

*Hello/ Hesi*

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well. This week has flown by with the children working hard. I was overwhelmed by the turnout for our **Maths Workshop** in the **Infant School** yesterday. A **HUGE** thank you to everyone for taking time to come along to the presentation and then watching the learning in class. As you can see the expectations for our younger children are high. **Next week**, I'm hoping that there is a similar turn out in the **Junior School** [see overleaf for dates and timings], so that you can understand how maths is taught for our older children, the vocabulary they need to know and understand and how hard the children work each day in their daily lessons. **Mrs Michelle Smith** from the **Infant School** would be very obliged if you could complete her **evaluation form** please [click here](#).

Next week, from **Monday 27th November** all children will be invited to become a **School Councillor**. Children can share their manifestos to support their campaign during class assemblies, please ensure they bring them in on Monday so they are accessible. This democratic process of voting for their peers takes place each year, **Mrs Jo Smith** and **Mrs Liz du Toit** will then meet with the Councillors on a regular basis. I wonder what ideas they will come up with this year to make the schools more enjoyable.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a **Parent Consultation** through School Cloud, please note the **actual consultation**, due to popular demand from a feedback following the 'Meet the Teacher' consultations is in [person in the school halls](#) from **Monday 4th December** [see overleaf for actual dates].

Thank you for the donations for **Elfridges**, please do keep them coming as I know this is a popular festive event that the children enjoy participating in. **ParentPay** is now accessible for purchasing a ticket for the **school fetes**. See below for further information.

Next week, is the **final session** of our **Cricket** and **Gardening Clubs** in the **Junior School**. Thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment to supporting our clubs this term.

We have sad news regarding 2 long standing members of staff, **Mrs Sheila Coffin** the crossing patrol lady is retiring this December. Also, in our school kitchen **Mrs Julie Storey** is hanging up her apron and will be leaving to pastures new. We have relied on these 2 wonderful members of staff for a long time and if you would like to contribute to leaving gifts please pop into the school offices.

Please [click here](#) to find out about vacancies across the schools and The Cam Trust.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes/ Ndinokushuwira zvakakanaka

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Meet the author **Hannah Gold**, author of 'Finding Bear' on **Wednesday 28th November 2023, 4.00pm - 5:30pm** at the Methodist Church, High St, Huntingdon (opposite the Bookshop). Tickets are £3 per child, Adults are free! Book at the Bookshop or online: Meet the Author: Hannah Gold - The Last Bear, The Lost Whale, Finding Bear at Huntingdon Methodist Church event tickets from [TicketSource](#)

Our **Christmas Fetes** across all school are scheduled for **Friday 15th December**, with every child invited to the school halls to participate in a wealth of festive activities.

In the **Infant School** this includes seeing Santa's Lil Elf in the grotto. All we ask in return is a **donation of £5** to cover the costs [**ticket includes**: 1 trip to Elfridges, free entry to the colouring competition or Christmas Quiz for a prize, trip to the fete and a goody bag]. This will be organised through **Parent Pay**.

**Thank you for your support.**

*Preschool*

This week, **preschool** continued to be marvellous mathematicians. Representing numbers on fingers in numerous ways, we used songs to count up and down, we counted our jumps or kicks of the ball in the garden. We did some wonderful constructing - making vehicles and then counting the wheels or seats on them. We also explored 'Autumn' collecting some colourful leaves and thinking about how the weather and trees are changing. In PE we took a 'trip' to a castle using our imaginations to take a journey there and moving in lots of different ways. **Next week**, in PE we will be moving like 'superheros' we will continue this theme in the classroom and link it to the jobs that people do to help us such as police and doctors!

*Reception*

This week **Class 1 and 2**, have investigated materials and thought about which type of material would make a good bag. They have tested the suitability of paper, fabric and plastic bags and had lots of fun testing their effectiveness by adding a tin of food! In maths we have been using positional language e.g. 'under', 'on top of', 'next to', 'inside', 'above', to describe where things are. In literacy we have played matching games, reading words and captions using our developing oral segmenting and blending skills. **Next week** we will be decorating our own fabric bags and attaching embellishments as part of our enquiry learning. We will be using our phonic knowledge to write CVC words and adding 'the' to write a simple caption.

*Year 1*

This week in **Class 3 and Class 4**, we enjoyed writing about our families in English. **Thank you for taking the time to send in your child's family photos**. In maths we have been relating addition and subtraction facts and we have put a similar activity in this week's homework. Through our enquiry lessons we have been designers and have been practicing our sewing skills to make our bags and we have begun to learn songs for our nativity play. **Next week**, we will be learning to improve our writing and carrying out a science investigation using materials.

*Year 2*

This week, in **Class 5 and 6**, we enjoyed sewing again and have improved our overstitch. **Thank you to the adults that came to help**. We learnt about coins and notes in maths and how to count them. In English we wrote expanded noun phrases in sentences. Well done children! **Next week**, in English we will be planning a recount from the story 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. In maths we will use different coins to make the same amount. In Design and Technology we will evaluate the product (bag) we have been making.

*Year 3*

This week in **Beech and Chestnut Classes**, we wrote excellent non-chronological reports in English. In maths, we focused on place value and the ability to place three-digit numbers on a number line. We played a game creating the highest three-digit number based on a dice-roll. They were able to sabotage their partner and place a low number in one of their place value columns. The children really enjoyed it! In science, we reviewed our knowledge about fossils making our own from playdough and plaster. In DT, we added more detail to our Egyptian collars. **Next week**, we will be exploring the composition of soil and its layers in geography.

*Year 4*

This week in **Holly and Willow Classes** we developed our understanding of adverbials. We explored different perspectives of the 'Rocketeer' and why authors choose to tell a story from a specific character's point of view. In maths, we explored polygons and identified parallel and perpendicular lines. We explored the rhythm of the samba in music and dance lessons and discussed how it makes us feel. We know the story of Pliny from history and learnt about the eruption of Mt Vesuvius and the effect it had on Pompeii. **Next week** we will be writing narratives and multiply in maths.

*Year 5*

This week **Oak and Ash Classes** have been focussing on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In English, we wrote the last part of our suspense stories, trying to include many expanded noun phrases. We enjoyed practising the skill of summarising after reading the next few chapters of our class novel, 'The Nowhere Emporium'. In geography, we learned about hurricanes and tsunamis and the causes of these, whilst in science we made orreries to help us with our understanding of the movement of the Earth, Sun and Moon. **Next week**, we turn our attention to fractions in maths, how day and night are caused in science and how to resolve friendship issues in PSHE.

*Year 6*

This week in **Pine and Sycamore Classes** we had a great time swimming and improving our skills. In science we saw how a moth evolved to camouflage with the environment and how this impacts the predator when hunting. We now know about Charles Darwin. In maths, we worked hard on fractions, looking at mixed number fractions and improper fractions or adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. 'The Secret Garden' characters Mary and Colin are becoming friends and Dickon has agreed to help Colin outside – to find out more about the story ask your son/daughter. **Next week**, the children will continue to build their playgrounds in DT, discover more about Mary and Colin, and practice their SATs for the first time.

*Dates for the Diary/Mazuva eDiary*

Elfridges	All Schools	now	We are collecting for <b>Elfridges</b> across both schools. Any unwanted gifts are gratefully received. We will open up the shop later in December.
Maths Workshops	<b>Junior School</b>	Wk beg Monday 27th November	<b>Y6 and Y5: Monday 27th November 9.00am – 9.45am:</b> Parent Workshop including a class visit <b>Y3 and Y4: Wednesday 29th November 9.00am – 9.45am:</b> Parent Workshop including a class visit
Parent Consultations	All Schools	Wk beg 4th December	<b>Autumn Term Consultations</b> with class teacher and a chance to look at core books in school. <b>All meetings will be for 10 minutes in the school hall</b> Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th: <b>Hartford Junior School</b> [ Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6] Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th : <b>Hartford Infant School</b> [YR, Y1 & Y2]
Post boxes	Infant School	Wk beg 11th December	Designated post boxes will be placed in each class for the children to pop their cards in.
Christmas Fete	All Schools	Friday 15th December	Children will participate in a variety of Festive activities across both schools for <b>£5.00 to be paid on Parent Pay</b> . There will be a grotto for infant children to visit across the school day . Y3 children can pop over after school until 4.00pm. <b>All children will got to the fete</b> and can enter into a <b>colouring competition/quiz</b> with a prize and have a <b>goodie bag</b> .
Nativity	<b>Year 1</b>	Tuesday 12th December	Parents are invited to our <b>Year 1 Nativity Play</b> at <b>9.15am</b> , all preschool children/babies are welcome but <u>please</u> vacate the hall if they are finding it a challenge to be quiet.
Carols on the Playground	All Schools	Monday 18th December	Everyone invited to the front playground to sing festive songs by torchlight. Our <b>school choirs</b> will sing solos for us. Bring torches and mittens and cash for hot chocolate. 4.00pm start.
End of Term	All schools	Thursday 21st December	End of the Autumn Term from 3.15pm.
Spring Term	All schools	Friday 5th January	<b>All children in Year R through to Year 6</b> start at 8.45am
Sparky Start	<b>Infant School</b>	tbc	We would really love to get some 'real life' visitors in to school to speak to the children about their roles that help others [e.g. nurses, paramedics, train drivers, firefighters etc]. Please contact Mrs Shaw - <a href="mailto:Hshaw@hartfordinfantschool.org">Hshaw@hartfordinfantschool.org</a> thank you.



# Hard Work/Basa Rakaoma

