

HARTSBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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20th December 2023

It's hard to believe that the end of term is here! The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of fun, glitter, parties and singing! Along with finishing off our Autumn curriculum and completing lots of end of term assessments, it is no surprise that the children are tired, so are we! It has been a fabulous end to the term and we have all really enjoyed the festivities. Thank you for all of your support at the many events that we have had.

This term has also seen the development of the school football team. A huge thank you to Mr Bidewell, who has volunteered his time to run training for the children and take them to matches. It has been brilliant to see them improve match after match and we look forward to seeing this continue into the Spring term. Another thank you to one of our parents, Mr Weinrich who has kindly volunteered to help Mr Bidewell, we really appreciate his time. Well done team!

We have a few staffing updates. Miss Bladon will be going on maternity leave at the end of January and Miss Daniels will be joining us at the start of January to teach Year 2. I would also like to say a huge congratulations to Miss Fitzgerald who is getting married over the Christmas break, we wish her all the best for her big day.

We are looking forward to coming back in January, rested and refreshed with lots more exciting things planned. Please keep your eye out for the email containing the knowledge organisers for each class so you know what your children will be learning about in the Spring term. We would like to wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Mrs Harte and the entire team at Hartsbourne

We Are Very Proud Of.....

Lyla in Year 4 for running a cake stall at Mayfield Villages Winter fair. Lyla raised an amazing £120 for hematology cancer care at University College Hospital and earned her charity Brownie Badge, well done Lyla!

James in Year 3 who won the Hertfordshire Heroes Christmas Art competition. Coming first in his category out of 670 entries! James has won an adventure day at Northwood Headquarters. Well done James, we are very proud of you !

Congratulations to Taylor in Year 4 who achieved a distinction in her Grade 2 singing exam!



Congratulations Taylor!
Grade 2: DISTINCTION!



Reading Maps

We have had so many children complete their reading maps this month. A huge well done to all of you!

Reception - Ruby H, Naira, Marisa

Year 1 - Pippa W

Year 2 - Anthony

Year 3 - Makenzie

Year 4 - Kamile

Year 5 - Aahan and Ollie

Year 6 - Edie

Vending Machine

Well done to Elijah, Dylan, Finley and Ruby who have all won vending machine tokens this month.

Make
Yourself
Proud.

Spring Term Key Dates

Date	Event
Friday 5th January	Spring Term starts - Operation Dream Job
Monday 15th January	Reception - Travelling By Car Workshop
Monday 15th January	Year 1 - Road Safety Workshop
Wednesday 17th January	Year 5 Distractions Workshop
Friday 19th January	Year 3 Online Workshop - Safer Crossing Places
Friday 19th January	Year 6 Online Workshop - Street Engineering
Thursday 1st February	Year 6 - Bentley Priory
Tuesday 6th February	Year 2 - Trip to St Peter's Church
Wednesday 7th February	Year 1 - R.A.F Museum
Wednesday 14th February	Year 3 - St Matthew's Church
Thursday 15th February	FoH Valentine's Disco
W/C Monday 19th February	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 27th February	Parents Evening - Late
Thursday 29th February	Parents Evening - Early
Friday 1st March	Year 5 & 6 KNEX Challenge
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
W/C Monday 11th March	Year 6 PGL

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St James' Music & Drama Society Presents

Dick Whittington

The pantomime



Part of the Bushey & Oxhey Community since 1958

Friday 26th & Saturday 27th January 2024

7.30pm nightly, with 2.30pm Saturday matinee
Bushey & Oxhey Methodist Church

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Looking for a way to beat the January blues?

Why not book a ticket to Dick Whittington!

This year our very own Mr Harper is writer, director and performer so it's sure to be an excellent show (no pressure Mr Harper!)

Simply click the image to book tickets.



Thank you from Home-Start Watford & Three Rivers

It's with great delight that I'm able to let you know we raised £95 from our second hand uniform and festive jumper sale this term! This was doubled by their match funders to finish with £190 raised for Home-Start!

That's enough to fund 7 volunteer home visits to support a family, or even 4 accessible counselling sessions for a parent. These will make a great difference to local families facing challenges, nurturing their strengths and emotional wellbeing and helping them to develop long-term coping strategies.

A huge thank you has to go to Alma and Belle for all their hard work this term getting things ready, and to Daniela for her incredible sales skills.



Reminders



Spring Term Lunches

Spring term lunches are available to book now if you'd like to get ahead. As we come back to school on Friday 5th January, please don't forget the deadline for ordering lunches will be **Saturday 30th December**.

School Office Closure

This is just a quick reminder that the school office will be closed for the Christmas holidays and so any calls or emails will be picked up when we return to work on the 4th January.