

Hartsbourne Newsletter - Autumn Edition 1 - 09/09/22

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and I hope you had a fun but restful summer holiday. We have had a fantastic first week back and it has been lovely to see all of the children settling so well into their new classes. I would like to particularly welcome our new families joining us in Reception and our new joiners in other classes. We look forward to you being part of the Hartsbourne community.

Changes for 22/23

With every new year brings new changes, both to our site and to our systems and processes. We have listened to parent concerns about security and were supported by the Bushey St James Trust to install new fencing to further safeguard the children and the site. We have also reacted to feedback regarding school lunches and are now working with a brand new company. Like any changes there have been a few bumps this week while we all get used to it but the children seem to be enjoying the wider choice and the new recipes. If you have not already registered with Innovate Catering then please make sure you do this as we can no longer order lunches at school <https://innovate2020.cashlessschool.co.uk/>. Those of you who walk down the zig zag path will not have missed our new Tipi for Forest school, Mrs Gunatissa is very excited about using it. We are also in the process of renovating the Duck into a library, there was a delay to the new furniture being delivered due to a timber shortage but we are hoping to have it completed by the end of term. A huge thank you to all of you and particularly to Friends of Hartsbourne, with school budgets being at an all time low, we would not be able to continue to improve the school for our children without their fundraising. FoH are holding a welcome back picnic at school next Friday and it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible attending. More information will follow next week.

Attendance

Attendance at school is compulsory. Every child should be in school every day. The DFE are putting a lot of pressure on schools to improve attendance after the pandemic and it will be one of the measures that OFSTED judge the effectiveness of our school against at the next inspection. Our target for attendance this year is 97%. As a parent I understand the frustration of holiday costs during the school holidays but I please ask that you support us as a school by not taking your children out of school during term times. Holidays will always be marked as unauthorised absences on your child's record and information will be forwarded to the Education Welfare Officer in charge of attendance, this may result in a fine..

Meet The Teacher Meetings

The relationship between the school and parent, and carers is so important. With that in mind, we will be inviting you to a meeting with your child's new teacher to understand what will be happening in the classroom this year. All Meet the Teacher meetings will be held in the hall so please arrive at your allocated time and enter via the hall door next to Reception. We are hoping to be able to hold a lot more events with parents inside our school this year.

Travel Plan

For the past year we have been working hard on our school travel plan. The travel plan is a document that shows our commitment to sustainable travel and educating children about Road Safety. I am pleased to announce that we have been awarded our Bronze award and will continue working towards our Silver this year. Part of this will be working towards improving the safety on Hartsbourne Road during pick up and drop off. I have already met with local residents and Councillor Paul Morris to discuss ideas for improvement. Please help us with this by parking safely and considerately at these times.

Outcome 21/22

We are still waiting for our validated statutory assessment data from last year to be confirmed. However I am pleased to announce that Hartsbourne performed above the Hertfordshire and National average in all statutory assessments from Reception to Year 6. I am sure you will join me in thanking all of our staff for their hard work to make this happen after 2 years of interrupted learning. With your support, we look forward to an even more successful and exciting year.

Finally we would like to express our sadness as a school about the passing of Queen Elizabeth. All of the children will have completed an activity in class to learn about her life and we held a whole school assembly this afternoon where we had a moment of reflection. At the time of writing we have not had information about any school closures but we will keep you updated if this changes.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday
Mrs Harte and all the staff at Hartsbourne

Don't forget to follow us on social media for regular updates on what the children are getting up to!

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Hartsbourne
Primary School



Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 13th September - Year 1 & 2 Meet The Teacher
Holy Days assembly - Bushey Chabad
Wednesday 14th September - Year 3 & 4 Meet The Teacher
Thursday 15th September - Year 5 & 6 Meet The Teacher
Friday 16th September - FoH Welcome Back Picnic
Friday 16th September - Year 6 Watford FC Mental Health Program Starts
Monday 19th September - Yr 5 British Museum Visit
Tuesday 20th September - Assembly with Rabbi Nick
Thursday 22nd September - Yr 4 Overnight Trip
Thursday 29th September - Father Burton Visit Yr 3
Friday 30th September - Yr 1 Trip Room on The Broom
Friday 30th September - European Day of Languages
Monday 10th October - Individual and Sibling Photographs
Wednesday 12th October - Year 2 Trip to Museum of London
Friday 14th October - FoH KS1 Cake Sale
Monday 17th October - KS2 Parents Evening
Wednesday 19th October - Wellbeing Wednesday
Thursday 20th October - KS2 Parents Evening
Friday 21st October - FoH Spooky Hair Day

Friday 9th September – Pearl: maintains focus, stays on task, ignores distractions and has good listening skills with peers and adults.



Year 1 – Anthony showed great concentration when completing tasks this week and Ria has shown brilliant listening skills all week.

Year 2 – Charlotte has displayed excellent listening skills when working with peers and Oliver has shown excellent focus this week.

Year 3 – Sophia C has shown excellent focus and listening skills this week, and Jessica has done a great job of staying fully on task.

Year 4 – Josh R has demonstrated excellent listening skills when following instructions and Asiya maintained fantastic focus in all lessons this week.

Year 5 – Darcy has been attentive in all her lessons and focused well all week, and Mason has been brilliant at managing his distractions

Year 6 – Zoe has made a great start to year 6 maintaining her focus throughout the week and Oliver has shown great listening skills in all his lessons.

PE & Forest School Timetable

PE

All children should come to school wearing their PE kit for PE days. For further information on correct PE kit, please see our school website

<https://hartsbourne.org.uk/parents/uniform/> . As a reminder long hair should be tied up and no jewellery should be worn. Earrings should be small studs and will need to be covered with plasters or tape.

Forest school

Please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothes and shoe for all weathers. Arms and legs should be covered at all times. Wellies and waterproof coats are also recommended as the nature reserve can be quite boggy in the Winter months.

Monday	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 6
Tuesday	Year 3 Year 5 Swimming and PE
Wednesday	Year 1 Year 2
Thursday	Year 1 Year 4 Year 6
Friday	Year 2

Tuesday	Year 1 Year 6
Wednesday	Year 3 Year 5
Thursday	Year 4 Year 2

Mrs Durrant-Patel will contact Reception parents with information about their PE and Forest school Days once they are all settled.



Pastoral Care at Hartsbourne

At Hartsbourne we pride ourselves on our pastoral care. Children learn better when they are safe and happy and that is a huge priority for us throughout the school year. I have outlined below some of the extra initiatives that we offer to support the children at Hartsbourne. If you feel that your child would benefit from any of these please talk to their class teacher.

Safeguarding

We have robust systems in place to ensure any concerns around safeguarding are taken seriously and swiftly dealt with. Mr Harper and I are the Designated Safeguarding Leads and have been trained to support children and families through difficult situations. All staff have an annual safeguarding refresher and full level 1 training every 3 years.

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child in our school, please ensure that you contact myself or Mr Harper to discuss this further.

All children have a right to a safe and happy childhood.

4 Key Elements of Safeguarding

Protection - *Protecting children from maltreatment*

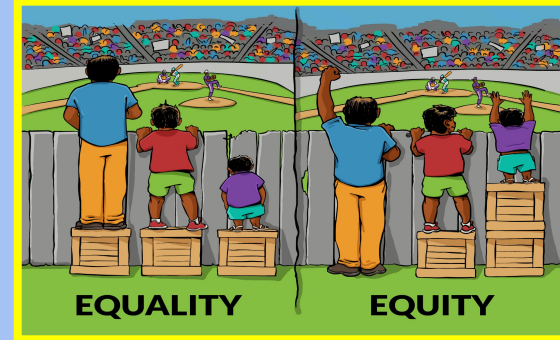
Prevention - *Preventing impairment of children's health or development*

Safety - *Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care*

Better Outcomes - *Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.*

Pastoral Support in School

- School counsellor for individual and small group work weekly
- Social groups to support children with friendships
- Termly wellbeing Wednesday
- Wellbeing week in February
- Jigsaw PSHE scheme which covers positive mental health
- Watford FC Mental Health workshops in Year 6
- Quiet area at lunchtime for children to wind down
- Individual plans for children that need extra support
- Referral system to school nurse and external family centre support
- Pupil voice safeguarding surveys to identify areas of school for improvement



At Hartsbourne we work hard to help children understand that not all children need the same things. This isn't about being fair or unfair it is about personalising our school to meet the needs of everyone.

New for 22/23!

Mrs Patel and her dog Beau have been working incredibly hard and we are pleased to announce that Beau has passed all of her assessments and will be joining us for some sessions over the school year as a qualified therapy dog. Therapy dogs are used for reading support and supporting children's social skills.