

Hartsbourne Newsletter

Autumn Edition 1 - 3.9.21

Welcome Back! We are so happy to have all of our children back at school and would like to wish a huge welcome to the new children and families joining us in Reception. It has been lovely to see all of you at the Reception settling in sessions this week. We would also like to welcome Anne Church-Taylor, Tracey Gunatissa and Liam Willimott to our team, we hope that you will join us in making them feel welcome if you see them around the school. Miss Donald will be temporarily leaving us next week to go on maternity leave and we would like to wish her the best of luck with the new addition to her family.

The new school year is always an exciting time for children and parents, I am sure that you will have heard lots about their new teachers and the exciting things that they have been doing over the first couple of days back. We will be holding virtual “Meet The Teacher” meetings in Week 3. Please keep an eye on your emails for further times and details. In our survey last term, lots of parents requested to know more about the curriculum that their children will be learning. In response to this we will be sending out new curriculum overviews for each year group next week.

Covid 19 is unfortunately still with us but as directed we have removed a lot of the measures such as bubbles and one way systems within school. We ask you to be mindful that we do have members of staff that are identified as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) and we have a responsibility to keep them as safe as possible within the new guidelines. Hertfordshire have said *“Those under-18, irrespective of their vaccination status, will not need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive case. They will be strongly advised to take a PCR test and, if positive, will need to isolate”*. Please inform us if your child is a close contact as we may need to make alternative staffing arrangements to protect our more vulnerable members of staff. Absences due to Covid 19 will be authorised in the usual way.

Finally l’shana tova to all of our Jewish families celebrating Rosh Hashana next week. Please remember to email the office if your child will not be attending school due to religious observance.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Harte and the team at Hartsbourne

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Donations for Afghans ‘a tremendous act of love’ from local community

Rabbi Elchonon Feldman, of Hertfordshire’s Bushey United Synagogue, was flooded with donations after sending a Facebook message to worshippers

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This week we are very proud of Elijah in Year 4! With the devastating news of the refugees from Afghanistan, it was wonderful to see the Bushey community coming together to offer support and donations.

Elijah was part of the team from Bushey United Synagogue who volunteered to collect, sort and organise 3000 bags of donations for Afghan families who have been relocated to the local area. The local effort was featured on national news and newspapers.

We will be talking to the children about acts of kindness and gathering ideas about how we as a school community can help.

As a school, community is one of our key values and we are very proud of Elijah for displaying this value so brilliantly. Well done Elijah!





Circus Week 6/9/21

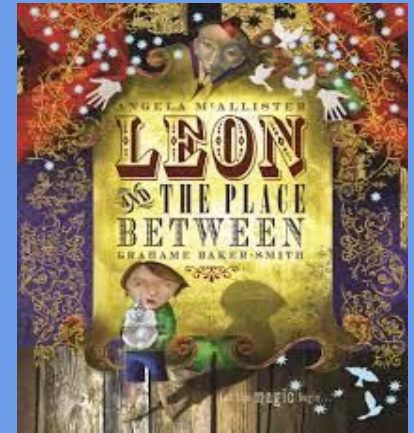


We have been working really hard to develop and update our curriculum. One of our main school improvement priorities is writing. We will be working on improving the teaching of writing and our overall writing outcomes. Each half term will now start with a whole school theme week with writing as a focus to inspire children to be creative. As school budgets are constantly being cut we have planned carefully for resources for these theme weeks to ensure that we can make them as exciting for the children as possible. We will be starting the first week of our new curriculum off with a bang, the circus is coming to Hartsbourne!

On Monday 6th September, we will have a Big Top on our field and children from Year 1-6 will experience a circus show and a circus skills workshop throughout the day (normal uniform will be fine) Later in the week there will be "The Greatest Showman" themed dance workshops and a whole school singing performance on Friday.

Our book of the week that we will be using to inspire writing is the magical "Leon and The Place Between". We are really looking forward to reading all of the creative ideas that the children come up with and will share some with you in the next edition of Little Deer.

Our budget has covered most of the theme weeks throughout the year but in order to start the school year in the most exciting way, we are asking for a contribution of £10 to cover all of the activities during the week. This can be paid via parent pay. Thank you for your support to help us inspire writing.



PE Timetable

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit ready for their PE day. A full uniform list can be found here <https://hartsbourne.org.uk/parents/uniform/>. Children are to come to school wearing their PE kits.

Year Group	Session 1	Session 2
Year 1	Monday	Thursday
Year 2	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3	Monday	Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday (Swimming - Details to follow)	Thursday
Year 6	Monday	Thursday

Forest school

Forest school is starting at Hartsbourne! We will be redeveloping our nature reserve and Mrs Gunatissa will run weekly Forest School sessions for all year groups. Our Forest school provision will be developing as the year goes on and promises to be an exciting experience to get the children outside into nature and to develop their teamwork and leadership skills.

Please can you send your children in with the following items in a bag on their forest school day:

Wellies or old shoes

A top with long sleeves - School jumpers are fine

Trousers - If they are wearing shorts or a skirt

A waterproof jacket

The children will be going into the nature reserve in all weather conditions so please ensure that they have the correct clothing.

Year Group	Day
Reception	Monday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday

What is Forest School?

Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. More information can be found at <https://forestschoollassociation.org/>

Decorating

Over the Summer holidays we have had some much needed maintenance completed within the school. As well as essential roof and plumbing repairs, we have had a bit of a makeover in our hall and Key Stage 1. Key stage 2 and the dining hall will be completed over the Autumn term. We are hoping to invite parents in for various events as the term progresses but for now we would like to share some pictures with you.

