

Hartsbourne Newsletter - Autumn Edition 7 - 26.11.21

I would like to start this newsletter by saying thank you to all parents for your support over the past half term. Our staffing situation has been challenging and your patience has been appreciated. I would also like to say a big thank you to the fabulous Mr Marvelly who has been a welcome addition to our school while Mrs Allsopp has been unwell. We hope to continue to welcome him in the future. We have Mrs De Vries and Mrs Patel joining us next week. Mrs De Vries will be teaching Reception every Wednesday to allow Mrs Durrant-Patel to pick up her SENCo duties again and Mrs Patel is joining us as a TA and will be working with children across the school. I hope you will join me in welcoming them to our school community.

Whilst I appreciate that it may seem that things have gone back to normal in the community, it is very different in a school environment. The rates of Covid in primary aged children are continually rising and we are feeling the effects of this. All of the decisions made around Christmas events have been made with this in mind. It has been brought to my attention that not everyone is happy with an outdoor concert for KS2. We feel that this is the safest way to hold a large event so close to Christmas and we will be filming it for those of you who do not want to be out in the cold. As much as we want to celebrate the festive season, we also have a duty of care to keep our children and staff safe and take responsible measures to limit the spread of coronavirus. We hope that this will be a fun and festive event for all.

We had a fantastic day for Children in Need and are still gathering in the last of the donations. We will announce the total when we have them all. You can still donate to our school fundraising effort until Friday 3rd December via Parent Pay using the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5129>

As the weather is turning colder, we would like to encourage all parents to sign up for Everbridge. This is the Hertfordshire notification system in case of school closures. You can register using the following link: <https://member.everbridge.net/892807736725489/login>

Finally please can I apologise for the mixed up dates on the last newsletter there seems to have been an issue with converting them. The dates are all now correct, I apologise for any inconvenience.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday.
Mrs Harte and all the staff at Hartsbourne

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 2nd December - Flu Spray Mop Up Session
Friday 3rd December - School closed - Occasional Day
W/C Monday 6th December - Friends Festive Fun Week
Wednesday 8th December - Year 2 trip to St Albans Cathedral
Monday 13th December - Year 5 trip to Little Angel Theatre
Tuesday 14th December - Year 2 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 15th December - Reception Nativity Performance
Wednesday 15th December - EY & KS1 Christmas Story Night
Thursday 16th December - Year 1 Nativity Performance
Friday 17th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Monday 20th December - KS2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 21st December - End of term 2:00pm finish
Wednesday 5th January - INSET Day school closed

Don't forget to follow us on social media.

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Learning Gems & Housepoints

Ruby: supports other people with friendly smiles, gives praise appropriately and helps others to solve problems.

Year 1 - Oliver always has a friendly smile for his friends and Maliha is supportive of her peers.

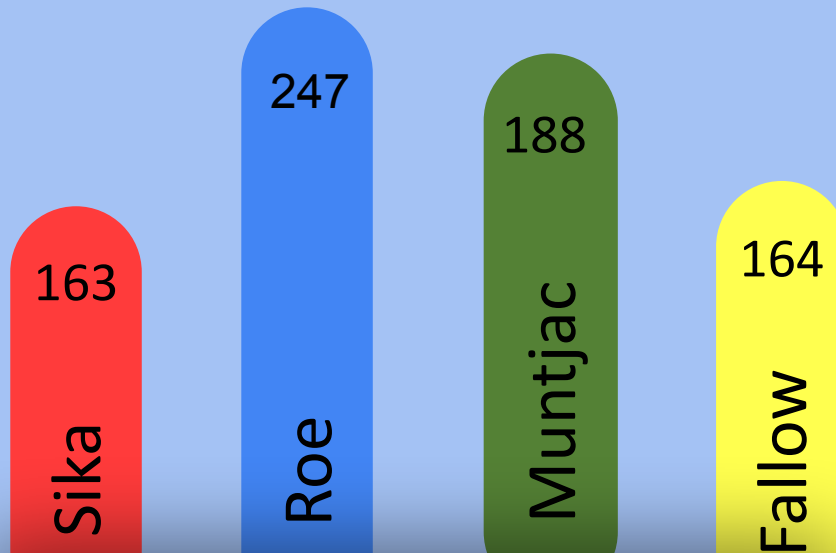
Year 2 - Ruby and Alfie, always offer friendly smiles, praise and are happy to help others solve problems when needed.

Year 3 – Brodie has made a special effort to be helpful around class this week and Natalia always has a sunny smile on her face!

Year 4 – Elijah has been a great source of moral support to his peers when solving friendship issues and James is consistently kind and caring to other children.

Year 5 – Gaheez is always a kind and supportive friend, and is always willing to support others with their work. Gracie-Mae has been very good at praising her peers this week, and has been very helpful.

Year 6 – Anneka helped others in design and technology by helping them create their clay pots when they were having problems. Sadie always has a friendly smile and gives praise appropriately to others in the class.



Roe wins

Christmas Story Night

Two weeks before Christmas and all through the school, Reception and Key Stage 1 children were dressed in their pajamas listening to Christmas stories!

In order to continue with our emphasis on reading for pleasure, we would like to invite all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 back to school to listen to some special Christmas stories read by a variety of adults. This event will be taking place on Wednesday 15th December between 5pm and 6pm.

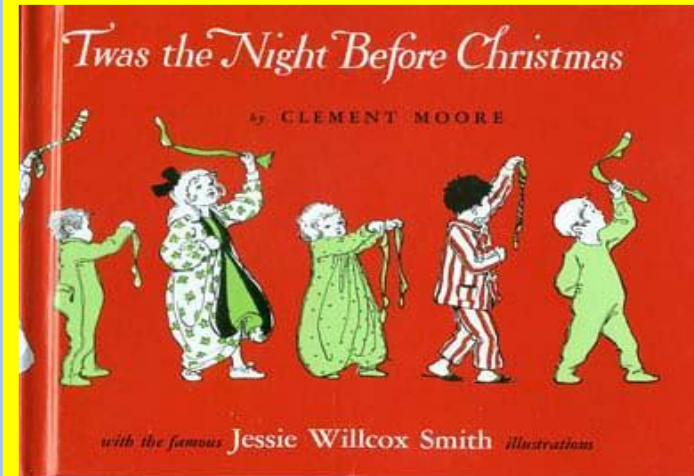
The children will be welcomed back to school and put into small groups and taken to their designated space. They will then have 3 stories read to them by 3 different adults and will be treated to a hot chocolate and a biscuit (alternatives will be provided for dietary requirements).

Friends of Hartsbourne have kindly agreed to provide refreshments for any parents that would like to wait in our hall for their children.

If your child would like to attend then please complete the following google form by Friday 3rd December. This will allow us the time to group the children and organise appropriate refreshments.

<https://forms.gle/qqjm3d3HTj9D9tU38>

We also have an exciting reading event for KS2 children coming up next year so they will not be missing out!



Hartsbourne Reading Journey

Our Reading Journey maps have proved very popular. It has been fantastic to have so many children talk to me about the books they are reading. Please remember that there is no expectation to buy all of the books. They can be ordered from the local libraries and we are working on stocking up our school library too. Please see below for some of the reactions we have had from the children.

"I've already read 5 books so 10 more to go"-Louis

"The books are fun and some are funny"-Ria

"I'm reading Kensuke's Kingdom, it's really good." - Sadie

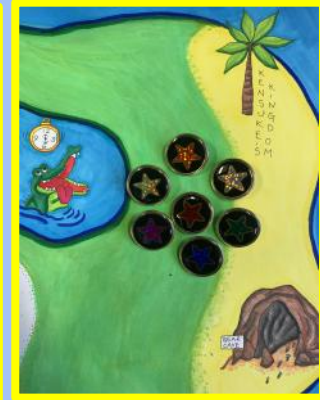
"One book was quite tricky but I read it still"-Ruby

"It's entertaining and it helps teach children." - Anneka

"We can learn more about other things and other people we don't know"-Archer

"I think it is a really good thing as it helps us try new books." - Gaheez

We are aiming to get multiple copies of these books in our library so that all children can access them. If you would like to donate a book from the list then we have made an Amazon wish list. <https://amzn.eu/5H4N7jQ> Let us know if you have sent one as we would love to write who had donated it inside the front cover of the book. A big thank you to everyone who has already sent books in.



Friends of Hartsbourne Fundraising Update

Despite the challenges of not being able to hold any large scale events, Friends of Hartsbourne have raised over £4000 for our outdoor library, I have attached the original slide to the newsletter to remind you what we are raising the money for.. Thank you to everyone who has supported the events that they have put on. We will be updating our fundraising thermometer next week. Here is a reminder of the current events and sales still going on.

“Selfie School Tote Bags” are now available to pre-order and you will receive your tote bags before the end of term. They will make great gifts for family and a lovely keepsake of primary school, whilst at the same time helping to raise much needed funds for our school, particularly due to the lack of fundraising opportunities over the last 18 months.

You can also order a personalised coaster of your child's individual drawing.

We will only be printing the exact number that have been ordered so please don't miss the opportunity to get yours.

The tote bags are priced at £5 each and the coasters are priced at £3.50.

NB – if your child wasn't in school w/c 8th November, please check with them if they have drawn a self-portrait in class, to avoid any disappointment.

All orders must be made via parent pay by Tuesday 30th November. If you do not have your parent pay account details, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

Any queries, please email friendsofhartsbourne@gmail.com



Details of Festive Fun
Week to follow.



Donations for the Rainbow Hampers to be brought in the week beginning the 6th December.

Class Colours

Reception - Red

Year 1 - Yellow

Year 2 - Orange

Year 3 - Green

Year 4 - Blue

Year 5 - Silver/Grey

Year 6 - Purple



Raise Money for Reading!

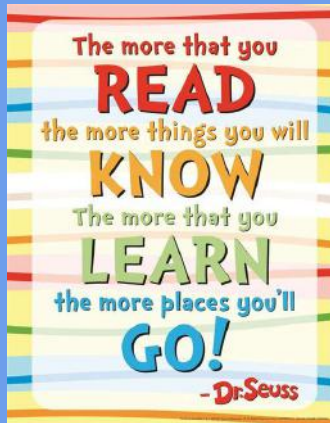


What can you see here?

- Overgrown Weeds
- Unused space
- A bit of a mess!

What could you see here?

A fabulous outdoor library for the children!



Please support our school and the Friends of Hartsbourne by raising money for this exciting new project.

An Earth Pod? A tree house? A reading bus?

The possibilities are endless!



Covid - A Message from Hertfordshire

Common Symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if you or your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) as soon as possible: [Get a PCR test to check for COVID-19 on GOV.UK](#)
2. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get a negative test result – they can only leave home to have the test. Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate. [Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate](#)

Contact Tracing

If a child tests positive for COVID-19, NHS Test and Trace will now contact close contacts directly, replacing communications from the school. Please engage with NHS Test and Trace if they contact you about your child, you will not be contacted or advised by the school about what steps you need to take.

Local Outbreak

If a school or setting has an outbreak there may be further local measures, such as asking siblings of a positive case to isolate and daily testing for secondary school students, that your child may be asked to take. Your child's nursery, school or college will contact you directly in these instances. These additional measures will be required until the end of term and will be regularly reviewed every two weeks. If there is a reduction in case rates of COVID-19, these recommendations may be lifted.