winter Disco
Friday 5th February - NSPCC Number Day
Friday 5th March - World Book Day
Friday 19th March - Comic Relief
Thursday 25th March - Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 28th May - Mufti Day (theme TBC)
Saturday 26th June - Summer Fayre

The events in blue are traditional 'Friends of Hartsbourne' fundraising events that we would like to continue to run in collaboration with parental volunteers. If you are able and willing to help with any or all of them please let us know via **parents@hartsbourne.org.uk** and we will reach out nearer the time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Red Trust Bushey Foodbank
Shopping List

Thank you for supporting local families

- [ ] 1. Tinned meat & fish
- [ ] 2. Tinned vegetables
- [ ] 3. Tinned meals
- [ ] 4. Tinned fruit, puddings & custard
- [ ] 5. Baked beans & pulses
- [ ] 6. Pasta, rice & instant noodles
- [ ] 7. Breakfast cereal & porridge
- [ ] 8. Tea, coffee, UHT milk & fruit juice
- [ ] 9. Pasta & cooking sauces
- [ ] 10. Toiletries & household essentials (toilet roll, sanitary products, nappies, toothpaste, washing-up liquid).

Please check Red Trust Bushey's Facebook/Instagram for their latest priority items.

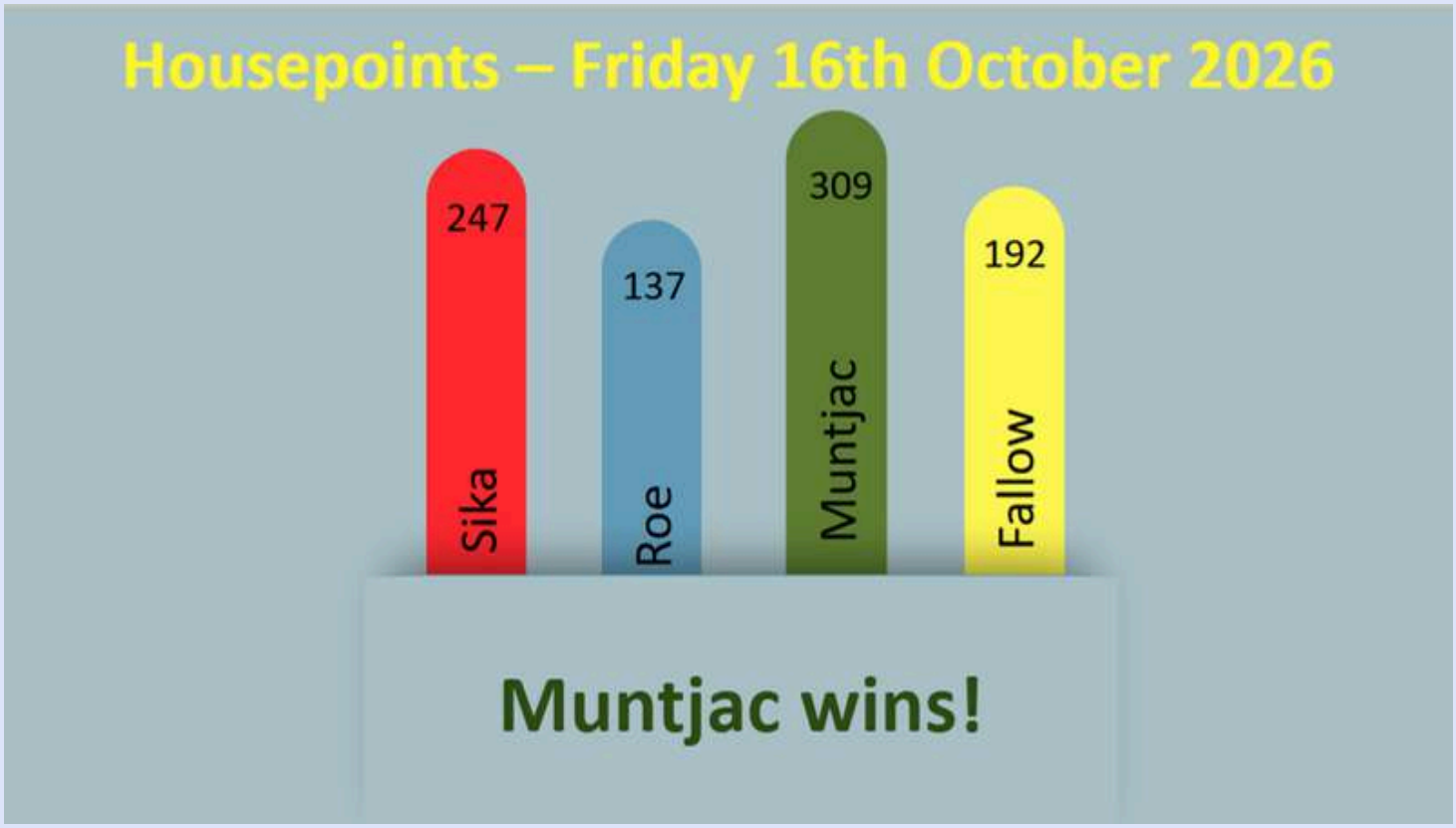
If you are able to do so, please help us continue to support the Red Trust Foodbank in Bushey as part of our Harvest Festival by donating some of the items on the adjacent list.

Donations should be made via classroom doors from Monday 19th October. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Friday 16th October 2026 – Emerald: works well on a 1:1 basis with a range of different partners.
Year 1 – Taha and Sayon work confidently with a range of different peers, demonstrating a positive attitude and a willingness to work collaboratively.
Year 2 – Allegra and Amaury flourish when working with different partners showing excellent listening and collaboration skills
Year 3 – Najma and Theodore work brilliantly with different partners by showing kindness, teamwork and respect.
Year 4 – Robert works positively with a range of different partners, showing great collaboration skills, and Alannah is always supportive towards her learning partner.
Year 5 – Melissa and Maddison have demonstrated great listening skills and shown they can both adapt to working with different partners. Well done!
Year 6 – Charlotte always radiates her positivity when supporting her peers and Ta'Ziyah is always supportive and encouraging of everyone around him.

This week Clive the Carrot is awarded to...

Reception



Class Specific Messages

Nursery - Pyjamas and Book Day
On Wednesday 21st October, Nursery children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas and bring to school their favourite book. This will be an wonderful opportunity for them to share the stories they love with their friends, at the same time discovering tales they might not have heard before.

Year 3 and 4 - Harvest Assembly
As you are aware we are holding our Harvest Assembly on Friday 23rd October. Traditionally Year 3 and Year 4 lead this assembly and so we would like to offer you the opportunity for you to come in a bit earlier for pick up to watch it.
The assembly is due to start at 2.30pm, and we can accomodate two people per child/family.

Year 6 - Visit to Hertsmere BC Civic Offices for the Crucial Crew Child Safety event.
On 16th November, 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 minibus. They will be leaving the school at approximately 9.00 and will arrive back in time for their usual lunchtime arrangements. Children should wear their usual school uniform.

In order to cover the cost of this trip we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10.22, which is payable via Arbor. In line with school policy if we do not receive enough contributions then we may need to cancel this trip or be unable to run any future events.

Class Specific Messages

Year 4 - Phasels Wood Residential

We are once again offering Year 4 the opportunity to go on a one night residential, this year to Phasels Wood Activity Centre. The children will travel via school minibus and will be taking part in team building activities, archery and outdoor games.

The final cost of the trip has now been confirmed as £58.93 per child and is available on Arbor for payment. The deadline for payments is 3rd November at 9.30am

Things to note:

Food and Medication

Please send your child with a packed lunch for the first day. The children will be preparing their own dinner in the evening and lunch for the following day. Please could you also complete this form to let us know about any dietary requirements and medication.

https://forms.gle/Mn1bS1nvFpd4jPXe8

What to Bring

- Packed lunch
- Clothes suitable for outdoor activities
- Slippers
- Wellies
- A rain jacket
- A sleeping bag
- A cuddly toy
- A book for bedtime
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel
- Pyjamas
- A torch (if they have one)

Children should come to school on Thursday in trainers and clothes suitable for outdoor activities.