

# Hartsbourne Herald



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## The Corona Colony update.:

The ants have been settling into their new residence. The queen ant (photo above) and her four workers are still in the test tube. We discovered she will remain there until she feels ready to move into a chamber of the colony. (This can take weeks!) She currently has her workers seeking out the different compartments and fetching her food and water. Here are some facts you may find interesting;

Our ants are a type of harvester ant – *Antrus Messor Barbarus*

We ordered a queen ant that came with 4 worker ants and she has laid a few eggs already!

Harvester ants prefer to eat seeds, (particularly grass seeds!) fruit, worms, crickets, snails, sugar and honey. They are omnivores. We will feed them little portions and a cotton wool ball soaked with water once a week.



Following on from ants, we are thrilled to share Mason's beautiful bee drawing; we love the accuracy, control of the line and attention to detail. Well done Mason!

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE with regard to DfE Guidance:

**You may have heard that schools can open to other year groups.**

The DfE have stated: "We know that in some schools, there will be capacity to welcome more children back, in group sizes of no more than 15, before the summer holidays. This may be because take-up amongst eligible children is lower than expected, or because there is additional space still available within the school and available staff to teach and supervise.

***There is no expectation on primary schools to welcome back additional children where they do not have capacity to do so.***

## CAPACITY AT HARTSBOURNE

**STAFF:** Our capacity is stretched to the limit; four members of the support staff team are not in school at all, one member of staff will not be permitted to work with children on their return and some other staff have to follow more stringent distancing measures due to their health.

**ROOMS:** We have one classroom currently unused, however, our key worker group is at capacity for the size of the Portacabin and we are planning to split them into two groups.

## SECONDARY TRANSFER FOR YEAR 5

Look out for the letter from the Schools Consortium regarding testing for Year 5. Dates on P2.

*With very best wishes from Mrs Hudson and the staff at Hartsbourne.*

## DIARY DATES FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL

Sports Week: days tbc	22.6.20
New Reception pupils virtual meeting: times TBC	24.6.20
Y6 to BMS	2/3.7.20
Reports to parents (all pupils)	10.7.20
Picnic Week days TBC	13.7.20
School Closes Friday	17.7.20

Sporting activities will be conducted in the individual groups **ONLY** following a planned timetable. There will be no spectators as we are not permitted to compromise the 'bubbles' by mixing together.

### The government have updated Covid-19 symptoms to the following:

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. Children are likely to become infected with coronavirus (COVID-19) at roughly the same rate as adults, but the infection is usually mild. If anyone has any of the symptoms above they should self-isolate at home and follow medical guidance with regard to testing.

**Please do not send your child to school with any symptoms.**

SECONDARY TRANSFER DATES 2020	EVENT (YEAR 5 PUPILS)
Monday 20th April	Online registration for tests opens
Friday 19th June	Online registration closes
Saturday 5th September	Academic test
Monday 7th September	Music aptitude test
Friday 11th/Tuesday 15th September	Queens' School sports aptitude test
Thursday 17th September	First round music scores to parents
Monday 21st September	Second round of music tests
Wednesday 14th October	Scores notified to parents
Saturday 31st October	Secondary application deadline

### IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE with regard to DfE Guidance:

**DfE Guidance for schools:** "They (schools) should also consider the potential risks inherent in broader social mixing outside school and communicate with pupils about not socialising with each other in groups outside school.

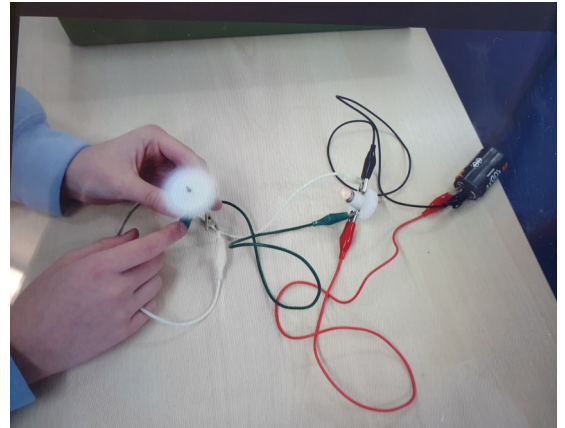
If it is customary for parents to gather in the playground or to enter the buildings to drop off or collect children **this should no longer be allowed, and neither should any gathering at the school gates to talk to other parents.** Parents should come into school buildings only when strictly necessary and by appointment.

**Why we ask you to keep your child with you in the morning:** This is to ensure your child sees you following all the rules that relate to transmission of COVID 19 and we reduce the risks that relate to first aid or even emergency hospital treatment, to the lowest level.

**PLEASE** help us with this by following all our protocols and home school agreements and the DfE Guidance.



Emma's wonderful blended water colour sky with silhouetted balloons and trees. Very atmospheric Emma!



Y6 revised electrical circuits and learnt about both series and parallel and investigated how changing the voltage of a circuit affects the lightbulb.



Ava-Lily mapped where dinosaurs lived and designed a key.



Brodie also sent in a beautiful bee drawing. Love the splattered background; very effective work boys!

