School Notices

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JOIN THE FRIENDS OF HARTSBOURNE

Many of our wonderful committee are outgrowing the school and will be leaving at the end of this term - and therefore we need new, committed and enthusiastic volunteers from further down in the school to ensure Friend of Hartsbourne's future.

Without FoH there'd be no..

Cakes Sales
School Disco
Winter Fair

Treats at the class Christmas Parties or crackers at the Christmas lunch
Spring Trail
Summer Fair

And many more activities that all the kids love and are important parts of their Hartsbourne experience.

With the funds from the above events we've paid for the outside music area, sports and play equipment, bought iPads and laptops for classes and helped towards the new sensory area.

As it stands, FoH will not be able to continue from the next academic year without more members, so your help to continue the fun and the fundraising is so important.

If you're considering joining the committee, would like to chair, or have any questions - please contact Laura Hill (Y2/5) or Sam Press (Y4/6)

Thank you! friendsofhartsbourne@gmail.com







Mobile Phones

From September 2024 Hartsbourne Primary School is joining with other local schools in a bid to become smart phone free. We have had an increasing number of issues brought to us due to our children using apps outside of school that are not appropriate for their age, this includes on school grounds after school. Whatsapp in particular, has an age limit of 13+ and tends to be the source of the majority of problems that are then brought into school, we estimate that over 32 hours have been taken up with staff having to deal with incidents that happen outside of the school day. Children that walk independently to school will be allowed to bring a mobile phone to be handed in to the teacher but it should not be a smart phone. Please see the attached letter signed by all of the local heads for more information about this initiative.

Smartphone Letter

Lower Gate / Zigzag Path Closure

From 1st July - End of Term

We're very excited that on the 1st July the ground works are due to start for our new nursery, but unfortunately this does mean that access to the school site will be via the main gate only.

Many thanks for bearing with us whilst all the building work is going on. We're definitely looking forward to it all being completed.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

THE HIDDEN COST OF TERM TIME HOLIDAYS



Before I started working in a school I definitely wasn't aware of the huge impact on children when they have time off during term time, but over the years I've seen how it affects friendships and self esteem, as well as causing gaps in children's learning. From the outside it's easy to think that a couple of days here and there won't matter too much but you'd be surprised how quickly it all adds up



Absences and Anxiety

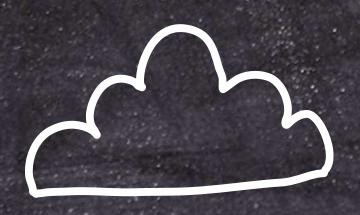
When a child is absent from school for any amount of time, it can cause feelings of anxiety. They are aware that they'll have missed out on learning which is hard to catch back up, but also friendship dynamics change extremely quickly at primary school age and children often struggle to fit back in on their return. We definitely see a higher number of friendship issues in classes with a lower attendance percentage, than we do in others where the children have had the opportunity to learn to resolve issues for themselves in school on a regular basis.

SEND or Missed Learning?

One of the first things external agencies will look at when a query is raised around SEND needs and support is has the child had the opportunity to make the same progress as their peers. If a child has not been in school regularly then is their lack of attainment simply due to not being in lessons when they are supposed to? In order for us to support all of our children to the best of our ability they need to be in school and ready to learn at the right time. These steps will give your child the best possible chance of making progress and getting the support they need if additional intervention is required.

Missing school means missing out.

Regular attendance and punctuality is paramount to our children reaching their full potential and making the most of the educational opportunities which Hartsbourne offers them.



CURRENT ATTENDANCE

WHOLE SCHOOL - 95.2%

RECEPTION - 95.3% YEAR 3 - 96.2%

YEAR 1 - 95.6% YEAR 4 - 95.3%

YEAR 2 - 94.4% YEAR 5 - 96.2%

YEAR 6 - 93.6%



IF YOU WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WITH YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE THEN PLEASE LET US KNOW.





Class Specific Messages



Year 6 - London Eye (9th July)

They will be travelling via the London Underground and so will need to be dropped to **Stanmore Station at 9.30, and will be ready to be collected from there at 3.00pm.**Voluntary contributions and consent can be made/given via Arbor by Wednesday 26th June.

Your child will need to wear usual school uniform for this visit and bring a packed lunch and a still drink (No cans or fizzy drinks) in a named recyclable or reusable bag. Please do not include any nut products in the packed lunch, including nut-based spreads. If you have already booked lunch for this day with Innovate, please remember to cancel it with them.

French Mini Olympics - Monday 24th June

This is just a reminder that if your child is on the French Mini Olympics Team (details were sent previously and the event should be showing in their Arbor account) then they will need to bring a packed lunch, water bottle, sunhat and sunscreen and any other essentials such as asthma inhalers (named). They will also need to come to school dressed in school PE kit, but please be mindful of the weather on the day and provide tracksuits or jackets if rain is forecast.

Year 1 - Athletics

On 25th June, Year 1 will be going to Queens School to take part in an athletics event. They will be travelling there and back via the school minibus and will need to wear P.E kits that day. Please could they also bring in a packed lunch? Please do not include any nut products in the packed lunch, including nut-based spreads.

Year 3 - Athletics

On 26th June, Year 3 will be going to Watford Boys School to take part in an athletics event. They will be travelling there and back via the school minibus and will need to wear P.E kits that day.

Forces Families - Celebration Day

On 3rd July, the children of our forces families have been invited to attend an event with forces children from other schools. Northwood HQ are sending a team of PTIs to run some activities including an assault course, football fun, archery and an obstacle relay so all children will need to wear their PE kits and bring a water bottle. All children will be given an ice lolly at the end of the day. To confirm you're happy for your child to attend, please log into Arbor and you should see the event under 'trips'

Friday 21st June – Emerald: works well on a 1:1 basis with a range of different partners.



Year 1 – Florence and Naira are both excellent learning partners who are supportive and hard-working when working with a range of partners.

Year 2 – Ivy and Ria are both supportive and hard-working learning partners, who work brilliantly with a range of different children.

Year 3 – Bella and George are always supportive learning partners and are able to work in effective pairs with a range of different peers.

Year 4 – Georgia and Jessica are both happy to work hard with any learning partner and always put in their very best effort.

Year 5 – Mason and Haneen both work well with a range of different learning partners and are supportive, always giving their best effort.

Year 6 – The entirety of Year 6 for completing their secondary school experience week and demonstrating excellent creativity and imagination in their performance at the end of the week.

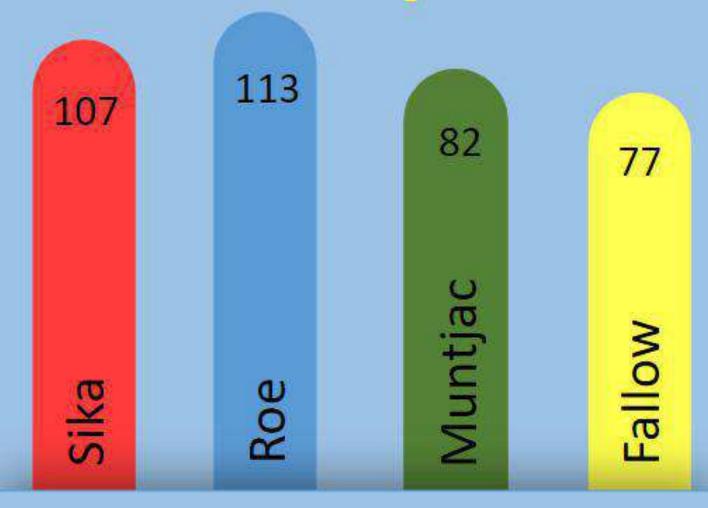
This week Clive the Carrot is awarded to...



Year 1!



Housepoints - Friday 21st June 2024



Roe wins!