

Hartsbourne Newsletter - Autumn Edition 8 - 16.12.21

It is amazing to believe that this is the final newsletter of the year! This term has been challenging in many ways but also very positive. I would like to thank all of you for your support during our periods of staff shortages. Nobody knows what January will bring but we will continue to provide a school experience that is as close to normal as possible. I am aware that a lot of local schools have made the decision to close early. We decided against this as we are working within our contingency plan for staff shortages that we have been using all half term. However if you choose to keep your children at home for the last two days due to personal family circumstances we will support that decision. We will be keeping an eye over the holidays for the latest government guidelines and have a plan in place if we need to switch to remote learning at short notice though we are all hoping that we won't have to use it!

The KS2 concert will still be going ahead on Monday though as always, this is subject to change. I would like to remind you that this is outside and you will be standing so wrap up warm! We are strongly advising you to take a lateral flow test before you attend, wear a face covering and social distance with your family group. The children have been practicing their singing and I am sure that this will be a lovely festive event.

We have finally counted most of our children in need donations and can announce that Hartsbourne raised over £500! This is a fantastic amount for a really important charity so thank you for all of your generous donations. I would also like to thank Friends of Hartsbourne for very kindly paying for a copy of every book on the reading journeys for our school library. The children will be able to have access to these from January. I have really enjoyed talking to the children about all of the books they have been reading.

We often get questions about whether a child should be in school if they are unwell. We follow the NHS guidance and they have a very helpful page which can advise you on various illnesses. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Finally I would like to wish a fond farewell to our Chair of Governors, Karen Stockman. Karen has been part of the governing body at Hartsbourne for 8 years and has seen the school go through many changes. On a personal note she has been incredibly welcoming and supportive to me since I have started. We would like to thank her for everything she has done for the school, she will be missed. Our new Chair of Governors will be Naomi Spanbok, I look forward to working with her over the next school year.

All that is left is for me to wish you a Merry Christmas to those that celebrate or a restful winter break to those that don't. We look forward to seeing you all in January
Mrs Harte and all the staff at Hartsbourne

Upcoming Dates

Monday 20th December - KS2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 21st December - End of term 2:00pm finish
Wednesday 5th January - INSET Day school closed
Thursday 6th & Friday 7th January - Operation Dream Job
Monday 10th January - School Nursing Team - Year 6 height & weight check
Friday 4th February - Number Day
W/B 7th February - Feeling Good Week
Monday 7th February - Yoga sessions EY and KS1
Monday 7th February - Art Workshop KS2 - Body Positivity
Wednesday 9th February - Wellbeing Wednesday
Friday 11th February - Friends Valentines Disco
Half Term - W/B 14th February

Don't forget to follow us on social media.

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Learning Gems & Housepoints

Emerald: working well on a 1:1 basis with a range of different partners.

Year 1 - Ailani and Casey both work brilliantly with all their peers.

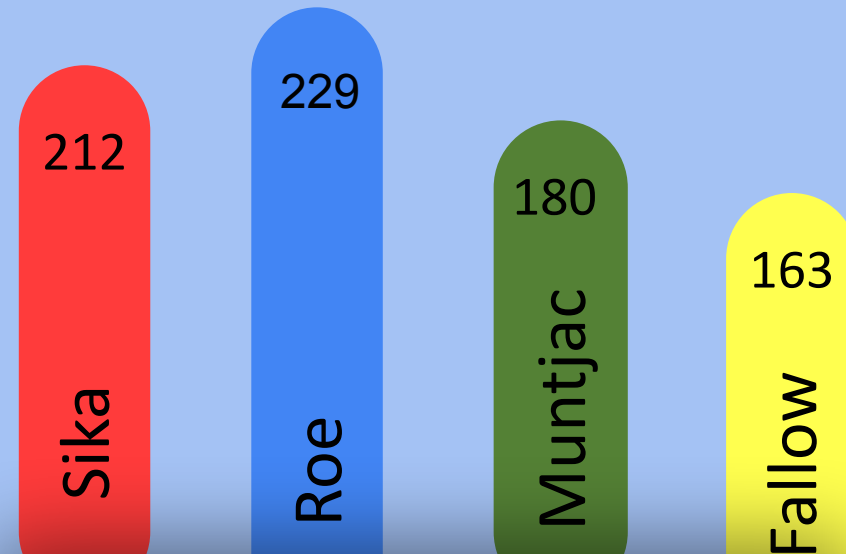
Year 2 - Taylor works well with a range of partners listening and helping them when needed. Betsy always works well with others, listening and offering advice to her peers when working with them.

Year 3 – Seb and Hudson are always good learning partners and could work with a range of peers to develop their learning!

Year 4 – Tobias collaborates well with a range of different learning partners and Athena-Kae works very hard on a 1:1 basis in her maths target group.

Year 5 – Ruben and Olly have worked well with a range of partners this week and have shown good listening skills when developing learning and ideas.

Year 6 – Sophie has worked with others on a 1 to 1 basis this week listening to others ideas and sharing her own enthusiastically. Brodie always listens carefully and is able to express his knowledge with others by working cooperatively and offering advice.



Roe wins

Christmas Story Night & Nativity

We were very lucky to be able to perform our Nativity this year. The children performed beautifully and we will be singing their catchy songs for weeks! We also had a Christmas Story Night for Reception and KS1. The children listened to three different stories read by members of staff and enjoyed some hot chocolate and a biscuit. We were really pleased to be able to host these events safely despite the restrictions.



Friends of Hartsbourne Fundraising Update

Friends of Hartsbourne have been so busy this festive season. From fundraising activities to serving drinks at our Christmas events! They have also provided glow sticks for class disco's, crackers for Christmas lunch and funds for class presents. We really appreciate all of the hard work you do to raise funds for our school. Don't forget to pop to The Duck on the KS2 Christmas concert evening where they will be serving warm drinks. The winners of the Christmas competitions are listed below.

Hampers

- Red – Miss Burbage (Y4)
- Orange – Rafi (Y3)
- Yellow – Albie (Y3)
- Green – Louis (Y1)
- Blue – Chase (Y2)
- Purple – Dylan (Y4)
- Silver/Grey – Natalia (Y3)

Sloth

Amelia (Y4) – She's named the sloth Cookie

Guess the number of sweets

Actual number – 742

Best guess – 756, Tobias (Y4)



Panto

Our very own Mr Harper is performing in a pantomime, oh no he isn't!
Please see the flyer below for details. It would be great to see some Hartsbourne faces supporting him!



St James' Music & Drama Society Presents

Sleeping Beauty

The Pantomime

Part of the Bushey & Oxhey Community since 1957

3 - 5 February 2022

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

Box Office: ticketsource.co.uk/stjamesmad | 07930185573
Tickets £10 adults and £7.50 concessions

   @stjamesmad | stjamesmad.co.uk

School Holiday Wellbeing Opportunities

Over the school holidays, if you notice your child's mood dipping, below is a list of some activities they can get involved in.

Children and Young People can complete our 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' E-learning – it takes around 20 minutes. There are modules for primary school students that can be found at <https://www.justtalkherts.org/e-learning/five-ways-children/index.html> .

Young People, Parents/Carers and Professionals can follow @JustTalkHerts on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram, where we share advice and links to resources for looking after your wellbeing.

The winter HAPpy programme returns to Hertfordshire from 22 December to 4 January with thousands of free holiday camp places for 5- to 16-year-olds in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. Eligible families will be contacted by their child's school with a HAPpy Booking Code, bookings now open: www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking.

Zentangle® drawing method is a relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns called tangles., Zentangle can help rest your mind and relax, so join us for 90 minutes of calm and creativity, you can even turn your creations into cards for friends and family. Classes are run by either Lucy Farran or Mary Dewick. Both Mary and Lucy are Certified Zentangle teachers (CZT). These classes are suitable for everyone, there is no experience needed.

To book, email contactus@theolliefoundation.org or use the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/161617216445>

The Daily Mile have released some seasonal challenges to help keep everyone active and moving. You can find them here <https://thedailymile.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Daily-Mile-December-Activities-3.pdf>



Covid - A Message from Hertfordshire

As we head into the festive season, we'd like to say thank you for continuing to play your part in the fight against COVID-19 and helping to keep yourselves and others safe.

We are all looking forward to spending time with friends and family this year, there are simple steps you can take to help make this festive period as safe as possible and reduce the risk of you and your family catching and spreading COVID-19:

- **Get vaccinated** - Vaccination continues to offer the best protection for ourselves and others around us from becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. You can also now get your booster three months after your second dose, to book this and any COVID-19 vaccinations, visit: www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination
Young people aged 12-17 yet to receive their COVID-19 vaccination(s) can find out more and book at: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/vaccine-information-for-young-people>
- **Test regularly** – 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 don't display symptoms. Regular rapid testing at home can help to prevent transmission. Find out all the ways to get home test kits (LFD tests) at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest
From 14 December, all adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 by NHS Test and Trace – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.
- **Stay at home** – if you have symptoms stay at home and book or order a PCR test online at: www.nhs.uk/get-tested
If you test positive you must self-isolate for the required period and not have people visit you at home. There is support available to help people who need it to self-isolate, call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

Finally, please don't send children back to school in January if they have symptoms. Hertfordshire's childcare, nurseries, schools and colleges are working so hard to keep our communities safe and reduce disruption to children's learning and development so let's all work together to help them and each other.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe festive season.

Hertfordshire County Council